

KIA KIMA DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**

**BOY SCOUTS  
OF  
AMERICA**

**HAPPY  
NEW YEAR**

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DISTRICT CHAIRMAN JAMES A. SHECKELS:

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***Season's Greeting One and All!*** The District Committee requests you provide your thoughts on the district program for 2006 and 2007. We will hold our planning annual retreat the third week of January, and need your input to plan a great Scouting program for our Scouts. Let us know about any activities you would like to see planned, changed, or done away with at the District level. Note any themes or thoughts you have on how those activities may be carried out.

At the November District Committee meeting, the following people were added to the list of At-Large Members: Debbie Abbott, David Abbott, Dave Gatewood, David Ethington, Jerry Wilson, and Rev. John Lancaster Jr.

Appointments were also made to Chair and Special Positions:

Alma McIntire --- District Advancement Chair

Rev. John Lancaster --- District Chaplain

David Ethington --- Day Camp Director

Debbie Abbott --- Day Camp Program Director

As you may have heard by now, I must resign as your District Chairman effective 14 December 2005. I have accepted a position with the Strategic Deployment Division of the Joint Forces Command in Norfolk, Virginia, reporting on 15 December 2005. Eddie Maynor First Vice Chairman has agreed to step up and will take office in January 2006.

I have served Scouting amongst you for over 25 years in Kia Kima, and I will certainly feel the pain of no longer actively being here, but I look forward to new opportunities for my Scouting career with the Tidewater Council of Virginia.

I ask that you show the great support to your new Chairman, as you have shown me over many years in this great district of ours.

***Have a Merry Christmas – and A Great New Year!***

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DISTRICT COMMISISONER SADIE JACKSON:

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The November Commissioner meeting saw some changes come about. We are very fortunate to have 2 new Unit Commissioners join the staff. They are Keith Reagan and Cheryl Guichard. Also there were some changes in unit assignments. The following is a list of your unit and your Unit Commissioner.

Antonia Gantlin --- Pack and Troop 29

Gay Autry --- Pack and Troop 701

Pat McCoy --- Pack 171 – Pack 751 – Pack and Troop 745

Ed Wiggins – Pack and Troop 740 -- Pack and Troop 747

Barry Swift --- Troop 709 – Troop 787 – Pack and Troop 957

Noelle Huff – Pack and Troop 797

Keith Reagan – Pack 709 – Pack 787

Cheryl Guichard --- Pack and Troop 746  
Debbie Wiggins ADC – Crew 709 –Crew 711 – Crew 742 --- Crew 746 – Past 41  
Warren Porter ADC – Records/Publications also Senior ADC to take over for the District Commissioner if necessary.

Until we recruit other commissioners as District Commissioner I will be serving the following units:  
Troop 40 -- Troop 77 – Pack and Troop 742 – Pack 756 – Pack and Troop 771

The mid-year unit inventory is upon us again and council has decided to do things a little differently this year. Each unit needs to give to their commissioner or the District Commissioner a list of their active youth. We need this ASAP, but no later than December 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Pack 771 and Pack 742 for getting their roster in. You can hand, email, or mail the list to your unit commissioner or me, 3628 Metric Drive, Hope Mills 28348 or email sjackson741@nc.rr.com.

Commissioners who attended Basic Commissioner training and Commissioner College were Wayne Chandler Jr. Cub Roundtable Commissioner, Kelly Chandler Cub Roundtable Staff and Keith Reagan Unit Commissioner. Also attending Commissioner College were Debbie Wiggins and Warren Porter. Sadie Jackson attended the Commissioner Conference.

We are in the process of re-chartering district officers and members-at-large. Most have already turned in their registration. If you received a letter in the mail and have given me your application, you do not have to do anything else. This is one way we will know who has paid and re-registered on the district roster.

Hopefully the biographies below will introduce you to the new unit commissioners.

Biographies for new unit commissioners:

Keith Reagan, wife Joanna (Chief of Nutrition Care Division Womack Army Medical Center), son Shane (1st year Webelos Pack 746) and daughter Kayla (Brownie Troop 444). Keith is in the Army Reserve as a Medical Corps Lieutenant Colonel. He at present teaches 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Nick Jeralds Middle School. His scouting background is in Cubbing. He has served as Cubmaster, Committee Chairman and is presently Assistant Cubmaster Pack 746. Joanne is also involved in scouting as a leader for Girl Scout Troop 444. He will be unit commissioner for Pack 709 and Pack 787.

We welcome this family of Scouts and Scouters to Kia Kima District and know they will serve scouting well.

