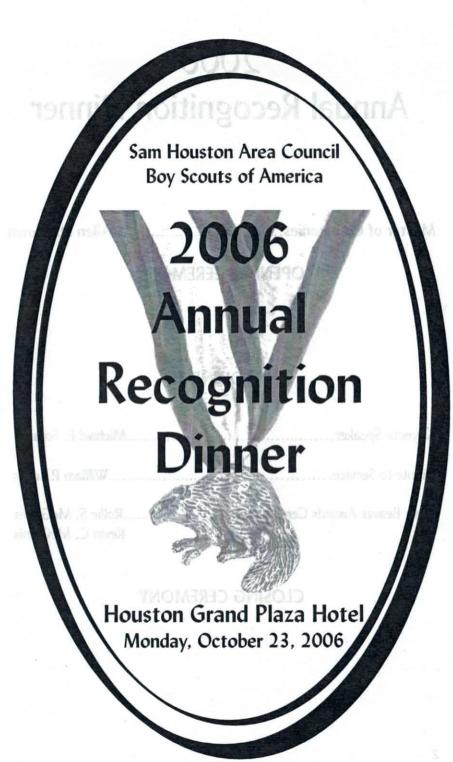
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## **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

## Membership

105,110 Youth registered at year-end
33,514 Volunteer adult leaders
2,362 Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, Venture Crews and LFL Groups
1,478 Quality Units (Packs, Troops, and Crews)
44,507 Young adults ages 14-20 in Learning for Life (more than 50% are young women)
46,885 Estimated "At-Risk" youth served by Scouting, including 8,865 inner city youth 7,505 Youth in Special Needs Scouting
38,565 Number of Hispanic youth served

## Camping

225,408 Total nights camped by Scouts at the Council's six camps
5,959 Boys attended Cub Day Camp
91,452 Nights camped by Scouts at Camp Strake; one of the most used Scout facilities
\$48,039 Provided 416 scholarships for long-term camping at Council Camps.
1,253 Scouts, leaders and volunteer staff attended 'Winter Camp'
7,436 Acres available for youth camping maintained and operated by the Council

## Program

Public Relations articles in all media Scouts mobilized to collect food to aide victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita 20.000+ Adult leaders trained 7.882 3.821 Colonneh lodge members Total advancements earned 27.031 Merit badges earned 39.331 Vigil Honor recipients 26 Dollars committed to renovations at Camp Strake resulting in major \$1,900,000 infrastructure and facility improvements Committed over the next three years for capital and program \$1,000,000 improvements to El Rancho Cima Scout Reservation 360 Boy Scouts attended the National Jamboree from our council

#### **Finance**

\$5,271,000	Friends of Scouting dollars pledged
\$1,641,000	Raised in Family and District Enrollment Friends of Scouting
\$1,569,791	Received from all contributing United Ways
\$1,875,208	Worth of popcorn sold with approximately 1/3 going directly to Units
\$5,840,000	Totals commitments towards the Council's Legacy Campaign
\$2,583,007	New commitments to the council's endowment fund
\$25+ Million	Estimated value of newly identified planned gifts through wills and bequests

## Recognition

936 Eagle Scouts 36 Silver Beaver recipients 30 Young American Award Recipients

## Michael E. Fossum



Mike Fossum received his commission in the US Air Force from Texas A&M University in 1980. He resigned from active duty in 1992 in order to work for NASA and is currently a Colonel in the USAF Reserves.

While at NASA, Mike's primary responsibilities were to evaluate the Russian Soyuz spacecraft for use as an emergency escape vehicle and lead an extensive redesign of the International Space Station.

He left NASA to serve as a Test Pilot and Flight Test Engineer where he worked on a prototype crew escape vehicle, the X-38, for the new Space Station.

He then received the thrill of a life-time — being selected as an Astronaut in 1998.

As Capsule Commander in Mission Control, he supported several shuttle flights. He completed his first space flight on Space Shuttle Discovery, STS-121, this year and logged over 306 hours in space, including over 21 hours in 3 EVAs.

STS-121 (July 4-17, 2006), was a first return to space flight test mission and assembly flight to the International Space Station.

No stranger to Scouting, Mike is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow from Troop 7 in McAllen, Texas. He has served as a Den Leader, Assistant Scoutmaster, Explorer Post Advisor, and is currently the new Scoutmaster of Troop 1598 in the Bayshore District.



