Highlights of 2002

MEMBERSHIP

17 Consecutive years as a Quality Council
22 Consecutive years of membership growth
114,128 Youth registered at year-end. This is a 4.3% gain over 2001
164,205 Total youth served in 2002
32,500 Volunteer adult leaders
2,604 Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, Venture Crews and LFL Groups
18 Quality Districts/Divisions
1,458 Quality Units (Packs, Troops, and Crews)
38,350 Teenage boys and girls in Exploring (more than 50% are young women)
41,000 Estimated “At-Risk” youth served by Scouting, including
13,180 inner city youth at year end
68,000 Estimated youth members from low to moderate income families
19,000 Hispanic Scouts served
6,878 Youth in Special Needs Scouting

CAMPING

228,000 Total nights camped by Scouts at the Council’s six camps
9,141 Boys attended Cub Day Camp
90,000 Nights camped by Scouts at Camp Strake, the world’s most used Scout facility
$176,000 In scholarships provided a camping experience for 4,378 youth
7,436 Acres maintained and operated by the Council available for youth camping

PROGRAM

10,000 Adults and youth were trained in Youth Protection
10,000 Good Turns Include Scouting for Food and thousands of youth doing good turns for chartered organizations and their communities
11,365 Adult leaders trained
4,501 Colonneh Lodge Members (the largest Order of the Arrow lodge in the country)
24,560 Total advancements earned
41,271 Merit badges earned
29 Vigil Honor recipients

FINANCE

$4,350,159 Friends of Scouting dollars pledged (increase of 11.4%)
$1,579,016 Raised in Family and District Enrollment Friends of Scouting
$20,164,158 Reported in the Beyond 2000 Capital/Endowment Campaign
$1,647,218 Received from all contributing United Ways
20 New Heritage Society Members for a total of 143
19 New James E. West Fellows for a total of 335
11 New 1910 Society Members for a total of 70
3 Founders Circle member

RECOGNITION

920 Eagle Scouts
37 Silver Beaver recipients
Jack Abbott

Jack Abbott is a dedicated Scouter in the Eagle Trail District. His numerous Scouting positions include Den Leader and Cubmaster with Pack 692. He has served as Twilight Camp Director, Vice Chairman of Program, Quartermaster, University of Scouting Facilities Chairman, Assistant Quartermaster for Wood Badge SR-472 and Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 773. Jack is an Urban Scout volunteer and has served on Pow Wow Staff, Winter Camp Staff and the Eagle Trail Training Team. Currently, Jack is serving as an Assistant District Commissioner and the Scoutmaster for Troop 773.

Jack has completed National Camping School, Cub Leader Basic, Scoutmaster Fundamentals and has attended Pow Wow, University of Scouting and numerous Commissioner Conferences. He also earned his Wood Badge Beads-SR-388. He has earned Eagle Trails’ District Den Leader of the Year, District Cubmaster of the Year, Arrowhead Honor, Distinguished Commissioner Award, and District Award of Merit. Jack and his family received District Scout Family of the Year.

Jack is a member of the Knights of Columbus at St. Luke’s Catholic Church and serves on the Knights cooking team. He also has been an Assistant Baseball Coach and Coach for Sagemong Beverly Hills Little League, YMCA Soccer Coach, and is an active Dad in his daughter’s Girl Scout Troop.

Michael M. Bahm

Mike Bahm has served Scouting for seven years in the Mustang district of the Sam Houston Area Council. During that time he has served as a District Camping Chairman, District Training Chairman, Member-at-large of Mustang District Committee, Youth Protection Training Team, Urban Skills Trainer, Tiger Cub Leader, Den Leader, Webelos Den Leader, Assistant Scoutmaster and as a Unit Commissioner.

He has also staffed the Pow Wow and University of Scouting and earned his Wood Badge Beads.

Mike’s service extends beyond the Boy Scouts of America. He has been a Girl Scout leader, and an active member of St. Mark’s Lutheran Church. He is a supporter of the Choir, Theater and Academics at St. Mark’s Lutheran School. Mike also donates much of his time to teaching for the American Red Cross.
Teresa F. Bontempo

Teresa Bontempo began her adult Scouting career in 1993 as a Pack 203 committee member in Rising Star District. She has served as Pack Committee Chair, Troop Advancement Chair, and 21st Century Wood Badge staff member. Teresa is currently a Venturing Crew Assistant Advisor, Assistant District Commissioner and Assistant Scoutmaster. She has served as director and/or staff member for Cub Day Camp, Camporee, Webelos Do Your Best and numerous district training events.

Teresa was awarded the Honor Medal by the Boy Scouts of America for demonstrating unusual heroism in saving a life during a Scouting outing in May 1999. Teresa and her husband, Mark, were also awarded the 2000 Everyday Hero’s Award by the American Red Cross and the Houston Rotary Club. Teresa has received her Boy Scout Leader Wood Badge beads, District Award of Merit, Commissioner’s Arrowhead Honor Award and Cub Scout Leader Award.

