



The Commissioners of Powahay District Proudly present

THE ON MY HONOR SERVICE TO YOUTH COURT OF HONOR

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Program Starts at 7:30 PM



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Agenda

Hosted by:

- John Hanks Award Coordinator/Slide Show
- Adrian Ruck Zoom Tech Support

Opening & Welcome Jim Mitchell District Commissioner

Congratulations Remarks..... Mike Szarpa District Chairman

Presentation of the Award

- Darien Recipients – Arnold Feintuck
- New Canaan Recipients – Marc Harrison
- Norwalk Recipients – Adrian Ruck
- Stamford Recipients – Craig Orr
- Wilton Recipients – Ryan Thompson



Closing Remarks Jim Paterson District Executive
Assisted by Roger Williams

Scoutmaster Minute..... Chet Wickett, District Advancement Chair



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Opening Ceremony



Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Prayer

Dear God, we are gathered tonight to show our appreciation to the volunteers of Powahay District. May they continue to receive your blessings for their hard work and efforts in delivering the Spirit of Scouting to the youth we serve.



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Proclamation

WHEREAS, the success of Scouting for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouting depends on our volunteers

WHEREAS, the unit volunteers are performing an outstanding service for their Scouts during these challenging times; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Powahay District, of the Connecticut Yankee Council BSA, proclaim June 17, 2020, as Unit Volunteer Appreciation Day, with the presentation of the On My Honor Service to Youth Award.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the Scout Movement – we are volunteer-based and volunteer-led! As a volunteer... your talents and efforts have made a real difference to the lives of young people and create a huge impact in communities.

Though the world may be facing a lot of uncertainty right now, what never wavers is our heartfelt appreciation for “YOU” the volunteer.



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Congratulations

The “On The “**On My Honor Service to Youth Award**” is a Commissioner recognition presented to volunteers at a Pack, Troop or Crew level.

Individuals are nominated by their commissioner or their peers for their exceptional service to the unit. The “On My Honor Service to Youth Award” is a Commissioner recognition presented to volunteers at a Pack, Troop or Crew level. Individuals are nominated by their commissioner.

Award Certificates were mailed to recipients.

Please note we were unable to secure a photo from all of our recipients for the following slideshow.

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Darien – On My Honor Service To Youth Award

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Arnold Feintuck
Darien Assistant
District Commissioner



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DARIEN – On My Honor Service To Youth Award



Becky Nardi Pack 155

Becky began as a Den Leader 3 years ago and is now also serving as Pack 155's Committee Chair. Becky has two boys in Pack 155 and one who graduated into Troop 53 a year ago. It is impossible to overstate the role that Becky has taken in keeping our Pack moving in the right direction.



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Jared Hendrickson Pack 155



Jared Hendrickson is an Eagle Scout and has been dedicated to Pack 155 from the moment his son, Charlie, joined a Tiger Den. First as an Assistant Den Leader and eventually stepping into the role of Treasurer, Jared's long-term contribution to Pack 155 is remarkable. We are significantly better for having Jared's time and energy. We wish Jared well as his son and he move into Troop 53.



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William Shannon Troop 35

William Shannon Tech extraordinaire! With organizing troop virtual meetings. He pushes everyone for their Cyberchip, has patience's with every task he teaches Scouts, to attending almost every campout and every Summer Camp week. The best Assistant Scoutmaster ever! Always calm, kind and gracious with everyone in every situation. He's also a Merit Badge counselor. We couldn't run as well as we do without William.



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Mike Towell Troop 35

Mike Towell - Scoutmaster has gone above and beyond pulling this troop back from the brink. He has reawakened the Scouting Spirit in our Troop. He has helped the Scouts realize their own potential and that with hard work and teamwork comes great rewards. For example earning Super Troop last summer at Sequassen. He has a calming patience with our new Scouts and a firm but guiding hand with our older Scouts.