## Distinguished Eagle Scout Award

The National Court of Honor of the Boy Scouts of America established the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award in 1969. Since its inception, this prestigious award has been presented approximately 1500 times nationally.

Award recipients include: the 38° President of the United States, Gerald R. Ford; former Astronaut, Neil Armstrong; Secretary of Defense, Donald H. Rumsfeld, and Dr. Robert M. Gates former director of the CIA and current President, Texas A&M University.

The Sam Houston Area Council's Distinguished Eagle Scout Award recipients are equally representative of the character and successful lifetime achievements and service necessary to be recognized for this honor.

The Sam Houston Area Council is proud to have among its membership the following Distinguished Eagle Scouts who have exemplified the Eagle Scout Challenge.

Honorable Lloyd M. Bentsen, Jr.
Nelson R. Block
Gerald P. Carr
M. L. "Sonny" Carter
George M. Fleming
Robert M. Gates
Carlos R. Hamilton, Jr., M.D.
Major General Hugh W. Hardy, USMC
Robert R. Herring
William G. Higgs
Honorable David Hittner
Harold S. Hook
Thomas A. Krouskop

Jack L. Lander, Jr.
James A. Lovell, Jr.
William P. Lucas
Douglas G. Mac Lean
Carrington Mason
Thomas Milton Orth
Robert W. Scott
Bobby S. Shackouls
Howard T. Tellepsen, Jr.
C. Travis Traylor, Jr.
David M. Weekley
Honorable Louie Welch
John V. Wheat



#### Michael R. Carr

Michael Carr has served Scouting as an adult leader for over 15 years in the Sam Houston Area Council. He currently serves as a Committee Member for Ship 88 and he is on the Friends of Scouting Committee for Flaming Arrow District. He has served as Webelos Den Leader and Assistant Committee Chairman in Pack 56, Committee Chairman of Troop 56, and District Chairman for Flaming Arrow District. With his two Eagle Scout sons, Mike has assisted with high adventure treks to Philmont Scout Ranch and the Florida Sea Base.

Mike initiated a troop-wide money-earning project involving holiday placement of flags, which has since been adopted by other troops in the Flaming Arrow District. He also started an Annual Chili Festival in Humble that has benefited Flaming Arrow's Friends of Scouting Campaign. Michael has completed Wood Badge training.

Mike is a charter member of the Humble Noon Lions Club and he received an honorary Life Membership in the Lions' Club. He has served as a past Executive Board member of the Humble Area Chamber of Commerce. Mike has also provided Pro Bono legal counsel for the Humble Area Assistance Ministries, Atascocita United Methodist Church, Atascocita Fire Department, and other local charities.



## **Ruth Collins-Smith**

Ruth Collins-Smith has served Scouting in the Sam Houston Area for twenty years. On the unit level she has served in a variety of positions for Packs 665 and 1330. She is currently an Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 1282 and Associate Advisor for Crew 1960. Her leadership in Tomahawk District has included serving as an Assistant District Commissioner, a Unit Commissioner, as a member of the Cub Scout Roundtable staff, and as Health and Safety Chairman. She is currently a member of the District Training Team, District Membership Chair and a trained Hornaday Award Advisor.

Ruth has received the Den Leader Award and the District Award of Merit. She completed Cub Scout Trainer Wood Badge and is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.

Ruth is a member of Holy Family Catholic Parish. She is a First Aid Instructor, American Heart CPR Instructor, and is active with the Disabled Retired Veterans Association.



#### Lawrence James Behrmann

Lawrence Behrmann has served Scouting for over 15 years as an adult leader. He began his service in the Far East Council where he served as a Chartered Organization Representative, Troop Committee Chairman, and Scoutmaster. As a member of Pack 1127 in Tatanka District, he has served as Den Leader, Assistant Cubmaster, and Cubmaster. In the district he has served on the Cub Scout Roundtable Staff and as Chairman of School Night to Join Scouting. Lawrence currently serves as Scoutmaster for Troop 47, Committee Member for Troop

791, Unit Commissioner, District Committee Member, and District Training Chairman.

Lawrence has received the District Award of Merit, W.D. Boyce New Unit Organizer Award, Scouter's Training Award, Commissioner Key, Tiger Cub Den Leader Award, Den Leader Award, Webelos Den Leader Award, Cubmaster Award, Cub Scouter Award, Arrowhead Honor Award, and Tatanka District Family of the Year. Lawrence completed Wood Badge Training in the Far East Council.

