

KIA KIMA DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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DISTRICT CHAIRMAN JIM SHECKELS:

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HELLO! At the February Roundtable, I introduced you to our new District Commissioner, Ricky Flowers. This month I introduce our 2005 District Chairman – ME! Yep, out of the kettle and into the fire I go. I am honored to continue serving out great district in this role.

Occoneechee Council is embarking on a 5 year Strategic Plan to guide the council to 2010. As a district, Kia Kima is asked to help with this effort by identifying our six (6) most significant challenges facing the council over the next five years. These challenges should focus on a quality program for our Scouts and support to our units.

I ask for your input and support to identify those challenges of concern to your Scouts and your unit. Please send your thoughts to me by 20 March 2005.

Please identify the challenge, explain why it is of concern, identify barrier, which must be overcome to meet the challenge, and provide a recommended solution to overcome the challenge. Keep in mind, these are challenges best addressed by the Council and District. Assume that fiscal matters are available to address the challenge.

For example, a key challenge might be to get more scouts to resident camp. This is key because units in our district attend other camps as they do not like out camp's facilities and other camps have better facilities. An obstacle to overcoming the challenge is the large costs necessary to improve the camp's facilities and provide program supplies and staff. The challenge can be overcome by having a capital campaign to raise money specifically to build better facilities. (Note: this campaign is in progress in our council now, and many facility upgrades are currently underway at Camp Durant.)

I look forward to seeing you at any of the many activities in our council and district over March: District Pinewood Derby, OA Pow Wow, District Banquet, or your unit meeting.

Happy Easter!

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE PATRICK HEFFERAN:

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Hello all, as we move into March, I am pleased to say that we are off to a great start on Friends of Scouting. Knowing that most of you have already made your 2005 Friends of Scouting Pledge. I would like to extend an additional invitation for you to consider attending the District Citizens Award Dinner on April 5<sup>th</sup>. If you have already given at your means, we sincerely appreciate it and would like you to invite anyone you know that could afford to attend. Further details are printed elsewhere in this newsletter.

March also brings us back to our recharter period. Recharter is a time for us to celebrate our membership accomplishments and to look toward the quality delivery for your youth again this year. The district would like every unit to finish 2005 with two more youth than each unit did in 2004. Knowing just how many youth are still out there to be served, we realize that this goal is attainable.

We have a lot going on in March. Our District Dinner is just around the corner, our membership team is kicking it in to high gear, the council Eagle Banquet is on March 5<sup>th</sup>, and even our OA Pow Wow is this month.

As always, I'm here to serve your needs, please call me at 1-910-494-2115 or email me if there is anything that the district or I can do for you.

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**DISTRICT COMMISSIONER RICKY FLOWERS:**

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It is a real treat and privilege to accept the Kia Kima District Commissioner position. As all of you are aware, the next couple of months will be hectic. March is typically filled with Pack Pinewood Derbies and Webelos crossing over into Troops. The District Pinewood Derby is April 23<sup>rd</sup> and the District Camporee is set for May 6 – 8.

We will also start re-chartering on-line as was reported last month, the on-line recharter is quick and easy and has less errors. You and I are making the changes instead of someone else trying to interpret what we wrote or meant. I think you will find re-chartering much easier and to our advantage.

We are still looking for more Commissioners. Ideally, each Commissioner should have no more than three units. Unfortunately, reality dictates otherwise. The only way to fix this is for more Scouters to volunteer to become TRAINED Commissioners. Join us; we really do have one meeting a month!

I would encourage each of you to check out the District web page. Jim has done a great job. Check out the front page of the day camp application. You can enter your data or use the drop down buttons and then print the complete application.

Thank you again for inviting me to be your District Commissioner.

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**DISTRICT VICE CHAIRMAN FINANCE STEVE WHEELER:**

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Distinguished Citizens Award Dinner, Honoring Dr. J. Ernest Johnson, April 5, 2005, 7:00 PM, Holiday Inn, Bordeaux.

The Cumberland County Distinguished Citizens Award Dinner honors individuals that have made significant contributions towards the betterment of Cumberland County. It is the goal of the dinner to highlight the individual's commitment to Cumberland County and to the youth, who are our next generation of civic leaders in our community. We hope that you will choose to support us this year at one of the following levels. However, if you are unable to contribute at one of the following levels, any monetary donation will be accepted.

