



# The Presbyterian Scouter



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## President's Report

### *We Must Keep Our Eye On the Prize – Our Youth*

Wray Johanning, our immediate past president, and I went to APCE (Association of Presbyterian Church Educators) in San Antonio this last January. We were relegated to a poor location for traffic. The goal at these conferences is to promote Scouting within the church. We did not meet with a great enthusiasm from church educators.

I do not know if it is the presentation, the materials, or the product (perception), but this does not seem to be the avenue to attract new units to the church.



If any of you have ideas that would sell the local church on the value of having a Scouting unit attached to them, I would really like to know what they are.

I am an accountant and look at most things in a "Cost / Benefit" analysis way. When I did this with my trip to San Antonio, it screamed WASTE.

**But, when I relook at it with a social worker standpoint, I can see where we need to keep doing these events. Just one match becomes a success. Keep your eye on the prize. That is success with helping boys become good men.**

These are trying economic times for everyone, especially for one who lives in Michigan, as I do, so we must do all we can to help the units we have to survive.

If you know of any needs that units in your locality have, please do what you can to help them. I may be as simple as knowing a farmer who would let the Troop camp on his land, so the travel is not a hindrance, or it could be helping create a fundraiser to get some needed equipment.

**Next year is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary Jamboree. We were/are expecting an overflowing crowd to help celebrate. We need helpers for our booth and possibly ideas on how to better engage the youth.**

In the past we have had our luggage tags as a carrot to get them to talk to us, but we need to truly challenge them in the ways of the faith, to be excited to go home and get started on working within the church. No one I have talked to has a good idea for this. We have talked about the possibility of getting a **SEE- Eye on the Prize, Page 5.**

## We're Back!

Sorry for the missing months and issues, but I have overcome most of my problems and am back in the NAPS newsletter publishing business.

Yours in Christ and Scouting,

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## NAPS Presidents Man Booth at ACPE Meet

NAPS President Joe Larrance and Immediate Past President Wray Johanning put in some big airline miles the first of the year when they manned the NAPS display at the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators (APCE) conference.

Joe traveled from his home in Michigan to San Antonio, TX, and Wray from St. Louis, MO. for the January 28-31 meeting.

"This was our eight year to attend., " commented Rush Hart, treasurer, who packed up and sent the NAPS display ."I went to the first one in Birmingham., Ala."

NAPS funds the cost of the exhibit, this year, \$460, which provides communication to the hundreds of Presbyterian Christian Educators and Youth Directors who attend the annual meeting.

NAPS also sends displays to National BSA Jamborees and bi-annual meetings of the Presbyterian Church, USA.

## Five Officers Attend National BSA Meet

Five of NAPS officers had a chance to meet and talk over upcoming programs, policies, and membership at the May meeting in Orlando, FL, of the National Council, BSA.

They were Joe Laarance, President; Wray Johanning, Immediate Past President; Eliot Kerlin, Past President, Eugene Foley, Chaplain, and Corb Sarchet, communications director.

**SEE Orlando Huddle, Page x2.**

# Youth Training Event Leads to Scout Sunday And Scout Fair/ Expo

Scout Sunday was celebrated by Troop 451 of Westminster Presbyterian Church as a full weekend event this February.

On Saturday, February 7, Scoutmaster Jim Salamon led a Youth Leader Training event in the Scout Cabin on the Church campus. Dinner was provided by a Troop 451 Scout Cook Team for the YLT participants.

Following dinner, Troop 451 held a lock-in for all Scouts (not just those doing the YLT). During the evening of the lock-in, the main activity was getting ready for the next morning Scout Fair/Expo, setting up displays and the model campsite, played games and watched movies.

Mrs. Karen Hassett was in charge of the Expo, which included pinewood derby racing for Scouts and congregational children, and Scouting exhibits

**It also just happened to be the birthday for Chris Tuttle, the new senior pastor at Westminster. As a result, they held birthday party as part of the Scout Fair/Expo.**

For the Sunday services, Cub and Boy Scouters ushered at each service and also took the offering. Three Pack 451 Cub Scouts were presented the God and Family religious emblem award at the 11 AM service.

**“Once a year in February, the birthday month of Scouting, we like to show our appreciation to Westminster by participating in Scout Sunday.**

“Usually, this only involves our Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts attending one of the Westminster services in uniform, to “show the Scouting flag” to the Westminster members, and to assist with the worship service by ushering and by presenting a brief Scouting message. “This year, we added the lock-in events and the Scout Fair/Expo as additional treats, both for us and for our Church families,” reported Chip Rinehart, the Chartered Organizational Representative., and NAPS member.