Lawrence is an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and has served as a Young Men's President, Sunday School Teacher, Primary Teacher, and Seminary Teacher. He is a member of the Houston Bar Association.



## Doug Bohn

Eagle Scout Doug Bohn has served as an adult leader in Scouting for 18 years. He currently serves as Scoutmaster of Troop 1113 in Tatanka District. He has also served the Scouts in Troop 1113 as an Assistant Scoutmaster. He has also served as a Cubmaster, Den Leader, Webelos Den Leader, and Tiger Cub Den Leader. He has served Tatanka District as Family Friends of Scouting Chairman, Food Drive Chairman, and District Camping Chairman. He is currently a member of the Tatanka District Training Team and serves on the District Committee.

Doug has received the Tiger Den Leader Award, Den Leader Award, Webelos Den Leader Award, Cubmaster Award, and Cub Scouter Award. He has also received the District Award of Merit and the Family of the Year Award in Tatanka District. Doug has completed Wood Badge training and is a Brotherhood Member of the Order of the Arrow.

Doug is an active member of Crosspoint Community Church.

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#### Benno L. Dunn

Benno Dunn has served Scouting for over 13 years as an adult Scouter. During this time he has held many leadership positions in Pack 37 and Troop 993. His leadership roles in Mustang District have included serving on the Cub Scout Roundtable Staff and as School Night to Join Scouting Chairman, Scout Fair Chairman, Unit Commissioner, and Boy Scout Leader Training Chairman. He currently serves Sam Houston Area Council as the Youth Leadership Training Chairman. Benno has been an active trainer at district and council training events as well as serving on the faculty at the Philmont Training Center.

Benno is the recipient of the District Award of Merit, District Committee Key, and the Mustang District Spirit Award. He has served as a Wood Badge staff member, National Youth Leadership Training course director, and is a Brotherhood member in the Order of the Arrow.

Benno is a Shabbat School teacher, tutor to third grade boys, Bar Mitzvah mentor, and oversees the printing of the annual Passover Haggadah. He is a member of his company's Medical Emergency Response Team and is a member of the Code of Ethics Committee for the Regulatory Affairs Professional Society.



## Stanley G. Ellis

Eagle Scout Stan Ellis has been an active adult Scouter for the past 30 years in the Sam Houston Area Council, Great Southwest Council, and Sao Paulo, Brazil. He has served as Post Advisor, Assistant Scoutmaster, Chartered Organization Representative, and District Friends of Scouting Chairman. Stan led a capital fundraising campaign that resulted in building the Camp Strake Health Lodge. He has served as an Assistant Scoutmaster for our Council at three National Jamborees. Most currently, he has been involved as a Committee Member for Team 1509

In Polaris District.

Stan is a recipient of the Scouter's Training Award and has completed Wood Badge training. During his time in Brazil, he served as a Lone Scout Leader for families from the United States serving in church assignments in the Sao Paulo area.

Stan is a former member of the Klein ISD School Board and has been an active volunteer at his children's schools. He has held numerous leadership positions in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints where he was able to promote Scouting. He coordinated the Church's relief efforts during hurricanes Katrina and Rita last year. He was recently called to serve as a General Authority for the Church and is on assignment back in Sao Paulo. Brazil.



## Wesley W. Diehl

Eagle Scout Wesley Diehl has been an adult leader for 15 years in the Flaming Arrow District of the Sam Houston Area Council. Wesley was a founding member of Cub Scout Pack 888 and he has served as Den Leader, and Webelos Den Leader. He has provided leadership as a Committee Member, Assistant Scoutmaster, and Scoutmaster of Troop 839, and as the Venturing Crew Advisor of Crew 839. He has served Flaming Arrow District as Assistant District Commissioner for Venturing, Unit Commissioner, and as District Vice-Chairman of Administration. Wesley has

shared his lifelong love of Scouting with other leaders in the Council as he served on the faculty of the University of Scouting and Cub Scout Pow Wow staff.

Wesley has been awarded the District Award of Merit, the Scoutmaster Award of Merit, Arrowhead Honor Award, Cub Scouter Award, Cub Scout Den Leader Award, Webelos Den Leader Award, and Scouter's Training Award. He has completed Wood Badge training and is a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow.

Wesley is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Kingwood.



