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## The District Executive Minute -Jim Trageser

Nowhere in any of the holy books of any of the world's major religions is easy passage through life promised us. Instead, what we are taught is that we will be buffeted by forces beyond our influence, often able to control not what happens to us but only how we choose to respond to these often strenuous challenges.

As the Boy Scouts of America grapples with its place in a changing social and cultural landscape, those of us charged with delivering the Scouting program to the youth in our community best serve those boys (and girls, through Venturing and Sea Scouts) by hewing to Scouting's values.

For the vast majority of us who do not have a vote at the National Council, no direct say in what the policies of the Boy Scouts of America will – or should – be, all we can control during the often tumultuous debate regarding our policies is how we will conduct ourselves. In our interactions with those who may hold vastly different views from our own on what is best for the Scouting movement, if we all look to the Scout Law and Scout Oath to guide our actions, we cannot go wrong.

Among other virtues, a Scout is courteous, kind, cheerful, loyal and reverent. We are also called on to help other people at all times. None of those characteristics indicate that we will all agree on even major issues. Rather, they were wisely crafted to allow people of widely divergent views to get along with one another in a spirit of camaraderie and good will.

If we allow these values to guide our actions in even the most trying of times, then our challenges will also become opportunities to lead by example.

Because sadly we live in times in which political differences are emphasized, when other people's very value is based on their beliefs. We live in an era when it is expected that we will castigate, condemn and cut ties with those who think, believe and feel differently than we do.

It has not always been such in our nation. This cultural coarseness is not indicative of what is best in America.

Let us as Scouts remind the nation we humbly serve that it is not only possible to get along with folks with whom we disagree, but that we are called on to do so – and to do so not out of a grudging sense of obligation, but rather from a cheerful realization that we are none of us perfect and that we all want to be granted the assumption of our good hearts.

# Santa Margarita District

*(District Executive Minute continued)*

Honest, reasonable people can reasonably disagree – and we can do so with good cheer and honest, heartfelt camaraderie in which we always assume the best of our fellow Scouts and Scouters.

Yours in Scouting,

Jim Trageser  
District Executive, Santa Margarita District San Diego Imperial Council,  
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## The District Chair Minute - John Howells

Dear Fellow Scouters,

We are in the middle of our summer with day camps and summer camps and boys advancing, I want to thank all of you who sacrifice time and energy to advance the interests of the boys in scouting. What a great cause helping boys grow into men who have the scout law and oath as part of their character. Thank you for your contributions to that great effort. I know you sacrifice countless hours to help better these boys' lives, and I would encourage you to continue, and as you're spending time with the scouts, reach out to those boys who might seem lonely or facing difficulties at home or at school, and help boost their confidence in themselves, and give them positive feedback and help give them a positive outlook for their future. There is so much good in the world, yet, as we watch the news, it appears that there's so much bad in the world, and that can't help but affect our boys. Please remember their feelings are tender at these ages, and their self-confidence is sometimes lacking, no matter what they show on the outside. So, give them confidence, encourage them for the good things that they do, point out the positive things in the world and the bright future that lies ahead for this great country. I couldn't help as we celebrated the 4th of July to remember the great patriots who made this country what it is today, and so many that sacrificed so much so that we can enjoy the freedoms that we have. What a blessing it is to be citizens of this country, and may you enjoy the rest of your summer. And once again, thanks for all you do.

Best Wishes,

John Howells  
District Chair



"It's the spirit within, not the veneer without, that makes a man."

Lord Baden Powell



## The District Commissioner - Bob Dixon

Sharing the Workload – Volunteering as a scout leader isn't like volunteering for a beach cleanup. It isn't a one-day time commitment. We're all in this for the long haul. That's why it's critical for us to work as a team to accomplish our unit and district goals.

As we prepare to move into the second half of our 2013 calendar, keep in mind that there is a corps of Scouters out there ready to assist you in building and maintaining a quality program for our youth.

Santa Margarita's Commissioner Corps is here as a resource to help you over the bumps in the road you will encounter as you balance training, planning, fundraising, recruiting, and so on! If there's any way we can assist in building a stronger program or unit, please give me a yell!

Happy Scouting,  
Bob Dixon  
District Commissioner  
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New District Commissioner Bob Dixon is sworn in by District Chair John Howells at the Annual District Dinner

## Editor's Notes

### Newsletter submittals

Please submit news and events regarding Scouts in the Santa Margarita District to K. Harris at [kgraphics@att.net](mailto:kgraphics@att.net). We look forward to sharing your news with the District at large.

Please send in photos and a short caption explaining the event.