## ORLANDO HUDDLE, from P-1

Wray and Corb were volunteers at the “Membership Impact” booth, the mantle under which relationships now operates. Chartered organizations (which include NAPS) and Civic Organizations are two of its divisions.

Eliot, Wray, and Joe attended the relationships task force meeting where discussion centered around awards and the future role of relationships in the Scouting national offices.

Plans were also discussed for the relationships displays at the National Jambo. In a change from past years, the booths will be arranged back to back to afford better circulation inside the tents which become heated and unbearable under the Virginia July Sun.

Foley attended to be part of the High Adventure programs, representing Sea Base, where he is chaplain. He also learned he will be one of the chaplains at the 2010 National Jamboree.



The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Eagles: Back row, left to right: David Ytreeide, Josh Johnson, Ethan Moffat, Evan Davis, Max van Ginneken, Alex Smith, & Logan Carter, Front row, left to right: Andrew White, Alexander Kruse, George Montgomery, Phillip Matthews, & Sam Taylor

## 11+ 1 New Eagles in Troop 600 Sets Seattle Council Record

By Charles E. Brown  
Seattle Times staff reporter

No one's been keeping records on which Boy Scout troop in the Northwest can claim the record for the most young scouts receiving Eagle Scout badges and merit certificates in a single ceremony. But the 44 scouts in Dr. Doug Backous' Boy Scout Troop 600 in Bellevue would be willing to throw their hat in the ring.

Monday night, June 2., Troop 600 held a Court of Honor, at the First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue, for 11 Scouts who've earned the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout, topping the group of nine the troop had in 1967.

**Besides their record crop of Eagles, the Troop also celebrated its 50th anniversary.**

*(Note: “ We actually had 12 new Eagles. Eleven were in the court of honor. One, Ethan Moffat, was not in the court of honor – he’ll be in a later one so family members can be present, but is shown here because he completed his eagle in the same time frame, so he’s one of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Eagles. “ Beth Carter, Eagle Coordinator.)*

“It’s a huge accomplishment, and it recognizes an enormous amount of work and perseverance on the part of our young people,” said Dr. Bruce Montgomery, of Medina, troop committee chairman for Troop 600. Only about 5 percent of all Boy Scouts earn Eagle Scout rank.

Eleven could be a record for the most ever at one time in Washington state. Even officials of the Boy Scouts of America’s Chief Seattle Council go along with that.

“We do believe that the 11 Scouts receiving the award is a record for one troop, at one time, in the Chief Seattle Council,” said Scott Findlay, director of support services for the council, which covers the Greater Puget Sound area, including Kitsap County.

The previous Thursday, the Chief Seattle Council honored all area Eagle Scouts at a ceremony at the Museum of Flight.

## News from P.R.A.Y.....

### NEW ADULT AWARD RECOGNIZES GOD AND COUNTRY COUNSELORS

P.R.A.Y. has announced a new award called the "Building Faith in Youth Award." This award is designed to recognize adults who have used the P.R.A.Y. programs to disciple young people and their families and to support the Christian Education program of the local congregation. Nominations must come from the church; the only signature required is the



pastor's. This is a distinguishing feature of the new award. Whereas most of the adult religious recognitions are joint recognitions on behalf of the church and a Scouting agency, the "Building Faith in Youth Award" is strictly a church recognition. Congregations will now have a way of honoring their adult members who are non-Scouts and yet active in the

religious emblems program. The P.R.A.Y. Board of Directors wanted an adult award that could be used by a church to recognize its own church members.

The emblem features a four-colored cross. The colors correspond to the four levels in the P.R.A.Y. series, i.e. God and Me (red), God and Family (yellow), God and Church (blue), and God and Life (green). The four colors converge into a point to create an "X" at the center of the cross. "X" is the first letter in the Greek word for Christ, and it is symbolic of how Christ should be at the center of our lives. The award package includes a medal that can be worn around the neck, a 3/4" lapel pin, and an 8 1/2" x 11" certificate.

Nominations are being accepted now. Click here for the [Building Faith in Youth nomination form](#).

### ACTIVE IN A FAITH COMMUNITY? ENCOURAGE YOUR CONGREGATION TO OFFER A RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS COURSE

Chances are that if you are reading this, you are active in a faith community. Does your congregation offer a religious emblems class? Whether or not your congregation sponsors a Scouting unit, perhaps it is time for your congregation to consider teaching a religious emblems course.

And maybe YOU are just the right person to start the ball rolling. It is good to make presentations to other groups and encourage Scouts to fulfill their Duty to God, but it is even better if you organize a class and announce specific dates with a target deadline to receive the actual emblem.

Start by getting the religious emblems booklets and talking with your clergy. When Scout Sunday/Sabbath comes along, you'll be glad you did!