## Rudy T. Dismuke

Rudy Dismuke has served Scouting in the Golden Arrow District for 10 years. He has been a Tiger Cub Group Coach, Assistant Cubmaster, Cubmaster, Webelos Den Leader, Assistant Scoutmaster, and District Cub Scout Training Chairman. He is currently serving as Scoutmaster for Troop 505, Crew Advisor for Crew 505, Unit Commissioner, and as a Religious Emblems Counselor. Rudy is a recipient of the District Award of Merit,

Scoutmaster Award of Merit, Webelos Den Leader Award,

Tiger Cub Leader Award, Cubmaster Award, and Cub

Scouter Award. He has received the Scroll of Honor and Bronze Pelican awards from the Catholic Committee on Scouting. He has completed Wood Badge training, is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow, and a James West Fellow.

Rudy is an active member of the St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church and active with the Galveston-Houston Archdiocese. He has served as a Little League baseball and soccer coach, Girl Scout Troop adult volunteer, and volunteer at Strake Jesuit College Preparatory School.

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#### Bruce A. Folts

Eagle Scout Bruce Folts has served Scouting for over 24 years. He is currently Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 549 in Golden Arrow District and a Wolf Den Leader for Pack 1020. He has served as a Den Leader. Webelos Den Leader, and Cubmaster for Pack 549. Bruce has also been an Assistant Cubmaster and the Cubmaster for Pack 1112 in Tatanka District. Bruce has served on the staff of many district events and has been the Assistant Director of Cub Twilight Camp and the Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner.

Bruce is the recipient of the District Award of Merit, William D. Boyce New Unit Organizer Award, Scouter's Key, Distinguished Commissioner Service Award, Scouter's Training Award, Tiger Cub Den Leader Award, Cubmaster Award, Cub Scouter Award, Den Leader Award, Adult Religious Award, and Arrowhead Honor Award. He has completed Wood Badge training and is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.

Bruce is an active member of St. Paul Presbyterian Church where he is an Elder and has been Chairman of the Property Committee and a Session Member. Bruce is a Committee Member of the Unite/Italian Cultural Center.



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### Leonard Gunderson

For over 30 years, Leonard Gunderson has served the youth of Skyline District as an adult leader. He has been Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, and Post Co-Adviser for multiple inner-city units in the Skyline District. He has served as District Training Chairman, Order of the Arrow Chapter Advisor, and Order of the Arrow Lodge Committee Advisor. Leonard is currently serving on the Troop Committee for Troop 7 and Troop 30. He also serves as the Campmaster for Camp Brosig.

Leonard has received the Scouter's Training Award, District Award of Merit, and has completed Wood Badge training. He is a Colonneh Lodge Numbered Certificate recipient and a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the

Leonard is a charter member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and an active member of the Council and National Lutheran Association of Scouters. He is active with the Houston Scandinavian Club, Telephone Pioneers, Houston Heights Association, and the Lone Star Dutch Oven Society. Additionally, Leonard has served as a volunteer with Child Protective Services and Burnet Bayland Children's Home.



#### Steve Ellis

Eagle Scout Steve Ellis has served Scouting for over 10 years in the Bayshore District. He has been an Explorer Advisor, Tiger Cub Den Leader, Den Leader, Webelos Den Leader. Assistant Cubmaster, and Pack Committee Chairman. He was a member of the 2005 National Jamboree Staff, and he is currently serving as a Den Leader. Troop Committee Member, and as Vice-Chairman of Program for Bayshore District.

Steve is a recipient of the District Award of Merit, District Committee Key, and District Family of the Year Award. He has completed Wood Badge training.

Steve has volunteered as a science lab presenter at local elementary schools and he served as a parent volunteer with his children's school fall festival. He has served as a YMCA Indian Guide Tribe Chief and Indian Guide National Chief and Steve has served in numerous coaching positions for youth baseball and basketball teams. He has been a parent volunteer for his community summer swim team, as well as his son's high school band and aquatics booster clubs.



#### Cecil Farrell

Cecil Farrell has been involved in Scouting for over 23 years in Mustang District. He has served as an Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 993 and he continues to serve as a Unit Commissioner. Cecil's positions in Mustang District have included serving as the Junior Leader Training Coordinator, a Merit Badge Counselor, and as a member of the District Camporee staff.

During his long tenure as a Scouter, Cecil has received the District Award of Merit, Arrowhead Honor Award, Commissioner Key, Distinguished Commissioner Service

Award, and Scouter's Key. He completed Wood Badge training and is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.