A few Scouting facts for 2004:

Tuocs and Kia Kima December 31<sup>st</sup>

Youth Served 2895

Scout Units 128

Adult Volunteer Leaders 1021

57 Young men earned Scouting's highest rank of Eagle Scout

65% of all boys in Scouting earned at least one rank advancement

Star Rank Sponsor -- \$500

Name tag on table

Name Listed in Program

Recognition during program

Life -- \$1,000

Same as Star plus the following

¼ page ad in program (name & logo)

Continuous PowerPoint Recognition

(Provide us with your logo)

Eagle -- \$2,000 or more  
Same as Life Rank plus the following:  
Full one page ad in program  
Continuous PowerPoint Name Recognition

Couples -- \$150                      Dinner and Program  
Individuals -- \$100                  Dinner and Program

Please make your tax-deductible contributions payable to: Occoneechee Council BSA and mail to Distinguished Citizens Award Dinner, 717 Hope Mills Road, Fayetteville, NC 28304

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District FOS Family Enrollment Chairman Jon Jones:

We have 11 units conducting their FOS Campaign in February, and to date we have over \$14,500 collected. This doesn't count all eleven of the February presentations yet. Thus puts us over half way towards our goal of \$25,000 for the family program. I know we will make our goal with everyone's participation and support. I appreciate all of the hard work and support to make our goal. Remember the contribution go to support our scouting program which helps our boys who will be the future leaders of tomorrow. If you have any questions don't hesitate to call me. There are 2 copies of the 2005 video on VCR tape now for showing. See Pat McCoy if you want that instead of the DVD disc.

I won't be at the March Roundtable and will be out of town from March 3 -20 so see either Pat McCoy or Patrick Hefferan if you haven't scheduled your presentation dates or have questions!!!

Units still not scheduled:  
    PACKS – 171, 751, 787  
    TROOPS – 77, 787

Please get the dates to Pat or Patrick at the March Roundtable or call/email. I need to know the dates so that the cards are printed and all resources are available for a successful presentation. Your unit's Trailblazer should contact the Unit Coordinator 1-2 weeks prior to the presentation date to discuss any issues and make sure all materials are available.

Remember to follow up with families who are unable to attend the presentation! The Goal is 100% contact of all families. Kia Kima District Family Goal is \$26,000.

Contact information: Jon Jones phone 425-9676, email [jonandpaulajones@nc.rr.com](mailto:jonandpaulajones@nc.rr.com).

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**DISTRICT VICE CHAIRMAN MEMBERSHIP MATT BOWMAN:**

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The District Membership committee held it's first meeting and seems off to a good start. The New Unit Chairman O.C Holloway, Membership Chairman Matt Bowman, will contact the list of tentative sponsors or Senior District Executive Patrick Hefferan and we are expecting good things to happen and a lot of new boys to receive Scouting.

If your church or civic organization would like to sponsor a Cub Scout Pack, Boy Scout Troop or Venture Crew, you can notify either one of the above or Jim Sheckels District Chairman.

Looking forward to working with each of you this year and see membership in Kia Kima grow.

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**DISTRICT VICE CHAIRMAN PROGRAM SADIE JACKSON:**

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I am very pleased at the Scouters who accepted positions on the Program Committee for District. I know that each of them will do a great job for you; there is a world of experience there.

District Training Chairman Roger Rose:  
Cub Training Chairman Gregg Bower  
Boy Scout Training Chairman David Batton  
District, Wood Badge, Supplemental & Other Ken Moore

District Advancement Chairman Barry Swift:  
Eagle Chairman Dave Runkle  
Merit Badge Counselors Fred Booth  
Advancement Reports/Records Rebecca Sheckels

Activities and Civic Service Chairman Shirley Battle:  
Pinewood Derby Debbie Crocker  
Service Projects Wayne Chandler  
Newsletter Sadie Jackson  
Web Page Jim Sheckels

Outdoor Chairman Sherry Unruh:  
OA Advisor Pat McCoy  
Spring Camporee Debbie Wiggins  
Day Camp Ricky Flowers  
Fall Camporee Tom Archer (Information only)

Health and Safety Chairman Marko Lagos  
Venture Chairman Debbie Wiggins

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District Training Chairman Roger Rose:

TRAINING EVENTS: The rescheduled BALOO will be 9 April. Please look on line or at the Scout Shop for flyers and registration information.

We still have a need for training team members. If you ever have wanted to be involved in training we can help you work in a small or big way. Please contact Roger Rose at [bobwhite538@earhtlink.net](mailto:bobwhite538@earhtlink.net).

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District Advancement Chairman Barry Swift:

How often does your unit send an Advancement Report to Council? Active units send at least one a month. If your unit is not doing this, please ask your unit commissioner to visit you. For accuracy, list the Scout by his registered name (NO NICKNAMES.)