Cheryl G. Guichard was raised in Fayetteville and is a graduate of Wake Technical Institution with an Associates Degree in Medical Laboratory Technology. She is presently serving as a substitute teacher for Cumberland County School System. She has one son TJ an Eagle Scout who is currently studying Graphic Design & Animatronics at High Technical Institute. in Orlando, Florida. Her husband Terry is self-employed. Her scouting background is in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venture, serving as a Den Leader, Committee Secretary, Merit Badge Counselor, and currently serving on the committee for Crew 711. She will be unit commissioner for Pack and Troop 746.

We welcome Cheryl to the position of unit commissioner and know she will represent the district with pride.

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Assistant District Commissioner Venture Debbie Wiggins:  
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November 11 –13 was a big weekend for Venture Crew 711 and Crew 709. They joined together to do some:” shooting” experience at Camp Durant. The crews were given the chance to try out several types of pistols, rifles and shotguns. They were even able to get in some “trap “shooting on the shotgun range. All had a good time. Jim Gentry gave a briefing on gun safety.

Two members of Crew 711 were in Durham County the same weekend for their pistol certification.

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**DISTRICT VICE CHAIRMAN PROGRAM ROGER ROSE:**

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We have a lot of opportunities to learn and do this year. I would like every position to have at least one assistant. So if you have been interested in a Program area such as Advancement, Training, Outdoors, or Community Relations, this is the time to learn more and help with less commitment. If you are interested in being a part of the District Program Team please contact me with the area you would like to learn in. The District officers will be having a planning retreat in January 2006. If you have any idea of things we could do better (be constructive please) or new things that you would like to see the District, do please email them to me before the 9<sup>th</sup> of January 2006. Roger Rose [Bobwhite538@earthlink.net](mailto:Bobwhite538@earthlink.net).

**TRAINING:** The New Leader Basic in December will be for Venture Leaders only. WE are at a facility in Tuocs that is quite busy that day. A new flyer is being prepared and will be on line and at the Scout Shop soon. Question contact Roger Rose.

**STORAGE ROOM:** The district would like to thank you for your continued support. The rent on the unit is paid through this month, so please be generous this month. Thank you!!

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Advancement Barry Swift:

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Hopefully everyone had a great Thanksgiving. Since this is a busy time of the year with family activity, some of the routine Scouting functions tend to get put aside. But these are some areas we need to revisit. First, it's time that many of us in district positions to "swap horses" so we don't get complacent. That means that Alma McIntire, our current Popcorn Kernel, is now the District Advancement Chairman, replacing Barry Swift. Alma, was Barry's predecessor, so she had a wealth of experience in the Advancement arena. Welcome back, Alma.

And then there is the end of calendar year re-registering of merit badge counselors. All merit badge counselor registration fro 2005 automatically expire December 31<sup>st</sup>! To serve as a counselor on and after January 1,2006 requires new registration. Most scoutmasters were sent a list of 2005 registered merit badge counselors to identify Scouters who thought they were counselors but unknown to Council. Council currently intends to send each counselor registered in 2005 a letter explaining how to re-register fro the calendar year 2006 without having to fill out an adult application form again. For those who decide to re-register, please do it ASAP.

Have an enjoyable Holiday Season.

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**DISTRICT VICE CHAIRMAN MEMBERSHIP MATT BOWMAN:**

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The District is doing well in membership although overall council is down in membership at this time. We are expecting to charter a new Scout Troop in December and will be picking up some new members.

The District Annual Leader Recognition Dinner is coming along well. The date is March 3,2006 6:30 pm. The tickets will be on sale at the January Roundtable. Hopefully we will not have to go up on the price. The nominations forms were at Roundtable in October, November and December. They are on line at the District website: [www.kiakima.org](http://www.kiakima.org). All nominations are to be mailed or given to Awards Chairman Sadie Jackson, 3628 Metric Drive, Hope Mills, NC 28348. Remember the deadline is February 2,2006. Please place only one nomination per sealed envelope.

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**DISTRICT VICE CHAIRMAN FINANCE STEVE WHEELER:**

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Kia Kima District did well in the selling of popcorn again this year. A reminder for those of you that signed up for Dream the Big Dream in 2005, you need to get that last requirement in to Council to receive your \$50.00.

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On December 15<sup>th</sup> pm from 1700 to 2000 Alma will be in the District office to collect popcorn monies due Council. Only Unit checks will be accepted. If you do not turn it in to Alma you are responsible to get the monies to Council before or NO LATER than December 16<sup>th</sup>. Unit prizes will not be shipped until the Unit clears their Council account.

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FOS District Family Campaign Chairman Jon Jones:  
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Training for unit level FOS volunteers will be held on Thursday December 1<sup>st</sup> at Roundtable. This will be similar to last year. We will meet at 6:30 pm prior to Roundtable and talk about the upcoming campaign and any issues that need to be discussed. Also provide me with your presentation date at this time. This year's incentive award is the latest versions of PACKMASTER or TROOPMASTER. This is a real valuable tool for unit management. There are two requirements to receive this incentive: 1. Before the end of December 2005 a unit has to provide me with the date for their FOS presentation plus the 3 unit chairman/contact person. 2. The unit has to conduct the campaign. See me at Roundtable, call or email.