Teresa is a member of the Association of Texas Professional Educators. She serves her community as a student mentor and new teacher mentor, as well as a charter member of the Cypress Ridge High School Booster Club. She has served as a YMCA Team Mom and as a Cy-Fair Sports Association volunteer.

Randall E. Baish

Randall Baish has been an active Scouter for 11 years. He has served as Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 1001, Committee Chairman for Troop 801 and Charter Organization Representative for Troop 1630. Randy has served the Brazos District as Cub Scout Training Chairman, Cub Scout Day Camp Director, Order of the Arrow Chapter Advisor and Vice Chairman of Administration. Additionally, Randy has served on staff for Brazos District Cub Scout Day Camp, Cub Scout Roundtable, Boy Scout Roundtable, the Sam Houston Area Council’s University of Scouting and Cub Scout Pow Wow.

Randy has completed Cub Scout Basic Training, Scoutmastership Fundamentals and Wood Badge training. His honors include the District Award of Merit, Scouter’s Key and Distinguished Commissioner Service Award.

Randy is an active member of the United Methodist Church. He teaches Sunday School and is 2003 President of the United Methodist Men. Additionally, Randy is involved in his community through his leadership of the Needville Band Boosters, coaching Little League Baseball and membership in the Needville Lions Club.

Jim D. Brown

Jim Brown began his adult Scouting service in 1990 as an Assistant Den Leader. He has served as Den Leader, Webelos Den Leader and Troop Committee Chairman. Jim has volunteered in the Golden Arrow District as staff member of the Boy Scout Roundtable, Merit Badge Fair, First Aid Meet and co-chairman of the District All Derby Day event for six years. Jim has Co-Chaired the Pinewood Derby Grand Prix at the Scout Fair for six years and served on staff for the National Jamboree, the Cub Scout Pow Wow and University of Scouting.

Jim has completed Den Leader Training, Webelos Den Leader Training, Scoutmastership Fundamentals, Troop Committee Challenge and Wood Badge Training. His honors include Cub Scout Award, Den Leader Award, Webelos Den Leader Award, Scouter’s Training Award and District Award of Merit. Jim is an Ordinal member of the Order of the Arrow.

Jim has been active in the community through volunteer positions such as basketball coach for both the Westland YMCA and the St. Thomas More Catholic Youth Basketball League. He has also volunteered with the St. Thomas High School Science Fair. He is a member of St. Thomas More Catholic Church and has served as Chairman of the Parish Council and as Trustee for the Endowment Fund.

Mark J. Bontempo

Mark Bontempo has served as an adult Scouter in Rising Star District for 12 years. He has served as Assistant Cubmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster and Health & Safety Chairman. Currently, Mark is the Scoutmaster of Troop 1100, District Activities Chairman and a Unit Commissioner. He has served on staff numerous times for Scoutmastership Fundamentals, University of Scouting, Pow Wow and Winter Camp.

Mark was awarded the Honor Medal by the Boy Scouts of America for demonstrating unusual heroism in saving a life during a Scouting outing in May 1999. Mark and his wife, Teresa, were also awarded the 2000 Everyday Hero’s Award by the American Red Cross and the Houston Rotary Club. Mark earned his Boy Scout Leader Wood Badge beads in Fall 1999, and has been awarded the District Award of Merit, Commissioner’s Key and the Cub Scout Award. Mark is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.

Mark is a member of the Fraternal Order of Police and the Knights of Columbus. He serves the community as a volunteer for the MD Anderson Cancer Center, Toys for Tots, and YMCA and Cy-Fair sports teams.
Patrick Collins

Pat currently serves the Rising Star District as Scoutmaster of Troop 838 and Order of the Arrow Associate Chapter Adviser. During the past 17 years he has also served as a Tiger Cub Leader, Assistant Den Leader, Assistant Webelos Leader, and Webelos Leader in Pack 1615, Pack 1445, and Pack 846. He has also served as an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 1283. Pat has served on staff for numerous district events and district training events. He has served as Ceremonies Adviser and Web Site Adviser for his Order of the Arrow Chapter. He has also worked Camp Strake Winter Camp staff for the past eight years.

Pat has completed Scoutmaster Fundamentals and Boy Scout Leader Wood Badge. He has earned the Den Leader Award, Webelos Leader Award, Scouter's Training Award, Scouter's Key, Scoutmaster Award of Merit, and District Award of Merit. He is a Brotherhood Member of the Order of the Arrow.

In addition to Scouting, Pat is active in his church and has served as a Sunday School teacher. He has been a baseball and soccer coach. He has also been active with the Cy-Fair Band Booster Club, serving as a chaperone and on the equipment crew.

