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Rotary Club of Dalton Newsletter

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This Week:

November 14
Doug McClure
Disaster Relief

Upcoming Meetings

November 21
No Meeting -
Thanksgiving

November 28
Project Share
Tom Bundros, Lori
McDaniel, Doug McClure

December 5
Amy Messick
Entrepreneurship

December 12
TBA

Helping Others, Doing The Right Thing: The Work Of The Boy Scouts

by John Hutcheson

Community Service Chair Amy Messick introduced Brandon Kleimann, Senior District Executive for the Conasauga District of the Northwest Georgia Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Previously from North Carolina, Brandon has been involved with Scouting for more than twenty years, moving from Cub Scout membership to Eagle Scout to professional Scouting administrator. He in turn recognized Greg Epperson, Cubmaster of Pack 65 at Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, whose three sons are all Cubs and for whom Scouting is truly a family endeavor.



Brandon Kleimann

Brandon first focused his presentation on local Scouting. The Northwest Georgia Council delivers Scouting programs in the seven counties of Whitfield, Murray, Chattooga, Floyd, Polk, Gordon, and Bartow. Its Conasauga District, covering Whitfield and Murray Counties, includes 34 Scouting units which serve about 650 boys. In 2016 the district's Scouts collected more than 10,400 pounds of food for delivery to the needy through the Scouting for Food program, and they participated in over 3,500 community service hours. Fifteen achieved their Eagle Scout rank (an accomplishment reached by only 2% of boys in the United States). Seventy-two attended the Merit Badge College at Dalton Middle School and 91 attended Summer Camp, traveled to a National High Adventures Base, or worked as staff in these facilities, while 168 Cubs attended Twilight Adventures Camp at the North Georgia Fairgrounds or Camp Sidney Dew, financing themselves through the sale of coupon cards. Camp Sidney Dew, founded in 1939 on 650+ acres in The Pocket in Floyd County, is the Northwest Georgia Council's principal camping facility, providing area Scouts a full range of opportunities to learn teamwork and develop their personal character and skills.

Turning to Scouting generally, Brandon surveyed its seven programs: Lions, a kindergarten pilot program new to Northwest Georgia; Cub Scouts, for ages 6 to 10; Boy Scouts, for ages 11-17; Venture Crews and Sea Scout Ships, for ages 14 to 21 (ironically, the largest number of Sea Scouts is in Kansas); Explorer Posts, for ages 19-21; Learning for Life, for grades K through 12; and STEM Scouts, now in its pilot phase. Scouting offers 135 merit badge programs, and it operates several National High Adventure Bases: the Northern Tier, consisting of bases in Minnesota, Ontario, and Manitoba; the Florida Sea Base; Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, and The Summit in West Virginia. The Summit hosted the National Scout Jamboree in 2017 and it will be the location for the World Scout Jamboree in 2019 which will attract 10,000 Scouts from the U.S. and 40,000 from the rest of the world.

Kleimann concluded with a review of the Boy Scouts of America's Mission and Vision; the mission is "to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law," and the vision sees the organization as "the nation's foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training." A study conducted among Philadelphia youth between 2012 and 2015 by Tufts University showed that Scouting works strongly to build the virtues it espouses and measurably cultivates teamwork, problem-solving, determination, and an ethic of helping others and doing the right thing.

Announcements

President Kevin Brunson appealed to everyone to be sure and vote in today's elections, and he also noted that the Club will not meet on November 21, the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. Vocational Service Chair Chris Cooke reminded members to cast their votes at the front desk in the pie-in-the-face contest for the benefit of the GreenHouse.

November 14th Birthdays and Anniversaries

Club Officers:

Kevin Brunson
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Youth Service Chair
Chris Cooke
Vocational Service Chair
Archana Srivastava
International Service
Chair
George "Smitty" Barnett
Foundation Chair

Member Birthdays

Townsend, Patrick J. (PAT)
Pratt, Vallarie D. (VALLARIE)

Birthday

14-Nov
16-Nov

Partner Birthdays

Miller, Sara
Dickson, Sherry

Member Name Birthday

Miller, Charles Dalton 15-Nov
Dickson, Thomas S. 15-Nov

Member Anniversaries

Martin, Richard G. (RICK)
Little, William Norris Sr. (NORRIS)
Srivastava, Archana (ARCHANA SRIVASTAVA)

Start Date Years

11/20/2012 5
11/20/2001 16
11/20/2012 5

Wedding Anniversaries

Martin, Richard G. (RICK)

Partner's Name Anniversary Years

Sandy 20-Nov 52

Four Way Test