You can schedule your unit's presentation starting in December. The goal is to rap up the campaign no later than mid-April. Statistics show the best time is January-February (before the weather gets nice – and attendance drops) at a Blue & Gold to Court of Honor. Thanks to everyone who attended Trailblazer training on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Jon Jones email: 756Scouter@nc.rr.com. Telephone 425-9676

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**BIRTHDAY – ANNIVERSARY – ILLNESS – BEREAVED:**

**Birthday:**

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| December 01 – Belton Wayne Chandler Jr. | December 03 – J.B. King            |
| December 06 – Noelle Huff               | December 06 – Kenneth R. Faircloth |
| December 07 – DeeAnn Graham             | December 08 – Eugene C. Beal       |
| December 09 – Sharon L. Dawson          | December 11 – Leonard Kitchens     |
| December 16 – John Frinak               | December 16 – Mary Baham           |
| December 17 – Leigh B. Belford          | December 18 – William C. Young IV  |
| December 20 – Sandra Lambardo           | December 20 – Otis Huff Jr.        |
| December 21 – Rosemarie Gore            | December 21 – Stephanie R. Dowless |
| December 21 – Charles E. Morris Jr.     | December 21 – Debra A. Hall        |
| December 22 – Shannon P. Carver         | December 24 – Leroy Fedd           |
| December 25 – Thomas J. Gooden          | December 25 – Paul Place           |
| December 25 – Gregory A. Bower Sr.      | December 27 – Kevin Rappold        |
| December 29 – Antonio Daniel Garcia     |                                    |

**Illness:**

This last month has seen three of our Scouters under the weather. From what I understand they are up and around and hopefully better. Jim Sheckels and Wayne Chandler have a back injury and Roger Rose has been sick. Nothing keeps a good Scouter down for long.

**Bereaved:**

Troop 742 and Kia Kima District feel the loss of Jim Oschner, father of Nick Oschner in the war on terrorism. Our thoughts, hearts and prayers go out to the Oschner family in their time of loss. A memorial service was held on November 29<sup>th</sup> at the JFK Main Post Chapel; Jim will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery with a full Catholic Mass on December 2, 2005.

The following poem was written 39 years ago but holds true today. It was written for a husband who gave his life for his country. Today it is printed for Sgt. Jim Oschner who gave his all for the freedom of others. The freedom that we have always know because of sacrifices of men like him, the ultimate soldier, who loved his God, his family, his job and his country.

It was a cold and dreary day  
When my soldier husband went away.  
To make a stand for a far off land  
Who needed a helping hand.

The life he led was one of right  
He would fight with all his might,  
There he died as he made his stand  
For the freedom of all men.

To lay down his life for what he believed  
He leaves behind his family to grieve,  
This he did not do with thoughts unkind  
But in hopes for freedom of all mankind.

They say that freedom is not free  
But for men like him, then you and me  
Would be victims of a cruel, hard and unjust hand,  
Forever prisoners of a foreign land.

He joined the thousands that gave their all  
When duty and country called.  
Now in Heaven he abides  
At our Dear Lord's shining side.

Although he is missed, he is not away,  
We'll meet again in Heaven someday.  
In our hearts and thoughts remain  
Until we too have Heaven gained.

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Scout Corner:

**Arrow of Light/Crossover Ceremony.** Packs can begin in request Arrow of Light/Crossover ceremony. The District Team will schedule ceremonies on a first-come-first serve basis. The team is available for ceremonies from late January to the end of March each year. However, if that is not a good time, other arrangements can be made.

If your Pack desires to have an Arrow of Light ceremony, you may contact Ken Moore, in person, or by telephone 424-8802, or, by email [moorekl@infionline.net](mailto:moorekl@infionline.net).

Friends of the District:

Do you know of any Scout who would be a good member of the Arrow of Light Team?

**Arrow of Light/Crossover Ceremony Team Recruitment.** The District is recruiting Scouts and Scouters to serve on the team. Speaking parts and support roles are needed for this year's ceremonial team. Scoutmasters may nominate from their Troops to become a team member. Team members do **not** have to be members of the Order of the Arrow.

If you desire to serve or desire to nominate a Scout to serve on the ARROW OF Light Team, you may contact Ken Moore, in person, by telephone 424-8802, or, by email [moorekl@infionline.net](mailto:moorekl@infionline.net).