George Fleming

George Fleming is an Eagle Scout with 3 palms. He has been awarded the Ad Altare Dei Award and is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. He has served on the Sam Houston Area Council Board of Directors since 1999.

George is a graduate of the University of Texas where he received his B.B.A. and J.D. His firm specializes in the areas of mass tort and consumer litigation, products liability, plaintiff’s personal injury, and aviation accidents. He is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court; U.S. Court of Appeals: Third, Fifth, Seventh, Eleventh, and District of Columbia Circuits; U.S. District Courts, Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of Texas and District of Columbia; and the Texas Supreme Court. His numerous memberships consist of the State Bar of Texas, Houston Bar Association, Texas Trial Lawyers Association, American Bar Association, and Association of Trial Lawyers of America.

Neil Buso

Neil Buso has been a dedicated Scouter for 14 years, serving the Bayshore District and Sam Houston Area Council in many capacities. He has served as Pack 869 Committee Member, Den Leader, Webelos Den Leader, Cubmaster of Pack 869, Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 869, Cub Scout Roundtable Staff and Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner. He has been on the training team at University of Scouting and Cub Scout Pow Wow. He has staffed Roundtable Commissioner Conference and has worked Winter Camp at Camp Strake as Woodcarving Merit Badge Counselor.

Neil's Scouting honors include the Cub Scout Award, Webelos Den Leader Award, Scouter’s Key, Bayshore District Award of Merit, Distinguished Commissioner Service Award, Arrowhead Honor, Bayshore District Outstanding Cubmaster Award, Bayshore District Outstanding Commissioner Award and Wood Badge Beads, SR-467.

Neil has been active in the community, working with the American Cancer Society’s Silver Dollar Ball, raising money for cancer research in the Clear Lake area.

James Carlson

James Carlson has been active for 12 years serving the youth of the Flaming Arrow District in Kingwood, Texas. He has served as Den Leader, Webelos Den Leader, Cubmaster of Pack 1292, Summer Camp Adult Leader, Assistant Roundtable Commissioner, Assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster of Troop 1377, Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner, Adult Leader High Adventure, University of Scouting trainer and Cub Scout Pow Wow trainer.

Some of James' awards include District Outstanding Den Leader Award, Den Leader Award, Cubmaster Award, Webelos Den Leader Award, Cub Scout Award, Scouter’s Key, Order of the Arrow Brotherhood Member, District Award of Merit and Distinguished Commissioner Service Award.

James has been an active member of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, where he teaches Sunday School. He has been a member of the Parent Teacher Association and earned the Lifetime Membership Award. He has been a steady concession stand parent helper for the Splendor High School Band Boosters, logging in more time than any other parent during the season.
Larry Hawkins

Larry Hawkins is a member of the Sam Houston Area Council Board of Directors. He serves as the Chairman of Urban Scouting and Chairman of the Career Awareness FOS Campaign. He has received the Spurgeon Award and the Whitney Young Award.

Larry is a banker with 31 years of experience, all in the Houston area. He started his banking career in 1970 as a part-time teller while attending college. He received his BBA from the University of Houston in 1974 and got into the lending area of a local bank. He is currently President and Chief Executive Officer of Unity National Bank in November 1990. Larry is also a graduate of the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

Along with the time he gives to Scouting, Larry volunteers for many other community organizations. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Greater Houston Partnership, the American Red Cross, South Central YMCA and the Ft. Bend Regional Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse. He is married to Wandell and they have 3 beautiful children.

Clayton Hay

Clayton Hay has been an active Scouter in Rising Star District for the past 15 years. He has served as Den Leader, Assistant Scoutmaster and Troop Committee Chairman. Clayton is currently the Scoutmaster of Troop 1283 and an Assistant District Commissioner. He has served on staff for Twilight Camp, Camporee, Pow Wow, University of Scouting and numerous district training events.

Clayton has earned his Wood Badge beads. He has also received the District Award of Merit, Rising Star Award, Distinguished Commissioner Award and the Scoutmaster Award of Merit.

In addition to his service to Scouting, Clayton has served as a volunteer in his community. He has been the Cy Springs Latin Club sponsor, as well as a long-time volunteer for the American Heart Association.

Larry L. Fusaro

Larry L. Fusaro, an Eagle Scout, has served Scouting for 21 years in the George Strake District of the Sam Houston Area Council. He has staffed at El Rancho Cima, Horseshoe Bend. He has been an Assistant Scoutmaster and Scoutmaster of Troop 114. He is a Charter Committee Member of Explorer Post (now Venturing Crew) 99.

Larry has earned his Eagle Rank plus three palms. He is an Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor Member. He has earned the George Strake District Award of Merit and Scouter's Training Award.

He has served his church community at University Heights Baptist Church, in Huntsville, as a Sunday school teacher, church organist, ordained Deacon, Youth Camp Sponsor, Youth Choir Accompanist and has earned the Good Shepherd Award.

