Iroquois Trail Council Celebrates Volunteer Service at Annual Dinner

January 28th, 2012 - Bohn's Restaurant - Batavia NY

At the January 28 Annual Awards Dinner the Iroquois Trail Council was pleased to recognize many individuals and units for their outstanding work to support our Scout youth.

Thanks to the efforts of our 1,500 Scouting volunteers, the Council has much to celebrate.

- The Council has achieved the Gold Level of performance for the National Journey to Excellence Award, with recognition from the Northeast Region, BSA as an “Above and Beyond” performer.
- Local Youth Retention rates lead all central and western New York BSA councils.
- Youth membership increased in each of the 5 counties that we serve, including a nearly 7% increase in the number of Cub Scouts.
- Cub Scout and Boy Scout camp attendance continues to increase. Camp Sam Wood attendance has more than doubled over the past 4 years.
- Summer Camp participation of local Cubs and Scouts leads all central and western New York BSA councils.
- Trained Volunteer Leader percentage has had a double-digit increase over 2010.
- Major investments in our camp properties continue to be fully privately funded.
- The Council is financially sound with a balanced operating budget and capital budget. 2011 Annual Report (PDF)

Local Scouting Units were recognized in several categories:

Membership
Highest Youth Retention Rate: Pack 3044 (Newfane); Pack 4072 (Geneseo); Troop 4026 (Avon)
Greatest % Growth Dec 10 – Dec 11: Pack 3062 (Holley); Pack 4072 (Geneseo); Troop 28 (Medina); and Venture Crew 3164 (Albion)

Scouter Ray Yaw (Indian Falls) was recognized with the **William D. Boyce Unit Organizer Award** for his successful efforts with

Venture Crew 6208 in Pembroke and for his help in starting Venture Crew 4321 at the Arc of Livingston & Wyoming Counties. Both Venture Crews specialize in programs for youth and adults with disabilities.

Camping
Highest % Attendance – Cub Resident Camp at Sam Wood: Pack 3094 (Kendall)
Highest Combined % Attendance – Day Camp & Cub Resident Camping: Pack 3028 (Medina)
Highest % Attendance – Camp Dittmer: Troop 22 (Newfane)

Friends of Scouting Pacesetters
Several Packs and Troops were recognized for their strong support of the Council's 2011 Friends of Scouting donor campaign. They led the way in percentage of families who made a financial pledge of support for Council operations.

Pack 4029 (Lima); Pack 4072 (Geneseo); Troop 164 (Albion); Troop 6067 (Corfu)

Scouter Lisa Brown (Batavia) was honored as an **Individual Friends of Scouting Pacesetter** for her tireless efforts to make the Seneca District campaign successful.

Popcorn Sales
Highest Average Sales per Youth Member: Pack 3004 (Lockport) with $503 per member
Troop 6066 (Indian Falls) with $375 per member

Pace-Setters – with the largest gain in sales: Pack 4029 (Lima)
Honorable mention to Pack 6467 (Pembroke) and Pack 3098 (Pendleton) for the 2nd & 3rd highest sales per member. Both packs followed last year's growth with additional increases both in average sales and youth participation.

Pack 3004 has the distinction of top unit sales of nearly $26,000. This is the 5th consecutive year that the pack has achieved this honor.

Tiger Cub Tyler Mutka (Pembroke Pack 6467) was recognized as our **2011 Top Popcorn**

Seller . Tyler's sales topped $2,600. In addition to the dollars he raised for his Cub Scout program, Tyler has also been enrolled in the national
"Trail's End Scholarship Club"
. A portion of his current and future sales will be invested by Trail's End toward either college or technical education after high school.
Boy Scout Robbie Pugh
(Lockport Troop 4) also participated in the evening program. Robbie was the 2010 top seller with sales in excess of $3,200. Eight local Scouts are now invested in the Trail's End Scholarship Club.

