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KIA KIMA DISTRICT MAY NEWSLETTER

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DISTRICT DIRECTOR BILL WALTERS:

Well, the Great Kia Kima District is almost over with the Family portion of Friends of Scouting. The District fell a little short of its goal but a few units have not turned in their packet. With a little luck maybe we will match what we did last year (\$34,000). Again, thank you for all your support Overall; we are at around 75% of our goal. We hope to have the campaign completed by May 30th.

The Distinguished Citizen Awards Dinners were well attended and a huge success. Thank you to Troop 742 and Troop 747 for their help with the color guard presentation. A VERY special thanks goes to the committee for all their (Dr. Dennis Sheppard, Sadie Jackson, Eddie Maynor, Bill Johnson, Bob Garrison, Kelly and Wayne Chandler, Steve Wheeler, Jack Cox, Tim Richardson, Leslie Flom, Kathy Gaines, Cassandra Vallery, Robert Grover and Peter Stewart.

The District is doing a full Spring Round-Up to recruit boys and leaders on May 6th and 8th. This is a wonderful opportunity to recruit Tiger Cubs in the program. Please make sure you have summer outings planned for these new boys and parents. Great job OC.

Last but not least a very special thanks to Ken Moore and his staff for putting on a wonderful Spring Camporee.

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER KEITH D. REAGAN:

I hope to receive the majority of the completed unit charter packets at the May Roundtable, however, I am sure there will be some units requiring more time. I will be available for a FINAL turn-in of the completed charter packets on Saturday May 10th from 2:00 – 6:00 pm at the Kia Kima District office on Hope Mills Road. This is the last opportunity to turn the packets in, as they must be delivered to the Council office the second week of May. Please contact your unit commissioner or me if you have any questions about completing your packets.

The following units need to turn in their 2008 Centennial Quality Unit Commitment for 2008 – Troop 742, Crew 712, Crew 742, Crew 711, Pack 701, Pack 745, Troop 745 and Pack 716.

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Roundtable ADC Tony Garcia:

Thank you to Pack 957 for the opening and refreshments for the April Roundtable. Troop 787 has the opening and refreshments for May.

The Boy Scout program for May is Safe Swim/Safety Afloat. The Cub Scout theme is Where To Go (Summertime Activities)

DISTRICT CHAPLAIN BILL BUCHNER

This is one of the kindest things I’ve heard of. I have no way to know who sent it, but there is a beautiful soul working in the dead letter office of the US postal services.

Our 14-year-old dog Abbey, died last month. The day she died, my 4-year-old daughter Meredith was crying and talking about how she missed Abbey. She asked if we could write a letter to God so that when Abbey got to heaven, God would recognize her. I told her that I thought we could so she dictated these words.

Dear God.

Will you please take care of my dog? She died yesterday and is with you in heaven. I miss her very much. I am happy that you let me have her as my dog even though she got sick.

I hope you will play with her. She likes to play with balls and to swim. I am sending you a picture of her so when you see her. You will know that she is my dog. I really miss her

Love, Meredith.

We put the letter in an envelope with a picture of Abbey and Meredith and addressed it to God/Heaven. We put our return address on it. Then Meredith pasted several stamps on the front of the envelope because she said it would take lots of stamps to get the letter all the way to heaven. That afternoon we dropped it into the letterbox at the post office. A few days later, she asked if God had gotten the letter yet. I told her I thought He had.

Yesterday, there was a package wrapped in gold paper on our front porch addressed, 'To Meredith,' in an unfamiliar hand. Meredith opened it. Inside was a book by Mr. Rogers called, 'When a Pet Dies.' Taped to the inside front cover was the letter we had written to God and its opened envelope. On the opposite page was the picture of Abbey and Meredith and this note:

Dear Meredith,

Abbey arrived safely in heaven. Having the picture was a big help. I recognized Abbey right away. Abbey isn't sick anymore. Her spirit is here with me like it stays in your heart. Abbey loved being your dog. Since we don't need our bodies in heaven, I don't have any pockets to keep your picture in, so I am sending it back to you in this little book for you to keep and have something to remember Abbey by.