Art C. Garcia

Art Garcia has been an active Scouter for 13 years with the David Crockett District. His numerous Scouting positions include Wobbles Woods Staff Chairman, Scoutmaster Fundamentals Staff, Canoe-o-Ree Staff, University of Scouting Staff and Advancement Team Eagle Board of Review Chairman. Art is currently on the District Training Team and is Scoutmaster of Troop 902.

Among Art's Scouting Honors are Scouters Training Knot, Scoutmaster Award of Merit, District Scoutmaster of the Year and District Award of Merit. Art is a Brotherhood Member of the Order of the Arrow.

As well as serving Boy Scouts, Art has coached Waller Little League Baseball, served on the Board of Directors for Little League and coached Waller Flag Football and Magnolia Little League Football. Art and his family are members of Rosehill Methodist Church where he is on staff for Vacation Bible School.
Nancy Johnson

Nancy Johnson has brought leadership to Scouting for 14 years. Nancy has served as a Den Leader and Webelos Leader for Pack 606 in Dennison as well as on the Troop Committee for Troop 611 in Dennison. In the Arrowmoon District, Nancy served as a Webelos Leader in Pack 62 Troop Committee Member and Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 1861. The Arrowmoon Chapter of the Order of the Arrow has benefited from Nancy’s leadership as Associate Chapter Advisor and Native American Associate Advisor.

Nancy’s Scouting accomplishments include earning her Webelos Den Leader Knot, Scouters Award and Wood Badge Beads-WM61-1-00. Nancy has also been awarded Arrowmoons’ District Award of Merit and is a Vigil Member of the Order of the Arrow. Service to the District included Basalt Staff, Beaver Day staff, Scouting for Food Chairman, summer camp Assistant Scoutmaster and co-leader on a high adventure trek to Ely Canoe Base.

Nancy is a member of the Texas Classroom Teacher’s Association, Quilting Heritage Club, serves on the high school PTO and is a chaperone and committee member for the high school band.

Honorable Edith H. Jones

Honorable Edith H. Jones has been a member of the Sam Houston Area Council’s Board of Directors for more than 10 years and has served on the Executive Committee since 1995. She was the liaison to the HISD Explorer Program in 1998 and 1999. She is currently the Chairman of the Council’s Membership Committee responsible for organizing School Night for Scouting.

Honorable Judge Jones was appointed by President George W. Bush as a member of the House Fellows Commission and was a speaker at the National Day of Prayer in 2000 in Washington, D.C. She has served as a practice judge for the St. Thomas’ Episcopal High School Mock Trial Team since 1990 and has served as a judge for the Do the Write Thing student writing competition since 1998.

She is an honor graduate of the University of Texas School of Law and of Cornell University. She is a member of the Bethel Independent Presbyterian Church where she is a member of both the choir and hand bell choir and an instructor for the children’s hand bell choir. She and her husband Woody are the parents of two sons.

Jack L. Henry

Eagle Scout Jack Henry has been a valuable volunteer in the Tatanka District for more than 10 years. He has served as an adult advisor for Ship 1659, Cubmaster for Pack 1613 and Cub Activities Chairman for the District. He currently serves as an FOS Presenter, the Tatanka District’s PR Chairman, Web Chairman and Family FOS Chairman.

Jack has earned the District Award of Merit and his Wood Badge Beads. He has completed Scoutmaster Fundamentals and has attended Cub Leader Pow Wow. He is also a Brotherhood Member of the Order of the Arrow.

Along with the time he donates to the Scouting program, Jack is an active member of Holy Cross Episcopal Church. He is a member of the music ministry and outreach ministry, donating food and time at a downtown soup kitchen. He has also served as an adult leader for the Girls Scouts in both a Brownie Troop and Junior Troop.

William G. Higgs

Bill is an Eagle Scout with bronze, gold and silver palms. He is a past Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 120, past Chairman of Division II of the Council’s Executive Committee, overseeing the program for 30,000 youth, and currently is serving as the 2003 Family FOS Chairman.

He attended the United States Military Academy at West Point through a congressional nomination, where he participated in intercollegiate competition in both wrestling and judo. He lettered two years as sweeper on the Army soccer team. Bill graduated in the top 5% of his class at West Point and was runner-up in Rhodes Scholarship competition. He credits Scouting for teaching him the ability to create solutions and manage large projects by breaking them down into small tasks, critical skills he would need later in life.