Cecil serves youth outside of Scouting as a volunteer with the Houston Independent School District and the University of Texas. He is a member of the Houston Orienteering Club and a member of the Bay City Baptist Church. He is a 50+-year member of the Masonic Lodge and the Arabia Temple Shrine.



#### **Edward Herrera**

Ed Herrera has been a Scouter for over 17 years. In that time he has been an Assistant Den Leader, an Assistant Webelos Den Leader, Advancement Chairman, District Commissioner, Assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster, and Vice-Chairman of Administration for Skyline District. He currently serves as Chairman of the Galveston-Houston Archdiocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting, where he is also a member of the Catholic Religious Emblem Board of Review. He is Division Commissioner for East Division.

Ed has been awarded the District Award of Merit, the Distinguished Commissioner Service Award, and Hispanic Scouting's Sempre Listo Award. He is the recipient of the Archdiocese Catholic Committee's Scroll of Honor and Bronze Pelican Awards and the National Catholic Committee on Scouting's St. George Award. He has served as a staff member for Wood Badge training.

Ed is very active at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church serving as Lector/Reader and Eucharist Minister, former member of the Pastoral Council, and a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Ed is also an Operation Compassioned Trained volunteer of the Interfaith Disaster Initiative. He is a charter member of the Knights of Columbus, Council 12602.



## Ervin Joe Johnson

Eighteen years ago Ervin Johnson began Troop 686 chartered to Lilly Grove Missionary Baptist Church. He has served as Scoutmaster for Troop 686 since its inception. Over thirty young men have become Eagle Scouts under Ervin's guidance. He is the proud father of two Eagle Scout sons. Ervin truly believes that Scouting is a vehicle for family bonding and life-changing experience.

Ervin has been recognized with the District Award of Merit and he is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.

Ervin has served youth through his commitment as a football and baseball coach and he has served as a volunteer baseball team assistant for the Evan E. Worthing High School. He is a member of Civic Club 276. Ervin is a Deacon and Trustee for Lilly Grove Missionary Baptist Church where he has worshiped for over thirty years.



#### Janice Hart

Janice Brewer Hart has served Scouting for over 22 years. In addition to her 14 years with the Sam Houston Area Council, she has been active in Indian Nations Council, Denver Area Council, and Buffalo Trails Council. Janice has held a variety of leadership positions in packs, troops, and crews, as well as serving on Day Camp staff and as the Popcorn Chairman and Scout Fair Chairman. Janice has been an active trainer on the district and council level. She has served on staff of Commissioner Conference, University of Scouting, and Wood Badge. Janice is

currently serving as a Unit Commissioner, as a Committee Member for Crew 1959, and a Merit Badge Counselor in Polaris District.

Janice is the recipient of the Den Leader Award, Webelos Den Leader Award, Cub Scouter Award, Adult Religious Award, Commissioner Key, Scouter's Training Award, District Award of Merit, and the Distinguished Commissioner Service Award. She has completed Wood Badge training.

Janice is an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints where she has served in many leadership and teaching positions. She works with the Northwest Assistance Ministries coordinating and hosting the organization's Guest Program. She has been an active supporter of high school athletics and band activities.



## Melvin G. Hart

Melvin Hart has been a Scouter in the Sam Houston Area Council for over 35 years. As a Scouter in the Mustang District, Melvin has served Pack 152 as a Committee Member and Assistant Webelos Den Leader. As a member of Troop 152, he has served as Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Committee Member, Advancement Chairman, and Chartered Organization Representative. Melvin has served on the staff of the Catholic Scouting Retreat for many years in the Council.

Melvin has been the recipient of numerous awards from the Catholic Committee on Scouting, including the Scroll of Honor, the Bronze Pelican Award, and the St. George Award. Melvin is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.

Melvin is an active member of St. Jerome's Catholic Church. Active in the Galveston-Houston Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting, he has served as treasurer and is currently the Eagle Scout Certificate Chairman and a member of the Religious Emblems Committee.



#### Paul Kruse

Paul Kruse is Chief Executive Officer and President of Blue Bell Creameries. Paul and Blue Bell Creameries are strong supporters of the Boy Scouts of America in the David Crockett District and the Sam Houston Area Council. Paul has been a major supporter of the Council Popcorn Sales for many years.

Paul has been the Chairman of the International Ice Cream Association and he received the Soaring Eagle Award from the International Dairy Foods Association in 2006.

Paul has served his community as a member of the board of directors of Trinity Medical Center and Blinn College Foundation. He has served as president of the Brenham Rotary Club, trustee of the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation, and Chairman of the United Way.