Can religious emblems build membership potential? You bet it can!

## THE EAGLE IS HERE

### Eagle Completes Puzzle Patch Set

The Eagle Patch is now available from P.R.A.Y. It is the fourth segment in the Duty To God Puzzle Patch series. These patches are on a four-year cycle.

If you missed one, don't worry because it will come around again. If you're brand new to the program, start with the anchor patch (the kneeling Scout). The key to the puzzle patch is the focus that it puts on Duty to God and religious emblems.

Puzzle patches may be earned by both youth and adults. The requirements are simple: learn about the religious awards and make a commitment. Information on religious awards and sample presentation resources are available from P.R.A.Y. To purchase a segment of the puzzle, go to [www.praypub.org](http://www.praypub.org).

Many of you have been waiting for the eagle patch to complete your puzzle. Even though you may have all four of the puzzle segments, we hope that you'll continue to promote Duty to God. The puzzle patches are easy to frame. They look great against an orange or purple background. This makes a great promotion piece for your presentations.

### EVALUATE SUMMER CAMP PLAN NOW FOR NEXT YEAR

As you evaluate your summer camp programs, consider the following:

- 6 *9% of scouts think about God while at camp*
- A *It is estimated 50-75% of a chaplain's time is devoted to staff (not campers)*

If you don't already have a program in place, perhaps now is the time to make plans to recruit a chaplain and establish a Duty to God summer camp program.

No one would think about operating a summer camp without a lifeguard, but there are plenty of camps without chaplains.

Chaplains do more than deliver program. Chaplains can improve and help maintain the overall morale of camp through the relationships that they nurture with camp staff.

A positive camp experience is a substantial factor in retaining boys. Chaplaincy as membership? It's well worth considering.

A Duty to God summer camp program typically has the following requirements: attend a religious service at camp, participate in at least three daily devotionals with your group, say grace before meals (or memorize the camp grace and recite/explain it to the chaplain, and the leader or Chaplain Aide must promise to make a presentation on religious emblems at a regular Pack or Troop meeting.



THE TROOP 202 FAMILY on Scout Sunday, left to right, Jonathan Kent, Kevin Kent with hands on Cub Scout, Michael Kent, the troop chaplain's aide, Reverend Rob Blumer, Interim Pastor), , Roger Coward, Crew Advisor, Scott Kuebler., Pack Committee Chairman, Brantley Carter, and Becky Lewis.

## The 202 Scouting Family Celebrate 2 Scout Sundays

Scouts and adults of Troop, Pack and Crew 202 participated in a second Scout Sunday at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church on Sunday, November 2.

Generally, these units have a Scout Sunday on the Scouting anniversary or traditional Scout Sunday and have a second one in late summer, this year it was very late summer otherwise known as fall. Adult Scouters, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers represented for this event.

Boy Scout Chaplain's aide, Michael Kent, took to the microphone and thanked the church for 28 years of sponsorship and presented Reverend Rob Blumer with the Unit Award of Excellence for all three units. For two services, a contemporary one and a traditional one, we had a combined total of 15 youth and 11 adults. Scouts and adults acted as greeters at the doors and also as ushers and collected the offering.

The three units have a very active schedule of high adventure activity including, canoe/kayaking whitewater and flat water, mountain/rock climbing, mountain biking, hiking and others. Having the same Scoutmaster, Don Gibson, for over 25 years has given great stability to this unit with an impressive 125+ Eagle scouts since 1980 when the troop was first chartered.

Campouts usually include a religious service and services take into account the great diversity of religions represented. The Unit Award of Excellence has been an annual occurrence for many years and the God & Service and Celtic Cross Awards have also been awarded. Quite a few Scouts have earned the God & Country series Awards and these awards are valued highly by the Scouts who have earned them.

### Meet Your Directors:

## RON KUEBLER South Atlantic Regional NAPS Director



“I grew up with an Eagle scout brother and spend 7 years going through Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts(Star Scout).

“As an adult I was the first Scoutmaster(1980) of Troop 202 at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church of Columbia, South Carolina. Over 28 years I have accumulated a broad array of experience from Den Leader, Cubmaster, District Commissioner, etc in Indian Waters Council as well as National Capital Area Council.

“Our Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venture Crew 202 have received the Unit Award of Excellence annually back to the early 90's and maybe earlier. I have had the privilege to present these awards as Chartered Organization Representative as well as God & Service and Celtic Cross awards.

“My three sons, Scott, Gregory and Matthew, are Eagle Scouts and earned the God & Country pins for the 4 levels of God & Country; I am a mentor for each level.