With two partners, Bill started Mustang Engineering in 1987 to provide services to the oil & gas industry. In 1992, Mustang was ranked as the 42nd company in Inc. Magazine’s “500 Fastest Growing Companies in America” and was ranked as the number one Engineering firm. Bill has been happily married to his wife, Ann, for 27 years and has a 23 year-old son, who recently graduated from Texas A&M University, and a 17 year-old daughter attending Cypress Springs High School. The Higgs’ are active members of Bear Creek Baptist Church.
Dennis D. Mc Cleary

Dennis Mc Cleary has been an active Scouter for 15 years. He has served as Webelos Den Leader, Pack Committee Member, Post and Crew Committee Member, Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 839 and currently serves as Vice Chairman for Program for the Flaming Arrow District. Dennis has served as Assistant Scoutmaster of two Junior Leader Training Conferences and was the Scoutmaster for Junior Leader Training Conference 021. He has organized Troop high adventure trips skiing in New Mexico, rafting in North Carolina and Georgia and backpacking at Philmont. Dennis has taught several courses at the Sam Houston Area Council’s University of Scouting and Train the Trainer.

Dennis has completed Webelos Den Leader Training, Scoutmastership Fundamentals and Wood Badge training. His honors include the Scouter’s Training Award and District Award of Merit. Dennis is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.

Dennis is an active parishioner of St. Martha Catholic Church in Kingwood. He also volunteers his time to the Sheldon Independent School District.

Sherri L. Moravec

Sherri Moravec has been an active Scouter in Rising Star district for 12 years. She has served as Troop Committee member, Assistant Scoutmaster, Unit Commissioner and several years as a Den Leader. Sherri is currently a District Committee member and an Assistant District Commissioner. She has served as director and/or staff member for Cub Day Camp, Tiger Day, Winter Camp, Pow Wow and Commissioner Conference.

Sherri earned her Boy Scout Leader Wood Badge beads in Fall 1998 and has received the District Award of Merit, Rising Star Family of the Year, Rising Star Award, Scouter’s Training Award and Den Leader Award.

As well as giving her time to Scouting, Sherri has been a long-time volunteer for numerous school programs in CyFair ISD. She has been on the Cy-Fair ISD PTO President’s Council, Parent Advisory Committee, VIPS Executive Board and mentored students for several years.

John Maahs

John Maahs, an Eagle Scout, began his service to Scouting in 1965 as a Post Advisor to Post 23 in the Norwell Council of Shreveport, Louisiana. Shortly after receiving his rank of Eagle, he was working security at the Sam Houston Area Council Scout Fair. He has served in between as Assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster, Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner, Boy Scout Roundtable staff, Unit Commissioner, Flaming Arrow District Public Relations Chairperson, Assistant District Commissioner in Venturing and Specialty Units and Skipper of Ship 342.

John has earned many awards, including Order of the Arrow Brotherhood Member, Ad Altare Dei, Pope Pius XII, Scouter’s Key, Arrowhead Honor, Wood Badge Beads SC-414, Flaming Arrow District Award of Merit, Distinguished Commissioner’s Service Award, Venturing Training Award and Venturing Advisor’s Key.

John has been involved in his parish of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church as a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #803. He has served as Treasurer, Secretary, Chancellor and Grand Knight of that organization. He is also a member of the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus and has worked with his church on the Spring Festival.

Michael Martin

The Brazos District has had a valuable volunteer in Mike Martin for 12 years. He has served as Assistant Cubmaster, Cubmaster, Venturing Committee Member, Brazos District Training Chairman and is currently Scoutmaster for Troop 309, District Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner, Order of the Arrow Chapter Advisor and Membership Chairman. Mike served on the staff for Wood Badge SR-576 and is a Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow.

Mike has completed Cub Scout Basic Training, Scoutmastership Fundamentals, Scoutmaster Specific and Wood Badge training. His honors include the Cub Scouter Award, Scouter’s Key and District Award of Merit.

Mike is a member of Holy Rosary Catholic Church.

He is active in the community through his support of the Local Little League program and the Lamar Consolidated Independent School District R.O.T.C program.
Charlie Murrell

Charlie Murrell has served the Sam Houston Area Council and the Raven District for more than ten years. During this time, he has been an Assistant Scoutmaster, Assistant District Commissioner, Chairman of Friends of Scouting Family Campaign, District Training Chairman, Associate Crew Advisor, Post Advisor, Sam Houston Area Council Fire Cluster Chairperson, Pack Advancement Chairperson and Den Leader.

Charlie has earned the District Commissioner Key, Scoutmaster Key, Wood Badge Beads, Scouts Training Award, Den Leader Award, District Award of Merit, Cub Scoutor Award and is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.

Charlie takes the time to work with the Baytown Youth Safety Camp, The National Fire Academy Alumni Association, Baytown Professional Firefighters Association and is a member of the St. Paul’s United Methodist Church. He has also given his time to Project Scare, a program to warn teens of the consequences of Drinking and Driving.

Larry W. Myers

Eagle Scout Larry Meyers has spent ten years as a Scouter in the Eagle Trail District of the Sam Houston Area Council. His service ranges from staffing a recent Wood Badge course, Assistant Scoutmaster, Boy Scout Troop Committee, Scoutmaster Fundamentals Staff, District Training Chairman, Cub Scout Pow Wow Trainer, Cubmaster, Webelos Den Leader Award and Cub Scout Den Leader Award.