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Brian Park Troop 35

Brian Park - our go to guy for organizing Scouts for campouts and weekly meetings. He motivates Scouts to do their best and has been there to advise them for everything from meal planning to gear pulls for campouts. Also he is an amazing cook on campouts. He is one of our lead Merit Badge Counselors. He is always willing to help and you will always see him with a big smile on his face. If he's not smiling beware!



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Kavita Polaki Troop 35

Kavita Polaki - our new Troop Treasurer who stepped up and graciously took charge and helping improve system of bookkeeping. She's amazing. Besides Treasurer duties, she's always willing to help with Boards of Review or anything else for our scouts.



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Cathy Giorgio Troop 35

Cathy is amazing and a wealth of knowledge of how the Troop should run, the history of our troop and the overall policies of the BSA. Without her our Scouts records of advancement wouldn't be organized. She knows each Scout and talks with each one if they have questions about their advancement records. She goes above and beyond when Scouts come to her and they have questions about anything from missing blue cards to Eagle applications. Cathy has been with Troop 35 for more than 15 years.



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Bhandhavi Sangaru Troop 35

Bhandhavi Sangaru has been our Troop Registrar for more than 4 years. She has gotten us through multiple Troop recharterers seamlessly. Besides that position she is also an amazing Merit badge counselor for multiple badges (any thing tech related).



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Sabina Harris Troop 35

Sabina serves as the Committee Chair for this active and large troop, providing countless hours in service to the troop. This is her 8th year in the Troop. She was a Den Leader in Pack 161. One of her favorite moments in Scouting was volunteering at the last National Jamboree. Sabina provides a strong foundation for the success of Troop 35.



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Grant Evans Troop 53

Eagle Scout and long-term Scoutmaster for this large and active Troop, Grant is the spark plug for this successful Troop and its exciting program.



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Gulay Philip
Troop 219

Gulay is the troop Treasurer.
She has handled this position
with grace and great efficiency.



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Maria Ferretti Troop 219

Maria serves the troop as Committee Chair. Known for being soft spoken, but her voice within the troop is strong. She is being recognized for her service to the troop.



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Marian Cope Troop 219



Marian has recently taken on the role of Advancement Chair. She has had to look backwards over the year and find out who was on what hike or campout. She's already setting up our next Court of Honor.



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NEW CANAAN – On My Honor Service To Youth Award

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Marc Harrison
New Canaan Assistant
District Commissioner



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Gregory Ethridge
Pack 70

Greg is being honored for serving Pack 70 as Den Leader for four consecutive years (Wolf through Arrow of Light).



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Robert Houle Pack 70

Robert is being honored for serving as Bear Den Leader when the prior Den Leader had to step down due to work related commitments.



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Aaron Fisher
Pack 70

Aaron is being honored for serving as Wolf Den Leader for 22 Scouts (by far our largest Den) and volunteering to serve as incoming Cubmaster.



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Elena Case
Pack 70

Elena is being honored
for serving as our 2nd
Lion Den Mom.



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Stephen Prostor Troop 45

Steve is the new Scoutmaster for the new Troop 45. He successfully bridged over a large group of Webelos from Pack 70 to the three New Canaan troops. He is Pack 70 Committee Chair and serves at district and council levels.



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Chris and his two sons.

Chris Winalski Troop 70

Chris is the dedicated Scoutmaster of Troop 70 and Cubmaster at Pack 70 before that. As he moves on from his role as Scoutmaster, he should look back with pride on running one of the best Scouts BSA programs in the Council.



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William Besgen Troop 70

A New Canaan native, Bill teamed with Troop 70 leadership to provide an outstanding program, including the Herculean task of organizing the annual tag sale fundraiser at St. Aloysius. He was also Cubmaster at Pack 70.



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Adrian Ruck
Norwalk Assistant
District Commissioner



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Robert Morse
Pack 61

Robert was a Den Leader who stayed with the Pack after his boys moved onto Troops.



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Karen Ogden
Pack 61

Karen is a Cubmaster who brings a lot of spirit and fun to the Pack program. She stayed with the Pack after her boys moved into Troops.



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Gabrielle Arce
Pack 61

Gabriel is the Parent
Committee Chair, and parent
to Jacob in Bear Den.