K. Harris





**Celebrating achievements, earning ranks.**



**Insect Festival**

**San Diego Botanical Gardens  
July 13 and 14**

Troop 799 manned a booth where they sold Sage and Grapefruit flavored honey, they also provided traffic control during the 2 day festival.



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**Annual Religious Emblems Ceremony**

On June 6th, Catholic Scouts from the council gathered at St. Joseph Cathedral in San Diego to receive their religious emblems from Coadjutor Bishop Cirilo Flores at a special Mass held in their honor. Below is a list of those scouts from our district that received their emblems.

**Parvuli Dei Emblem Recipients**

This emblem is designed to be earned by 8-10 years old Cub Scouts



**Marine Memorial Church**

Jagger Butler  
Nicholas Gerace

**Mission San Luis Rey**

Victor Allen  
Mason Brillo  
Sam Clark  
James Dello-Iacono  
John Frisch  
Thomas Frisch  
Joshua Hoyo, Jr.  
Marcos Lucio

**St. Margaret's**

Anthony Dinis  
Matthew Reynolds  
St. Mary's Star of the Sea  
John Rupee, Jr.

**St. Patrick's**

Jeffrey Johnson  
Benzrussle Lopez

**St. Peter's**

Damon Gallegos  
Ozzy Minard  
Matthew Skimina

**St. Thomas More**

Ian Schiller

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**Ad Altare Dei Emblem Recipients**

This emblem is designed to be earned by Boy Scouts ages 13-14



**St. Margaret's**

James Brodak  
John Paul Brodak  
Andrew Kays  
Damian Oven  
Chase Reynolds  
Christopher Simmons

**St. Mary's Star of the Sea**

Matias Agado  
Theoren Aquirre  
Dylan Callahan  
Michael Kreissig  
Calvin Suster  
Nathan Winicki  
Juared Zimmerman

**Pope Pius XII Recipients**

This emblem is designed to be earned by Venturing Crew Members and Boy Scouts, at least 15 years old

**St. Francis of Assisi**

Zachary Anderson

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## Annual Religious Emblems Ceremony

At this ceremony, two adult scouters from our district were also honored. Andrew Oven and Tony Kyamko-Yap both received the St. George emblem for their significant contributions and many years of support for the San Diego Catholic Youth Ministry.

Congratulations to all on a job well done!

For more information on earning Catholic religious awards, contact Tony Kyamko-Yap at [kyamkoyap@aim.com](mailto:kyamkoyap@aim.com) or Pam Dixon at [northcountyegles@hotmail.com](mailto:northcountyegles@hotmail.com).



Tony Kyamko-Yap and family with Coadjutor Bishop Cirilo Flores

## Santa Margarita District Dinner



Thursday May 16, the Santa Margarita District celebrated it's annual District dinner with a Seventies themed event. There was a silent auction, entertainment, dinner, awards and swearing in of new officers. See the next page for a few of the Special Awards presented on that evening. We all had a Groovy time.

## Al and Gail DeWeese Spirit of Scouting Award



Wes Scarbrough was presented the Al & Gail DeWeese Spirit of Scouting Award at our recent annual dinner. This award was given to him for his long-term commitment and dedication to our local Scouting program. Congrats, Wes - our district is better because of you!

Spirit of Scout Award Honorees

- 2013 Wes Scarbrough
- 2012 Dr. Dick Preece
- 2011 Tyler Clark
- 2010 Gail DeWeese
- 2010 Al DeWeese

(Left-Right) Gail Deweese, Wes Scarbrough, Faye Scarbrough

## Active BSA Member for 50 Years

Jack Cater of Carlsbad was recently honored for being an active member of the Boy Scouts of America for the past 50 years. Jack has held many scouting positions over the years – District Advancement Chair, Eagle Counselor, Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 745, and Committee Chair. Jack is himself an Eagle Scout.

Congratulations, Jack - well deserved!

(Left) Jack Cater and District Executive Jim Trageser



(Left to Right)  
John Howells, Terry Howells, Jared Minard, Doreen Minard, Yukari Lewellen, Alan Lewellen, Al Amaro, Paula Amaro, Janice Orr, Gary Orr

## District Award of Merit

The San Diego – Imperial Council of the Boy Scouts of America has recognized five of its local volunteers with the District Award of Merit. In a presentation held recently at the Santa Margarita District's annual dinner, scout leaders from our community received the award for their exceptional and noteworthy service to our local youth.

The District Award of Merit recipients for 2013 are:

- Paula Amaro
- John Howells
- Yukari Lewellen
- Jared Minard
- Gary Orr

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*San Diego, CA 92106*

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