Larry has earned his Wood Badge Beads, District Committee Key, Cubmaster Award, District Award of Merits, Webelos Den Leader Award and Cub Scout Den Leader Award.

Larry also takes the time to teach Bible Class and serves King of Kings Lutheran Church as a member of the Board of Trustees, Congregation President and Chairman of the Board of Elders. He has also coached Little League Baseball and is a member of the Lutheran South Football Booster Club.

Sam Stubbs

Sam Stubbs has served in the Golden Arrow District for 10 years. During that time, he has been a Den Leader, Webelos Den Leader, Assistant Cubmaster, Cubmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster and District Chairman. He has served as the Golden Arrow District Friends of Scouting Chairman and Camporee Chairman for three years. Sam served twice as an Assistant Scoutmaster for National Jamboree Troops and Advisor to a Philmont Crew.

Sam has completed Cub Scout Basic Training, Cub Scoutmaster Fundamentals, District committee training and Key 3 training at the Philmont Training Center.

His honors include the Den Leaders Award, Cubmaster Award, James E. West Fellow and District Award of Merit.

Sam has been active in the community through volunteer positions with the Houston Special Olympics. For six years, Sam served as a member of the Board Of Directors for the Texas Special Olympics. He is a member of Church of St. John the Divine, where he has served as Senior Warden of the Associated Vestry.

Rev. John Wm. Unger

An active Scouter in the George Strake District for 12 years, John Unger has served the Sam Houston Area Council as Assistant Scoutmaster, Tiger Cub Leader, Assistant Cubmaster, Cubmaster, Explorer Post Advisor, District First Aid Chairperson, Ten Commandments Hike Leader, Committee Member of Troop 114, District Venture Chairperson, Venturing Crew Advisor, staff at the Southern Region Powderhorn, Philmont Scout Ranch and staff at the University of Scouting.

John’s Scouting honors include the George Strake Family of the Year Award, George Strake District Award of Merit and the George Strake Trainer of the Year Award.

John is a member of the University Heights Baptist Church in Huntsville, Texas, where he is an ordained Deacon, Youth Discipleship Training Leader, Spanish Mission Coordinator and teacher, Mission Committee Member, church bus driver, Sunday school teacher and has developed notebooks and a paraphrased version of the Faith and Message booklets used by the youth for earning their God and Church Award.
Sheila Villarreal

The David Crockett District has had a valuable volunteer in Sheila Villarreal for 10 years. She has served as Assistant Den Leader, Advancement Chair, Activity Chair and Den Leader in Pack 108, as well as Committee Chair in Troop 108. Sheila has also served as School Night for Scouting Chairman, Key Staff Commissioner Conference, University of Scouting Instructor, Membership Chairman, is on the district Quartermaster’s Team and is an Assistant District Commissioner.

Sheila’s Scouting honors include Cub Scouter Award, Den Leader Award, Leaders Training Award, Webelos Leader Award, Distinguished Commissioner Award, Committee Key and the District Award of Merit. She is an Order of the Arrow Brotherhood Member and has completed Wood Badge-SR356.

Sheila is a member of the First Baptist Church of Hempstead where she is a Sunday School Teacher. She also serves as a volunteer for the Waller County Fair Association, is an officer for Hempstead Youth Soccer and serves in numerous positions for Hempstead Little League.

Dennis D. McCleary

Dennis McCleary has been an active Scouter for 15 years. He has served as Webelos Den Leader, Pack Committee Member, Post and Crew Committee Member, Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 839 and currently serves as Vice Chairman for Program for the Flaming Arrow District. Dennis has served as Assistant Scoutmaster of two Junior Leader Training Conferences and was the Scoutmaster for Junior Leader Training Conference 021. He has organized Troop high adventured trips skiing in New Mexico, rafting in North Carolina and Georgia and backpacking at Philmont. Dennis has taught several courses at the Sam Houston Area Council’s University of Scouting and Train the Trainer.

Dennis has completed Webelos Den Leader Training, Scoutmastership Fundamentals and Wood Badge training. His honors include the Scouter’s Training Award and District Award of Merit. Dennis is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. Dennis is an active parishioner of St. Martha Catholic Church in Kingwood. He also volunteers his time to the Sheldon Independent School District.

Susan Wallis

Susan Wallis has been serving the Brazos District of the Sam Houston Area Council for almost 23 years. She has served as a Unit Commissioner, a member of the Brazos District Committee, Committee Member for Troop and Ship 129, District Camping Chairman and the Brazos Eagle Committee.

Among Susan’s Scouting awards are the District Award of Merit, Arrowhead Award, Commissioner’s Key and Key Leader Award.