## Chris Matthews

Chris Matthews has been an active Scouter for the last 15 years. During that time Chris has been a Cub Scout Den Leader, Cubmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, and Crew Committee Chairman. He is very active on the Rising Star District Committee, assisting with many of the district events in addition to fulfilling his duties as Vice-Chairman for Finance.

Chris has received the District Award of Merit. He is Wood Badge trained and has attended training conferences at the Philmont Training Center.

Chris is an active member of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church of Tomball and has worked on a Habitat for Humanity project for the church. As a member his company's Private Sector Initiative Program, "Rebuilding Houston Together," Chris worked on projects around the metropolitan Houston area repairing, siding, scraping, and painting older homes for elderly indigent citizens.



## Robert F. Keller

Bob Keller has served Scouting in the Bayshore District for over 11 years. He has been a Den Leader, Pack Advancement Chairman, Cub Scout Camping Chairman, and a trainer at numerous district and council events. He is currently serving as a Troop Committee Member, Assistant District Commissioner, and District Advancement Chairman for Bayshore District.

Bob is a recipient of the District Award of Merit. He has also received the Tiger Cub Coach Award, Den Leader Award, Cub Scouter Award, Scouter's Training Award,

Scouter's Key, Commissioner Key, and Distinguished Commissioner Service Award. He has completed Wood Badge training, is currently serving on a Wood Badge staff, and is a Brotherhood member in the Order of the Arrow.

Bob has served as a coach for YMCA basketball and baseball, church camp counselor, and as a swim team parent volunteer.



## **Doris Klaus**

Doris Klaus has served Scouting in the Brahman District for 16 years as a Tiger Cub Den Leader, Wolf Den Leader, Cubmaster, District Public Relations Chairman, and Cub Scout Outdoor Program Chairman. She is currently an Assistant District Commissioner, Cub Scout Roundtable Staff Member, District Training Chairman, Committee Chairman for Troop 312, and a Co-Chairman of the 2006 Sam Houston Area Council Cub Leader Pow Wow.

Doris is a recipient of the Cubmaster Award, Cub Scouter Award, Den Leader Award, Scouter's Training Award, Arrowhead Honor Award, and District Award of Merit. She has completed Wood Badge training and has served on Wood Badge Staff.

Doris is an active member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church where she serves as an usher and Vacation Bible School session director. She served as the Treasurer for Columbus High School Band Booster Club, tutor at Columbus Elementary School, and parenting class instructor at the Colorado County Youth and Family Services Center. She has been Team Mom and scorekeeper for her local Little League.



## **Danny Morris**

Danny Morris has been an adult leader in Scouting for over 11 years. He has held many leadership positions including Scoutmaster of Troop 440, a Unit Commissioner, Chartered Organization Representative for Troop 1014, and Committee Chairman for Troop 440. He has served on the Trail to Eagle and Winter Camp staffs and the Polaris District Training Team.

Danny has received the Distinguished Commissioner Service Award, District Award of Merit, Scoutmaster Key, Scoutmaster Award of Merit, Commissioner Key, and

Arrowhead Honor Award. He has completed Wood Badge training and is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.

Danny is an active member of Cy-Fair Christian Church. He was a founding member on the Board of Directors of Crime Stoppers of Houston. Danny has been an officer in his Homeowner's Association and a member of the Downtown Exchange Club.



## Mel Nellis

Mel Nellis has served Scouting for over 11 years in the Sam Houston Area Council and is the proud mother of Life and Eagle Scout sons. Mel has served as a Den Leader, Pack Committee Chairman, Tiger Den Leader Coach, and Troop Committee Member. Currently she is an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 641. Her leadership roles at the district level include Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner, Day Camp Program Director, and Unit Commissioner. She currently serves as Unit Commissioner and Cub Scout Training Chairman for Mustang District. Mel is an active council trainer.

Mel has received the Tiger Cub Coach Award, Den Leader Award, Cub Scouter Award, District Award of Merit and Distinguished Commissioner Service Award. She has completed Wood Badge training and has served on a Wood Badge staff in Texas Trails Council.

Mel is a member of the Bear Creek United Methodist Church. She works in the literacy Volunteers of America program and is a volunteer who works with gifted and talented students in the Cy-Fair Independent School District.