“We have run Scout Sunday in various ways over the years with interactive readings, greeting events, ushering and presentations. The units have observed religious services on campouts to include people of many religions including Presbyterian, Jewish, Catholic, other Christian, Buddhist, Islamic, etc and for individuals like my son, Scott(Down syndrome).

“The support NAPS has provided over the years has influenced the religious growth of many of our scouts and the over 130 Eagle Scouts from Troop 202 in a very positive way.”

## Kudos to Our Members

A BIG kudo to **Glenn A. Adams**, Fort Worth, TX, who is now the President of the National Eagle Scout Association. Last year, he was the Longhorn Council President

Another BIG kudo to **J. Stephen Phelps** who is the new Camping Chairman for the West Tennessee Area Council (all of western Tennessee, with the exception of Shelby County). He is an Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge, for the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation



**NAPS DISPLAY** proved popular among students at Austin College, Sherman, TX, in November when Rush Hart, NAPS Treasurer, made the long trip from Fort Worth. He reports, “ I spent most of yesterday and today at Austin College where Grace Presbytery had a meeting. . Our display was in the hallway leading into the dining hall so there were a lot of students that passed our display. They showed more interest in the display than the delegates there for the presbytery meeting.”

## Keep Eye on Prize, from P-1

of getting a number of churches together to have a activity that would entice the boys to come.

Year 2010 is coming fast—are you ready? With the economy as it is and the stress of the times, it is hard for many to cope in today’s world.

This makes Scouting and NAPS all the more important and necessary. We need to be the stabilizing anchor for boys without that security at home.

Trying to find ways to subsidize the program, so those with little can participate. We are always working on our own budget, but now is the time to focus on the needs of those who need us most.

I challenge each of us to take it upon ourselves to pay for the registration for one or two boys, other than our own, and/or the fee for an outing, so more boys can participate. Or even better, if you have the wherewithal, arrange a money making endeavor, so the boys can earn their own way.

Getting us through until the economy turns back positive is a challenge for everyone. It will be wonderful, create so much goodwill for all, if you can help as I have asked.

Again, if your Church does not charter a Scout unit, this is an opportunity for Christian Outreach in tough times. If the unit is a senior high youth group Venture unit, the insurance that goes with Scouting, relieves the Church some of the responsibility and offers additional avenues for activities. If it is any traditional Scout unit, it is a

## Nineteen Religious Awards Presented by Missouri Church

The St. Mark Presbyterian Church of Ballwin MO, recently presented a God and Service Award, six God and Church Awards, ten God and Family Awards and six God and Me Awards at two recognition ceremonies held during Sunday Worship on February 8 and March 8.

The awards were presented by Pastor Steve Ranney. The God and Service Award was presented to Chuck Livesay who is a Committee Member of Troop, 631, sponsored by St. Mark, for his many hours of service to the Church's Youth Program and to Troop and Pack 631. Chuck's Award was suggested by the Troop. It was presented appropriately on Scout Sunday with Scoutmaster Steve Flemming participating in the presentation.

Wray Johanning, Past President of NAPS, served as counselor for the God and Church Award and Mrs. Diana Johanning and Paul Ke served as counselors for the God and Family and God and Me Awards.

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good, relatively inexpensive way to reach more youth if the Church takes an active role in choosing the leaders. So many units are chartered by organizations that just leave it alone that they may as well not exist. We need active leadership from the Church to be involved with the unit, so we become a voice and example as Christians, not just a figurehead.

On another note, I am reading a book I wish to recommend, “The Shack,” by William P. Young. It is subtitled, “Where Tragedy Confronts Eternity.” This book focuses on relationships as God would have us behave.

I am one who is sensitive to emotional situations, so I have had to force myself through parts of it, but it offers some huge insights into who we are and why we do what we do and feel how we feel. For a New Testament Christian, this book is a must read.

Yours in Scouting, *Joe*

## KUDOS TO OUR MEMBERS

**NAPS On Display** — Eliot Kerlin, a Past President, and Rush Hart, NAPS Treasurer, in September, set up a NAPS display at Grace Presbytery’s meeting at First Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth, TX. “There were many people that stopped and gained information about us and what we do,” reported Hart, “It was well worth the effort.”

**HONOREE** - Corb Sarchet was honored June 12 by the Central Florida Council, of which he is a past president, by having the 2009 Class of Silver Beavers named after him. Sarchet, a founding member of NAPS, also was elected Vice-Chairman for the Fort Gatlin District and received his Silver Arrowhead and Commissioners Training Award as his 2-year tenure as District Commissioner for the Southreach District ended



# We Want You!

## To Help Round Up New Members for NAPS



### We Welcome These New or Renewed NAPS Members!

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