Susan also contributes time to local churches and schools. Susan also finds time to serve as a member of the Needville Lions Club, Needville Band Boosters, Needville Harvest Festival, Needville Chamber of Commerce, Needville Booster Club and a Judge for the Needville Youth Fair. Susan is a member of the Needville Elementary PTA, and has been recognized for outstanding service to the Lamar Air Force ROTC.

Sherri L. Moravec

Sherri Moravec has been an active Scouter in Rising Star district for 12 years. She has served as Troop Committee member, Assistant Scoutmaster, Unit Commissioner and several years as a Den Leader. Sherri is currently a District Committee member and an Assistant District Commissioner. She has served as director and/or staff member for Cub Day Camp, Tiger Day, Winter Camp, Pow Wow and Commissioner Conference.

Sherri earned her Boy Scout Leader Wood Badge beads in Fall 1998 and has received the District Award of Merit, Rising Star Family of the Year, Rising Star Award, Scouter’s Training Award and Den Leader Award.

As well as giving her time to Scouting, Sherri has been a long-time volunteer for numerous school programs in CyFair ISD. She has been on the Cy-Fair ISD PTO President’s Council, Parent Advisory Committee, VIP’s Executive Board and mentored students for several years.
Roberto Padilla

Aldine Pathfinder has been well served for 14 years by Roberto Padilla. Roberto has served Scouting by holding the positions of Cubmaster in Pack 906, Commissioner for LDS Spanish Units, District Hike, Camporee Chairman, Merit Badge Counselor, Boy Scout Roundtable Staff, School Night for Scouting Staff. He has acted as a judge for Council First Aid Meets and currently is Aldine Pathfinder’s Boy Scout Training Chairman. He is also the Scoutmaster for Troop 358.

Roberto has earned his Wood Badge Beads-SR163, has completed Cub Basic, Scoutmaster Fundamentals, attended Commissioner Conferences, Train the Trainer and School Night for Scouting Training. He was awarded the District Award of Merit.

Roberto and his family are members of Heights Church of Christ. He is a member of the MacArthur FFA parent committee, Band Booster Club and Football Booster Club member. He is involved in the PTA of three schools, Project Prom and is an active Dad with his daughters’ Girl Scout Troop.

Steve Patterson

Steve Patterson has been on the Board of Directors for the Sam Houston Area Council since 1999. He has served on the Scout Fair Committee as Ticket Sales Chairman and is currently the Chairman of the Scout Fair Committee. Steve is also the proud parent of a Cub Scout in Pack 55.

Steve is currently the Senior Vice President and Chief Development Officer of the Houston Texans, Houston’s new NFL team. In that capacity he oversees all of the Club’s negotiations for the lease design, financing and construction of Reliant Stadium. He is also the driving force in planning and implementing the design and construction for the Texans training facility and related infrastructure. He joined Houston NFL Holdings in September 1997 to help lead Bob McNair’s efforts to bring the NFL back to Houston after spending over three years as President, General Manager and Governor of the Houston Aeros of the International Hockey League.

Born and raised in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, Patterson graduated with honors from the University of Texas, Business School in 1980, and UT’s Law School in 1984. Patterson currently sits on the Board of Texas Special Olympics and the Sam Houston Area Boy Scouts. He is a member of the State Bar of Texas and the American Bar Association, the Sports Lawyers Association and the Texas Lyceum. He and his wife, Yasmin, are the parents of two sons, Austin (10) and Dylan (8), and a daughter, Leila (4).

Alice Paulissen

Alice has been an active adult Scouter in Bayshore District since 1996. She currently serves as an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 930, Unit Commissioner, and Ceremonies Adviser for the Order of the Arrow Chapter. Alice has served on staff for numerous district events and district training events. She has also served as a Ceremonies Judge for Order of the Arrow competition at Spring Fellowship, Section Conclave, and Fall Pow Wow. Alice is also a member of Colonne Lodge’s Indian Events Committee and has attended two National Order of the Arrow Conferences.

Alice has completed Scoutmaster Fundamentals and Boy Scout Leader Wood Badge. She has received the Scouter’s Training Award and the Bayshore District Assistant Scoutmaster of the Year Award. Alice is a Vigil Honor Member of the Order of the Arrow.

An active member of the First Baptist Church of LaPorte, she has taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, served as assistant treasurer, and is a member of the choir. She has also served on school booster clubs and volunteered with community youth baseball.

William G. Rosenbaum

Bill Rosenbaum has been an active Scouter in Polaris District for 13 years. He has served Scouting in numerous positions, including Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, District Advancement Chair and District Vice-Chairman of Program. Bill is currently the District Chairman in Polaris. Bill has served as director and/or on staff for Camporee, Webelos Do Your Best, University of Scouting and numerous district training events.

Bill earned his Wood Badge beads in Fall 2002 and has also received the District Award of Merit, District Spark Plug Award, Scout's Key and Cubmaster Award. He is an Ordeal member of the Order of the Arrow.