Cub Scout Leaders: Cub Scouts are to do activities/advancement appropriate to the program they are registered in. That is; a Wolf doesn't do Bear activities/advancement unit he is a Bear.

Boy Scout Leaders: The 2005 Boy Scout Requirement Book is now at the Scout Shop. It is the ONLY reference that lists all advancements requirements in effect between January 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>. Handbooks and Merit Badge pamphlets are not updated annually.

Merit Badge Counselors: It is time to re-register. MB Counselor is a Council position, not unit, and like all Council/District position it expires December 31<sup>st</sup>. To enable the District to maintain a Counselor list (a BSA requirement), give your Adult registration form and "white sheet" to either Fred Booth) 988-5154) or Barry Swift (483-3570). Roundtables are a convenient place.

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Outdoor Chairman Sherry Unruh:

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Day Camp Director Ricky Flowers:

Day Camp is getting closer and closer. With that, the main activity areas are being filled with volunteers. I want to welcome Keith Pitchford (sports), Ms. Trost (Cub Crafts), Ms. Spencer (computers) and Nick Oschner (Den Chief) to the staff. We are working with NASA, the Space Camp at Huntsville, AL., the radio controlled aircraft club of Fayetteville and the Green Beret Sports Parachute Club to help make camp fun and exciting. The only thing missing is you! We still need leaders to supervise Webelos Crafts, possibly Pixies, Archery, and Lake Rim for fishing on Friday, and of LOTS and LOTS of Den Leaders. The camper's applications have been mailed by council to each of the registered Cub Scouts. If you need an application, go on line to <http://www.kiakima.org>, click on the forms button and then click on the day camp button. Fill out the front page and print out both sides of the form. You can fill out the front page by typing in the information or using the drop down boxes before you print it out. We are looking forward to seeing you and your Cub Scouts at camp.

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Spring Camporee Chief Debbie Wiggins:

Planning for Kia Kima Spring Camporee May 6 – 8 is well under way and we are looking forward to an exciting camporee. Dorinda Marks has been working very hard and the camporee packets will be ready at the March Roundtable.

The staff has held several meetings and believes working with what some Scoutmasters have said they would like to see we might have a couple of surprises for you. The Cub and Webelos side of the camporee will also have some new and exciting things happening.

See Dorinda Marks and get your unit signed up, come out and join in the fun.

Any questions or comments please give me a call.

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OA Chapter Chief Nick Oschner:

This month, Lumbee Anilorac can now happily say that we have completed unit elections! Thank you to all of the troop leaders who assisted in the scheduling process with us. Now that unit elections are over, we can begin to gear up for Spring Pow-Wow, which will be held March 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> and is guaranteed to be a great weekend for all.

There has been a request in the Lodge that I submit names and contact information for our Chapter's OA Troop Representatives. That being said, if any Scoutmaster has an OA Troop Representative, please email their contact information to me at: [lumbeeanilorac@yahoo.com](mailto:lumbeeanilorac@yahoo.com).

If any unit leader needs more Campership applications, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Pat or myself at your connivance.

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Activities & Civic Service Chairman Shirley Battle:

The District Pinewood Derby will take place April 23, 2005 at the Fayetteville Motor Sport Park off of Doc Bennett Road. The check –in time will be from 8:00 am to 9:00 am. Cars will be turned over to the Scouts at that time. (Cubmasters should have them from the Pack's Pinewood Derby).

Please remember to bring two alternates. Scouts must be in Class A uniform (do not let this prevent a scout that does not have a uniform from coming). All Packs need to bring their Pack flag.

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Birthday – Anniversary – Illness – Bereaved:

Birthday:

- March 02 – Lori Pflieger
- March 02 – William J. James
- March 08 – Tertius Q. Little
- March 08 – Vincent C. Maffia
- March 17 – Patricia Brewer
- March 21 – Ricky Flowers
- March 21 – James Sheckels
- March 23 – Vincent Robinson

Illness:

Katrina Lagos had surgery on February 28<sup>th</sup> at the VA Hospital and we send her our best wishes for a speedy recovery. I understand that hopefully she should be home Wednesday or Thursday.

Bereaved:

Our sympathy goes out to Mr. and Mrs. John Frinak on the loss of her father.

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Scout Corner:  
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Troop 771 Mike Mersereau, Troop Historian:

Troop 771 has had a great February. On February 6,2005, we celebrated Scout Sunday at MacPherson Presbyterian Church followed by Neel Parikh's Eagle Ceremony. The Order of Arrow election was held on February 14. We had a blast at the Brady Farm from February 18 –20 in the Gray's Creek area of Cumberland County. We put our Orienteering skills to work as we found our way to four different skill stations: Nature, First Aid, Lashings and cooking. Some of the patrols cooked their food over the fire and in aluminum foil. We had 20 scouts participate and everyone had fun.