Thank you for your beautiful letter and thank your mother for helping you write it and sending it to me. What a wonderful mother you have. I picked her especially for you. I send my blessings every day and remember that I love you very much. By the way, I'm easy to find, I am wherever there is love.

Love,
God

DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN O.C. HOLLOWAY:

The Spring Round-up is set for May 6th and 8th for most Packs with the exception of Pack 716 for May 13th and Pack 77 the 6th and 16th. We received 10,00 tri-fold flyers to go into the schools. Hopefully we will get them out no later than Friday May 2nd. If you need any for your schools and do not have them please call me at 630-2269 or Sadie Jackson 425-7803. They will also be at roundtable for pickup

DISTRICT PROGRAM CHAIRMAN SADIE JACKSON:

We would like to congratulate Troop 771 on winning the Kudu Horn at the Kia Kima Spring Camporee. I am sorry I was not given the name of the winners of the Iron Chef. Ken Moore and his staff did a great job. Linda Good had an excellent program for the Cubs and Webelos. The rain did not dampen the spirit of the boys; all had a great time.

The Fall Camporee Chief (2008) is in place as well as the Spring Camporee Chief for 2009. Wayne Chandler Jr. is the Fall Camporee Chief. I am sure he will be in contact with some of you to be on his staff. Debbie Wiggins and the Ventures will be heading up the Cub and Webelos program for him.

The Camping Chairman Tracey Esterly will be calling each of the Troops to see if and where they are going to summer camp. She will be calling the Packs to see if they are attending Day Camp. Your cooperation with her would be appreciated.

I would like to apologize for the oversight in the April Newsletter for not including in the District Awards the W. R. 'Ren' Myers Cubmaster of the Year Robert Porter, District Award of Merit Recipients James Collier, Jay King and Marlin Stewart.

Day Camp Director Wayne Chandler:

The planning part of Day Camp is well on the way and from the looks of what the Cub and Webelos Directors have it will be a great one. Staff meeting as well as training for the leaders and Den Chiefs will be held May 3 and June 7. Day Camp will be held at Max Abbott Middle School this year.

Your scout should have received his flyer by mail, if not please contact me at 223-0051 or at KiaKimaDayCampDir@nc.rr.com. I will try to get some in the Scout office ASAP.

District Advancement Kay Stewart:

Kay has been very busy reviewing Eagle packets and helping on Eagle Boards of review. There will be an article for you next month and an update on Kia Kima Eagles. She is available for anyone who needs her and can be reached at kstewart10@nc.rr.com, kestewart@nc.rr.com or 910- 484-6451

BIRTHDAY: ANNIVERSARY: ILLNESS: GONE HOME:

Birthdays:

- May 01 – Tomas F. Martin III
- May 05 – Linda Archer
- May 06 – Thomas R. Ussery, Jr
- May 07 -- George Crumbley
- May 08 – Charles Lee Newcomb
- May 11 – Billy E. Davidson
- May 11—John N. Fetty Jr.
- May 13 – Brad A. Richter
- May 14 – Daniel C. Griffin, III
- May 18 – Wayne Glen Egan
- May 21 – Martha Anderson
- May 20 – David James Thomas
- May 25 – Edward Kay Samuelin, Jr
- May 26 – Keith Alston Cain
- May 29 – Mary Moorman Holmes
- May 31 – Marsha B. Starling
- May 31 – Thomas J. Keith

- May 05 – Timothy Paul Elicker
- May 05 – Lisa Sullivan
- May 06 – May L.Hagen
- May 07 – Michael Phillip Brown
- May 09 – Scott A. Happel
- May 11 – John Fuller
- May 12 – William H. Dudley
- May 13 – Tomas D. Netzel
- May 17 – Vannie James Parker
- May 18 – John Meek
- May 20 – Kevin L. Shirley
- May 24 – Orley J. Dennings
- May 25 – George R. Hicks, III
- May 28 – Clarence W. Bauer
- May 30 – Robert E. Matthews Jr.
- May 31 – Carolyn N. Withers
- May 31 – David F. Stewart, Sr

Illness:

Warren Porter is out of his brace and just has to wear the boot now. According to Wilma he is doing fine and is able to attend church meetings. Way to go Warren.