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Laurie Taylor
Pack 61

Laurie is Parent Committee Secretary, and parent to Daniel in Bear Den.



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Karla Jimenez
Pack 61

Karla is in her first year with the Pack, and has been so involved, helpful and active with her 2 boys, Dylan (AOL) and Justin (Bear). She is not yet a leader, but the Pack hopes she will become one! She was a Scout in Costa Rica when she was younger.



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Theodore Garbera Pack 97

TJ is Cubmaster and Bear Den Leader who has gone above and beyond in providing a quality Cub Scout program to his Pack. He is a frontline hero Police Officer and has been with Pack 97 since 2017.



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Hector Asuncion Pack 97

Hector is Pack 97 Wolf Den Leader, a Troop 19 Assistant Scoutmaster, and Merit Badge Counselor. He has been with the Pack since 2014. He is a frontline healthcare worker Registered Nurse.



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Sonia Asuncion Pack 97

Sonia is Pack 97 Committee Chair and Charter Organization Representative, and a Troop 19 Merit Badge Counselor. She is a frontline healthcare worker Respiratory Therapist.



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Diana Bortei-Doku Pack 97

Diana is a frontline healthcare worker Registered Nurse, and an Assistant Webelos Den Leader. Described as an incredible volunteer due to her dedication and hard work setting up successful Pinewood Derby and Blue and Gold events. Thank you so much for your commitment of time and energy.



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Tijo Josh
Pack 97

Tijo serves as Webelos Den Leader. Pack 97 thanks him for his generous gift of time and leadership. Each member of his Den learned so much this year and developed some amazing skills.



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Bonnie Stoltenberg Pack 97

Bonnie is a Lion Den Leader leading amazing Den adventures. She has committed to another year of cheerful service to Pack 97.



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Sean McDuffee
Pack 97

Sean is a Tiger Den Leader.
Pack 97 thanks him for creating
exciting and safe Den meetings.



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Adil Khan
Pack 97

Adil serves as the Pack Committee Secretary. Thank you for all your hard work.