#### Kevin C. McGinnis

Kevin is the President of McGinnis Cadillac/Hummer/Mitsubishi. He has been on the Board of Directors of the Sam Houston Area Council since 1997 and has served on the Executive Committee since 2005. In 2004, he served as the Friends of Scouting District Enrollment Chairman for the Mustang District and has served as Board Representative for the District Nominating Committee. Kevin chaired the 2005 and 2006 Sam Houston Area Council Scout Fair and will be the 2007 Chairman again.

He has been active in his community serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the YMCA and Westlake Club. He was Chairman of the Houston Automobile Dealers Board and has worked extensively for the United Way and Muscular Dystrophy Association.



#### Pat Moore

Eagle Scout Pat Moore has been an active adult Scouter for 25 years. Currently serving as Tiger Cub Den Leader in Pack 615 and Committee Member in Troop, Crew, and Team 1195, Pat has served in a multitude of unit positions in the Sam Houston Area Council, Central Wyoming Council, and Utah National Parks Council. His leadership in Tomahawk District includes Advancement Chairman, Roundtable Staff, Day Camp Staff, District Training Team, and Friends of Scouting Presenter. His council service has included being appointed a National Jamboree Scoutmaster and selected to serve as an

Assistant Scoutmaster for the Junior Leader Training Conference.

Pat is the recipient of the District Award of Merit, Scouter's Key, and District Family of the Year Award. He has completed Wood Badge training and is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.

Pat is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints where he is a youth religious instructor. He is active in the Choir Booster Club at Kempner High School and co-president of the Towne West Swim Team.



## Carolyn Franz Schmidt

Carolyn Schmidt has been an active adult Scouter for 22 years. Currently serving as Committee Chairman of Troop 659, she has also served a variety of units as a Den Leader, Cubmaster, and a Committee Member. Her leadership positions in Tomahawk District include Good Turn Chairman, Order of the Arrow Associate Chapter Advisor, and a member of the district training team.

Carolyn is the recipient of the Tiger Cub Coach Award, Den Leader Award, Den Leader Coach Award, Cub Scouter Award, Webelos Den Leader Award, Cubmaster Award,

District Committee Key, Scouter's Training Award, and District Award of Merit. She is a Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow.

Carolyn has been an active volunteer with Fort Bend ISD and a member of the Parent Teacher Association for 11 years. She has also been a volunteer with the Fort Bend Women's Shelter, Missouri City Parks, and Patrice House.



## Jo Smith

Jo Smith has been an active Scouter for 13 years. She has served Pack 96 as Tiger Cub Den Leader, Den Leader, Webelos Den Leader, and Cubmaster and is currently a Committee Member for Troop 114. Leadership positions in George Strake District include service as Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner, Assistant Day Camp Director, and a member of the District Training Team.

Jo has been recognized with the Den Leader Award, Webelos Den Leader Award, Cub Scouter Award, and Cubmaster Award. She has received the District Award of

Merit and the George Strake Family of the Year Award. Jo has completed Wood Badge training.

Jo is a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church where she taught Sunday school. She has been a parent leader in Girl Scouts for the past eight years. Jo is a member of the Parent Teacher Association and is currently a fourth grade teacher.



#### James D. Recer

Jim Recer has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Sam Houston Area Council since 2004, and has served on the Executive Committee since 2005. Jim currently serves as the 2006 Friends of Scouting Chairman. Jim was instrumental in obtaining the support of Compass Bank in promoting School Night to Join Scouting and providing Pinewood Derby car kits to new Cub Scouts. He has made Public Service Announcements on behalf of School Night to Join Scouting.

He is president of the Houston Region of Compass Bank and chairs the Houston Corporate Contribution Committee for Compass Bank.

He has also served his community as a member of the Board of Directors of Momentum Ministries and Cinco Ranch Municipal Utility District.



## Allen Ray Schmidt

Allen Schmidt has been involved in Scouting for the past 20 years in Tomahawk District. Currently Scoutmaster of Troop 659, he has also served as a Den Leader, Webelos Den Leader, and Troop Committee Member. He has served as Order of the Arrow Chapter Advisor and has been a member of the district training team. He was an Assistant Scoutmaster for the 1993 National Jamboree.

Allen is the recipient of the Cub Scouter Award, Den Leader Award, Webelos Den Leader Award, Scouter's

Training Award, Scouter's Key, Scoutmaster Award of Merit, and District Award of Merit. He has completed Wood Badge training and is a Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow.