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Troop 771: Sadie Jackson District Commissioner:  
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On Saturday November 26, 2005 I was invited to celebrate with Troop 771 its 50<sup>th</sup> Scouting Anniversary. When you walked into the fellowship hall tables were covered in bright scout colors. There were also tables set up for display of memorabilia from the past, patches, photos, photo albums, scout books used over the years and awards the Troop had received over the years. Scouts, Scouters and families with smiles greeted each newcomer. In attendance was Louis Spillman (65 years of Scouting) who earned his Eagle in 1944. He remains on the charter today as committee member. Also in attendance were 6 former Scoutmasters: Raymond L. Moore, November 1957 – October 1963; Roger McLean, November 1968 – October 1969; John F. Campbell, October 1974 – October 1975; Kenneth Moore, September 1982 – August 1990 – June 2004 – Present; Douglas E. Nunnally III, September 1990 – December 1994; David G. Abbott January 1995 – December 1997; The 7<sup>th</sup> Scoutmaster drove in from Florida but did not make it for some of the fellowship Antonio Garcia Jr., January 2000 – December 2002.

Doug Nunnally welcomed everyone present, with Jerry Burnside Pastor of MacPherson Presbyterian Church offering the Invocation. A sit down dinner from the Back Porch was well received by all. Attested by some of the “Younger Eagles” present. The Eagles brought along their families but as with years gone by they seem to sit together and the families watched in pride.

Troop 771 in its 50 years of service have 102 Eagles as well as countless Scouts who have learned and lived by the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Present for the celebration were the following Eagles:

- John Campbell – Kenneth Moore – 1962
- Daniel Griffin III – 1983
- Joe McCoy —Dean Nunnally – Reece Stephenson – 1988
- William McLean – 1990
- Eric Lowe -- 1991
- Jason Wall – 1992
- Matt McLean – Joseph Wall – 1994
- Andrew Argentieri – 2004

There was one former scout present that was one of the original members of the Troop when it was formed November 16, 1954, Daniel Griffin who serves the Troop as Committee Chairman. I am not sure if you would call the memories a roast of some of them but there were some funny stories about not only the Scouters but their Leaders, which we all enjoyed.

Each Eagle was presented a gift for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Everyone present was presented a 12-color Anniversary patch. Reverend Burnside closed the celebration with a Prayer.

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Pack 742 Hanging of the Greens:  
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Pack 742 did its annual good turn for its sponsor Hope Mills United Methodist Church, “The Hanging of the Greens on Saturday November 26<sup>th</sup>. They decorated Christmas trees, hung greenery, purple and gold ribbons inside and outside the church, the large and small fellowship hall. When the job was complete they were served soup and Becky Sheckels shared her birthday cake.

Pack 742 will also participate in the Hope Mills Christmas Parade December 3<sup>rd</sup>. They will have a fellowship time with hot cocoa and cookies at the church after the parade. They will be doing a Scouting for Food for the Alms House to help them out for Christmas before the parade. They will be assisting Troop 742 who has done this for years at this time of year per request of the Alms House. Pack 742 Scouts and Scouters wish each of you a “Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year”.

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District and Council Calendar of Events:

December 01 – Kia Kima District Roundtable MacPherson Presbyterian Church 7:15 pm. Christmas Party

Please bring a can of food for the church food closet.

December 03 – OA Winter Banquet.

December 03 – Hope Mills Christmas Parade.

December 08 – Council Commissioner Meeting.

December 12 – TUOCS Fireside Chat 7:00 pm, Campground United Methodist Church.

December 15 – OA Chapter Meeting Westminster Presbyterian Church 7:00 pm.

Christmas Party

December 19 – District Commissioner Meeting 7:30 pm – Christmas Party.

December 25 – *MERRY CHRISTMAS!*

December 28 – Newsletter Article Due.

December 31 – New Year's Eve –*HAPPY NEW YEAR!*

January 01 – New Year's Day.

January 05 – Kia Kima District Roundtable MacPherson Presbyterian Church 7:15 pm.

Please bring a can of food for the church food closet.

January 12 – Council Commissioner Meeting 7:30 pm.

January 16 – Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

January 18 – Venture Roundtable, Raleigh.

January 19 – District Commissioner Meeting 7:30 pm.

January 21 – Council Eagle Banquet.

January 21 – Council – District Committee Workshop

January 25 – Newsletter Article Due

January 26 – OA Chapter Meeting, Westminster Presbyterian Church 7:00 pm.

January 27 – 29 -- Kia Kima District Yearly Retreat

**SPECIAL INVITATION: TUOCS HAS INVITED KIA KIMA DISTRICT SCOUTERS TO THEIR FIRESIDE CHAT; CAMPGROUND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 7:00 PM, DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>. THE KEY THREE FROM COUNCIL WILL BE THERE.**

***THANK YOU TO TROOP 746 FOR THE OPENING CEREMONY IN NOVEMBER.***

***PACK 740 HAS THE OPENING AND REFRESHMENTS FOR THE DECEMBER ROUNDTABLE. THANK YOU.***