Tom Martin has been in the ICU unit at Womack Medical Center but is now home and improving daily. Glad you are back.

Gone Home:

We offer our condolences to James Collier in the loss of his Grandmother and Mother within a week of each other. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

May Ann Hayes brother passed away this past week and Reverend Tom Hayes lost his cousin and uncle. Our thoughts and prayers are with both of them during this time of loss.

If you know of someone who has a birthday, anniversary, illness lost a loved one or we need to acknowledge them for any reason please call or send the information to Sadie Jackson 910-425-7803 or sjackson711@nc.rr.com. Cards will be sent from the district to the ill or bereaved.

Scout Corner:

Pack 77 Bryan J. Hinkel Chaplain:

Pack 77 is a brand new pack chartered by Stoney Point Baptist Church at the corner of Rockfish and Camden Roads. We are recruiting in May and our first Pack meeting is Tuesday 20 May from 6:00 to 7:00 pm outside behind the church. My son and I represented Pack 77 at the Spring Camporee and had a blast. Thank you Pack 756 for taking care of us. Visit Pack 77 on the web at <http://pack-77.org>

Pack 716 John Cue Cubmaster:

Pack 716 held a family cookout and Pack meeting on Saturday March 26th. It was set in a Hawaiian theme and Mary Martin provided the Hawaiian dish of pig. There was traditional American food as well, hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, bean salad, chips, dips, vegetable plate, ice tea and fruit punch.

We are very happy to welcome Marie Thomas and William Martin as Webelos Leaders. They are looking forward along with the other leaders and committee members to a great fun filled summer for the pack. The Webelos will be going on a camping trip with Troop 716 in May, where they will be working on Outdoorsman, the proper way to set up a tent, how to help build a fire, (under supervision) cooking and camp courtesy, as well as other outdoor camping skills.

FYI:

Jim Sheckels is doing fine after his surgery and is almost finished with his therapy. Becky called to let us know that they were fine after the terrible weather they had this week and lost only part of their roof from the tornado that hit them. You could see a lot of the damage that was done on the nightly news.

District Events Calendar:

- May 02 – Roundtable Meeting 7:15 pm – Re-Charter Turn-in
- May 03 – Den Chief Training --- First Aid/CPR for Day Camp Staff
- May 10 – Council Program Conference
- May 11 – Mother’s Day
- May 15 – Turn in Re-Charter – NLT
- May 15 – District Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
- May 16 – 18 – OA Spring Inductions
- May 17 – Armed Forces Day
- May 19 – District Commissioner Meeting 7:30 pm

May 22 – OA Chapter Meeting 7:00 pm
May 25 – Newsletter Article Due
May 26 – Memorial Day – No School
May 27 – Venture Roundtable

June 05 – Roundtable 7:15 pm
June 07 – Den Chief /First Aid/CPR Training for Day Camp Staff
June 08 – Pentecost
June 10 – Last Day of School
June 12 – Council FOS Victory Celebration
June 14 – Flag Day
June 14 – Day Camp Pre-Registration and Set-up
June 15 – Father’s Day
June 16 – District Commissioner Meeting 1:30 pm
June 16 – 20 – Kia Kima Day Camp
June 19 – District Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
June 20—21 – Day Camp Webelos Overnighter
June 22 – Summer Camp begins at Camp Durant
June 24 – Venture Roundtable
June 25 – Newsletter Article Due
June 26 – OA Chapter Meeting 7:00 pm
June 28 –July 13 – Philmont Trek

July 03 – Roundtable 7:15 pm – Annual Cookout 6:30 pm
July 4 – Independence Day “God Bless America”
July 12 – 13 – Council Cub-Adult Overnighter
July 14 – 18 – NRS/ATA Trap Camp
July 19 –Kia Kima District Annual Semi Retreat
July 22 – Venture Roundtable
July 24 – OA Chapter Meeting 7:00 pm
July 25 – District Newsletter Article Due

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**ATTEND ROUNDTABLE THE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
7:15 PM**

SPRING ROUNDUP MAY 6-8-(13-16)

FLYERS IN THE SCHOOLS MAY 2ND