Top Popcorn Seller Tyler Mutka is congratulated by sister Emily

2012 Silver Beaver Recipients

Roger Belling, Nicole DeCarlo, Dr. Thomas Madejski

Silver Beaver Awards

Three volunteers were honored with the Council's highest award, the Silver Beaver Award. Honorees are Nicole DeCarlo (Albion), Roger Belling (Pendleton), and Dr. Thomas Madejski (Albion).

The Silver Beaver is a National BSA award presented by the local Council for distinguished service to youth. Each of this year's recipients is a long-tenured volunteer who has also made significant contributions by way of service to his or her local community.

Nicole DeCarlo is the organizer and Advisor for Albion Venture Crew 3164. In addition to several service roles in her church and local community, her Scouting history includes a variety of roles: Den Leader, Cubmaster, troop committee member, and District Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner among them. A former program director for the Seneca District Day Camp, she also served on the commissioner staff for the 2010 National Jamboree. Nicole has served as an excellent example of how to manage a successful Venture program. Her efforts have helped the crew membership to grow dramatically over the past two years to include more than 2 dozen youth members. Past honors include the Den Leader and Cub Scouter Awards, Commissioner Key, and District Award of Merit.

Roger Belling is the current Towpath District Commissioner. Roger has also served as Den Leader, and helped to organize and served in a leadership role for Pendleton Troop 98. He has helped to organize and served as an instructor for numerous training courses, including Scoutmaster Training and Okpik Outdoor Winter Camping Skills. Roger has also helped to lead several major work details at Camp Dittmer. A Wood Badge trained Scouter and Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow, Roger is the recipient of several awards including the District Award of Merit. Roger was also recently honored with the Founder's Award by the local Ashokwahta Lodge of the Order of the Arrow.

Dr. Thomas Madejski serves as President of the Iroquois Trail Council Board of Directors. An active member of his local parish, he is a 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus and also sings in the choir. In his professional life, he is devoted to community service as a physician specializing in Geriatric Medicine and Hospice & Palliative Care. In addition to his private practice and his role as an attending physician at Medina Memorial Medical Center, he has served as medical director for the Orleans County Nursing Home, Orchard Manor Nursing Home, and Hospice of Orleans County.

As Scoutmaster of Albion Troop 164, he has helped membership to grow by 50% since 2007 to more than 40 youth members. A volunteer medical advisor to our local camps, Tom has also served on the medical staff for the 2005 and 2010 National Jamborees. During his tenure as Council President, there has been resurgence in the local program operations, leading the council to achieve the 2009 Quality Council Award, and to be recognized by the Northeast Region as a 2011 Journey to Excellence Gold Level high-performing "Above and Beyond" Council.

Endowment Support

The James E. West Fellowship Award is a National recognition for individuals who contribute or are honored with a contribution of $1,000 or more in cash or securities to their local council

endowment fund. This contribution is in addition to the donor's annual gift to the council's "Friends of Scouting" Campaign. The award is named after the first Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America.

The Council was pleased to present James E. West Awards to Dr. Nadene Hunter and Mel Hunter. Their gifts to the Endowment Fund are in memory of Dr. H. Wallace Hunter and longtime Scouters Melville Hunter, RN, H. Wallace Hunter Jr., Josiah Hunter, and Dr. Nadene Hunter.

Dr. Nadene Hunter is a recipient of the National Silver Fawn Award with decades of service on the Council Executive and Advisory Boards. Wally Hunter served for many years as the shooting sports director at Camp Sam Wood. Mel Hunter is the current health officer at Camps Dittmer and Sam Wood.

Veteran Scouters

Many Scouters were recognized with **Veteran Awards** for their long-tenured Scouting membership, including Charles Lenhard (Corfu) – 60 years; William Louvain (Geneseo) – 40 years; William Fava (Batavia) – 35 years; Robert Spiers (Alexander), Joseph Mech (Bergen), and Ronald Boyd (Holley) – 30 years; Raymond Yaw (Indian Falls) and Lee Preston (Barre) – 20 years, and Steven Meyer (Castile) – 10 years. For Veteran Scouter Bill Scoins (Corfu), 2011 marked 73 years of service to youth.