Allen has volunteered with Fort Bend ISD and Texas Parks and Wildlife. He has also been a volunteer with Missouri City Adopt-a-Roadway and Missouri City Parks.



## Stephen Stakemiller

Eagle Scout Stephen Stakemiller has been an active Scouter in Mustang District for over 13 years. He currently serves as Committee Chairman for Troop 922 and Assistant District Commissioner. Stephen previously served as Order of the Arrow Chapter Advisor, Scout Fair Ad Sales Chairman, Webelos-to-Scout Chairman, Winter Camp Staff, Day Camp Staff, Webelos Den Leader, Pack Committee Chairman, and Cubmaster.

During his years of service in Scouting, Stephen has received the Den Leader Award. Cub Scouter Award.

Webelos Den Leader Award, Lutheran Servant of Youth Award, Scouter's Training Award, and District Award of Merit. He has completed Wood Badge training and is a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow. He is a James E. West Fellow.

Stephen is an active member of Christ Memorial Lutheran Church where he serves on the Finance Committee. He is a charter member of the Wrenwood Civic Association.



## Richard E. Tauber

Richard Tauber joined the Board of Directors for the Sam Houston Area Council in 2000 and has headed the Council Vanguard Friends of Scouting Division for six years. He has been the Committee Chairman of Troop 642 in Mustang since 1999. He also served as Vice-Chairman of Administration in Skyline District. He is an Eagle Scout and the father of three sons - two Eagle Scouts and one Star Scout.

Richard is an active member of his church and is a Principal of Tauber Oil Company. In addition to his

Scouting activity, he actively supports the Houston Live Stock Show and Rodeo and the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation.



## Debbie Wedelich

Debbie Wedelich has been active in Scouting for 15 years. Currently serving as a Troop Committee member of Troop 1631, she has also served Troop 1631 and Pack 631 as Den Leader, Webelos Den Leader, Den Leader Coach, and Pack Trainer. She is an Assistant Chairman for District Friends of Scouting, School Night Rally Chairman, and a member of the District Training Team.

Debbie is the recipient of the Den Leader Award, Cub Scouter Award, Tiger Cub Coach Award, Webelos Den Leader Award, Den Leader Coach Award, Arrowhead

Honor Award, Commissioner Key, District Committee Key, and the District Award of Merit. She has received the Distinguished Commissioner Service Award and the Tomahawk Family of the Year Award. Debbie has completed Wood Badge training.

Debbie is a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and has served as a member of the Sacred Heart Social Ministry Board for the past fifteen years. She is a member of the Fort Bend Alliance, served on the Girl Scout Service Team, and is an active volunteer at Clements High School.



#### James Williams

James Williams has been a Scouter in Mustang District for over 15 years, currently serving as Scoutmaster for Troop 925 and a Unit Commissioner. His previous service has included Webelos Wood Staff, Venturing Advisor, Camporee Staff, Cub Scout Pow Wow Key Staff and Chairman, Youth Protection Chairman, Cub Scout Roundtable Staff, Cub Leader Training Chairman, Cubmaster, and Den Leader.

During his years of service, James has received the Den Leader Award, Cubmaster Award, Den Leader Coach

Award, Scouter's Training Award, Scoutmaster Award of Merit, Arrowhead Honor Award, Commissioner Key, District Award of Merit, and Distinguished Commissioner Service Award. He has served as a Wood Badge staff member.

James is a member of Grace Fellowship United Methodist Church and the Taylor High School Band Booster Club. He has been a coach and referee for the Katy Youth Soccer Association.



### Russell A. Williams

Eagle Scout Russell Williams has served the youth in Mustang District for over 24 years. Currently, he serves as Scoutmaster of Troop 641 and Charter Organization Representative for Troop 789. In Mustang District he serves as Friends of Scouting Presenter, Assistant District Commissioner for Venturing, and a member of the Boy Scout Roundtable Staff. Russell has previously served as Vice-Chairman of Administration, Health and Safety Chairman, and Derby Day Chairman.

Russell has received the Cubmaster Award, Cub

Scouter Award, District Award of Merit, and District Family of the Year Award. He has completed Cub Scout Trainer Wood Badge and Boy Scout Wood Badge. He is a James E. West Fellow.

Russell is a Deacon at First Baptist Church where he has taught Sunday School. He volunteers at Valley Oaks Elementary and is a sponsor of Fun Fair Positive Soccer. Russell is a Lifetime Member of the Texas Parent Teacher Association.