In addition to Scouting, Bill is a very active volunteer in his community. He has served as president of the local water board, Canterbury Forest Civic Association and the Blue Bonnet Council of the Camp Fire Girls. He was a Tomball Little League baseball coach for 10 years and served as a Steering Committee member for Tomball ISD. Bill and his family are long-time members of Prince of Peace Catholic Church.
Edward Simmons

Eagle Scout Edward Simmons currently serves Scouting as the Scoutmaster of Troop 567 in the Mustang District and the Membership Chairman for Division II. Over the past nine years he has served as a Committee Member for Pack 567, Assistant Scoutmaster and Chaplain for Troop 567 and has served on Roundtable Staff. Ed has served on three Wood Badge Course staffs and has also staffed three Junior Leader Training Conferences. He served as an Assistant Scoutmaster for a National Jamboree Troop. In addition, Ed has served on staff for numerous district events and district training events.

Ed has completed Scoutmaster Fundamentals and Boy Scout Leader Wood Badge. He has received the Scouter’s Training Award, Scouter’s Key, Adult Religious Award, and the District Award of Merit. He is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.

Edward is extremely active in his church. Each year for the past 16 years he has led youth from his church on a mission trip to Tennessee. In addition to this trip, he makes a second trip each year on an adult mission journey.

Larry Stehling

Larry Stehling has served Scouting in the Mustang District for 12 years. Larry’s service includes Den Leader and Webelos Den Leader in Pack 987, Scoutmaster and Committee Member in Troop 424, District Committee Member, and Order of the Arrow Chapter Adviser. He is the Webmaster for the Mustang District web site and the Website Adviser for the Colonneh Lodge web site. Larry has served on staff for numerous district events and district training events. He has also served on National Jamboree staff and National Order of the Arrow Conference staff.

Larry has completed Scoutmaster Fundamentals and Boy Scout Leader Wood Badge. He has received the Cub Scouter Award, Webelos Den Leader Award, Scouter’s Training Award, Scouter’s Key, and the District Award of Merit. Larry is a Vigil Honor Member of the Order of the Arrow and has been awarded a Colonneh Lodge Numbered Certificate.

In addition to Scouting, Larry is active in his church. He has also served several years in his Community Improvement Association and Home Owners Association.

Thomas Neumann

Eagle Scout Thomas Neumann has served the Mustang District as an adult Scouter for 17 years. His service includes Cubmaster of Pack 677, a unit he helped start at his church. He has also served as a Committee Member and Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 852. Thomas is a member of the Mustang District Training Team and has served on staff for numerous district events and district training events.

Thomas has completed Scoutmaster Fundamentals and Boy Scout Leader Wood Badge. He has received the Cub Scouter Award, Cubmaster Award, Scouter’s Training Award, and District Award of Merit. Thomas and his family have been honored as the Mustang District Family of the Year. As a youth he earned his Religious Award and also became a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.

In addition to Scouting, Thomas is active in his church, serving as a Lay Leader, Usher Captain, and a member of the Church Council Nominating Team. He is also a member of the Texas State Genealogical Society.

William F. O’Reilly

Eagle Scout Bill O’Reilly has been a Scouter for 11 years. He has served Rising Star District as a Unit Commissioner, District Training Chairman, Venture Creed Advisor, Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 928. Prior to moving to the Sam Houston Area Council, Bill served as a Scoutmaster, Camp Counselor and Webelos Leader.

Bill has earned the District Award of Merit and Wood Badge Beads. He is also a Brotherhood Member of the Order of the Arrow.

Along with his service to Scouting, Bill is active in his community coaching boys baseball and girls softball. He is also involved with the YMCA Indian and Princess Guides. He is a member of the Catholic Committee on Scouting, Catholic Scout Retreat Committee on Scouting, Catholic Scout Retreat committee and Prince of Peace Youth Ministry.
E. Gregg Watts

Gregg Watts has been a volunteer in Flaming Arrow District for more than 10 years. He has served as an Assistant Cubmaster, Cubmaster, Troop Committee Member, Merit Badge Counselor, Assistant Scoutmaster, District Chair for Friends of Scouting and Scoutmaster. He has served on the staff of Cub Scout Roundtable and served as adult leader for summer camp and High Adventure. He is currently a Unit Commissioner and Assistant District Commissioner.

Gregg has been awarded the Cubmaster Award, Scouter's Key, Commissioner's Arrowhead, District Award of Merit, Adult Religious Award and the Scoutmaster Award of Merit. He is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.

Gregg has been an active member of Holy Comforter Lutheran Church for more than 20 years. He has served on the Church's council and chaired the worship and music committees. He has been a YMCA assistant coach in T-Ball and baseball, as well as a coach of basketball and soccer. He also served as an assistant coach for the community soccer program.