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Pack 787 Jill DeBellis Cubmaster:

Pack 787 had a very successful Pinewood Derby on February 15<sup>th</sup>. The boys had a great time. I would like to thank Ricky Flowers, Julie Wilson and Meenu Kaushish for coming and helping us with our derby. Your support was greatly appreciated. I would like to thank all the parents and leaders for helping out and making this derby fun for our boys. I would also like to say congratulations to all of our winners of the Pinewood Derby. All the boys in our pack are truly winners because they are the heart and soul of our pack. Thank you for being you.

Fastest

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Conner Lewis (Tiger)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Joe Guidry (Tiger)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Conner Hamlet (Webelos I)

Unusual:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Robert Brumbaugh (Webelos I)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Dillon McKinley (Wolf)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Brain Balling (Webelos I)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate: Luke McKinley (Bear)

Beautiful:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Christian Wells (Webelos I)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: P.J. Dietzen (Webelos II)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Alex Hicks (Tiger)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate: Adam Todd (Webelos II)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate: David Sauer (Tiger)

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Now for \$9.95, nonregistered individuals can purchase a one-year subscription to Scouting (six issues) on the magazine's Web site at: <http://shop.scoutingmagazine.org/subscribe/>.

Potential subscribers include Scout parents (who are not registered leaders) and others, such as members of organizations that use the Scouting program; Scouting friends, supporters, and contributors; and educators, public officials, administrators, and all interested parties. Issues of the magazine are January-February, March-April, May-June, September-October and November-December.

It's also possible to order a magazine gift subscription for someone who is not currently registered in Scouting but who would enjoy reading about current activities of Scouts across the country, the latest news from the BSA National Council, and inspiring accounts of experiences from Scout Leaders.

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Calendar:

March 03 – District Roundtable MacPherson Presbyterian Church 7:00 PM. Please bring a can of food for the church food closet. Recharter starts

March 04 – District Annual Leader recognition Dinner 6:30 PM Hope Mills United Methodist Church, Legion Road

March 05 – Council Trainers Development Conference Highland United Methodist Church, Raleigh

March 11-13 -- Camp Agape Lutheran Camporee  
Catholic Scout Retreat  
Jamboree Work Days  
Jamboree JLT

March 16 – Venture Roundtable Raleigh

March 17 – District Committee Meeting 7:30 PM St James Lutheran Church  
District Key 3 – 7:00 PM St. James Lutheran Church

March 18-20 – OA Pow Wow

March 20 – Palm Sunday

March 21 – District Commissioner Meeting 7:30 PM

March 24 – OA Chapter Meeting 7:00 PM Westminster Presbyterian Church

March 25 – Good Friday

March 28 – Newsletter Articles Due

April 01-03 – IOLS Session 2

April 02 – Jamboree Work Day

April 07 – District Roundtable 7:00 PM MacPherson Presbyterian Church. Please bring a can of food for the church food closet.

April 09 – BALOO Training

April 09 – Scouting for Food

April 15-17 – OAA Conclave

April 16 –New Leader Essentials

April 18 – District Commissioner Meeting St. James Lutheran Church 7:30 PM

April 20 – Venture Roundtable 7:30PM Raleigh

April 21 – District Key 3 Meeting 7:00 PM St. James Lutheran Church

District Committee Meeting 7:30 PM St. James Lutheran Church

April 22-24 – Jamboree Training Weekend

April 23 – District Pinewood Derby

April 25 – Newsletter Article Due

April 28 – OA Chapter Meeting 7:00 PM Westminster Presbyterian Church

April 29- May 01—Wood Badge Staff Training

May 05 – District Roundtable MacPherson Presbyterian Church 7:00 PM. Please bring a can of food for the church food closet

May 06 –08 – District Spring Camporee

May 14 – Council Program Conference

CPR/First Aid Training  
Den Chief Training  
May 16 – District Commissioner Meeting St. James Lutheran Church 7:00 PM  
May 20 – 22 – OA Spring Inductions  
May 25 – Newsletter Article Due  
May 26 – OA Chapter Meeting Westminster Presbyterian Church  
May 30 – Memorial Day  
Glory Days

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR PACK, TROOP OR CREW FLAG,  
WITH STAND TO THE DISTRICT DINNER.

IF YOU ARE DECORATING A TABLE, THEY WILL BE READY TO DECORATE  
AT 1:00 PM. HAVE THEM COMPLETED BY 5:00 PM.