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Rafal Rak Troop 19

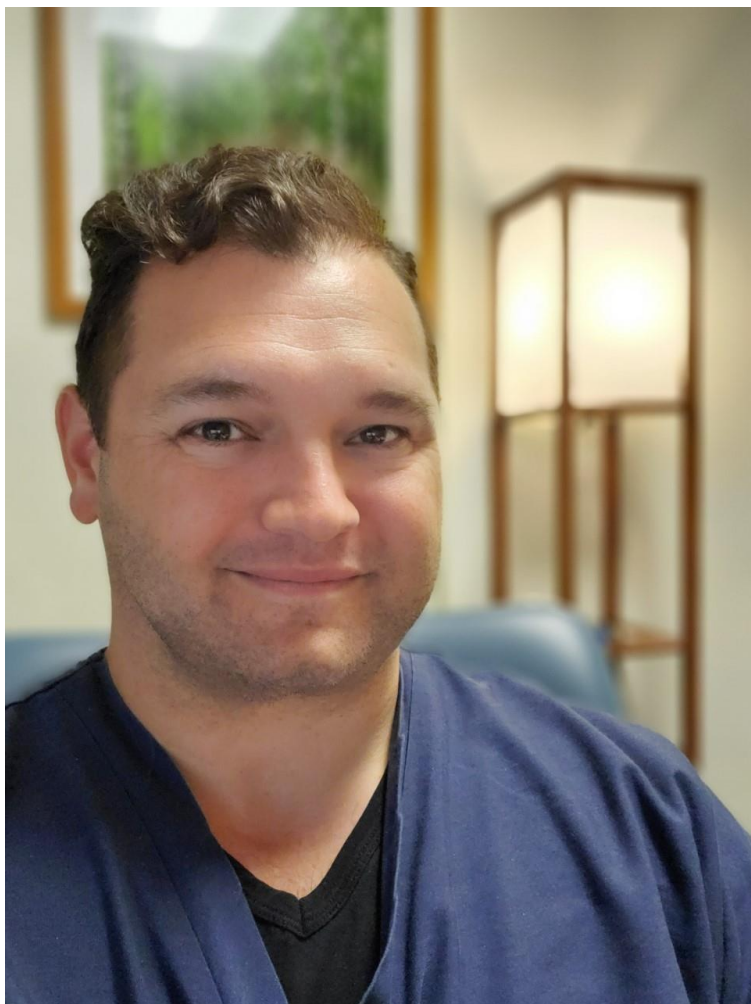


Rafal Rak is a hard-working Scout dad who is doing everything he can to make sure his son and other Scouts live their lives with a sense of adventure. Rafal was very generous by donating his time, professional tools and a lot of equipment and supplies when Troop 19 retrofitted the Troop 19 trailer.



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Mike Pote Troop 19

Mike Pote is nurse, and his kindness and caring carry over in his work with Troop 19. He has calmly and cheerfully helped with weekly meetings and special camping events (including a pig roast at a camporee and a turkey dinner or two in the woods). And Mike was a huge help, exhausted as he was from work, when the Coronavirus shutdown moved our meetings online.



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Merlin Meyer-Mitchell Troop 19



Merlin Meyer-Mitchell was a big help with Troop 19's activities before the Coronavirus shutdown, and especially after the whole world changed. He is great with kids, relentlessly positive, and a welcomed helper to his fellow adult leaders. He was crucial helping keeping a younger patrol engaged at a very difficult time.



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Lori DeGray Troop 190



Lori is an active member of the Troop Committee. She is always willing to lend a hand and has been on all of the campouts. She is a Merit Badge Counselor, helps with Boards of Review, and serves on the District Committee providing planning and support at District activities.



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Conway Yee Troop 190

Conway is a member of the Troop Committee and a Merit Badge Counselor. He has attended every campout the troop has had and has provided support at District Camporees. He is Wood Badge trained, and a big help to Troop 19 as well.



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Cherri Waters
Troop 190

Cherri is active in the troop serving on the Troop Committee and as of January is the Committee Chair. She is always willing to step up to the plate to help the Scouts in Troop 219 and Troop 19 as well.



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Craig Orr
Stamford Assistant
District Commissioner



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Vanessa Love Pack 8



Vanessa is the Cubmaster of Pack 8 at the Yerwood Center. She is a dedicated leader who truly cares about the Scouts. She is tireless in creating exciting new opportunities for the Pack. Under Vanessa's guidance, the Scouts have had the opportunity to camp, attend a STEM Program, participate in the Fall Camporee and more. Vanessa works as a therapist and her concern for others is demonstrated by the way she looks out for the Scouts. Pack 8 is lucky to have a leader like Vanessa!



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David Yika Pack 8



In addition to being very active with Troop 53, David is the Committee Chair for Pack 8 at the Yerwood Center. One of the biggest challenges in making the Scouting program available to inner city children is the language barrier. Many of the parents at the Yerwood Center speak Spanish. David's warm manner, passion for Scouting and ability to speak Spanish has created a comfort level with the parents that has made the Pack a success. Powahay District is fortunate to have a leader like David who is dedicated to making the Scouting program available to all children.



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Robert Burke
Pack 48

Robert is being recognized for his service to Scouting as the Cubmaster of Pack 48. He has served for the past three years.



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Frank DeMasi Troop 5

In recognition and appreciation of **70 years of service**. Frank started his Scouting career with Troop 14 at Rogers Elementary School where he achieved the rank of Life. He was a long-time Cubmaster for Pack 6 at K.T. Murphy Elementary School and served in many district and council positions. He helped organize the first intra-district Pinewood Derby competition. He currently serves as a unit commissioner for Troop 5. He has earned the Silver Beaver and District Award of Merit. Thank you, Frank for your dedication to Scouting.



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Joel DeGray Troop 5

Joel is returning as Scoutmaster leading a team to revive our Council's oldest Troop. Joel also serves at the District level as Scouts BSA Activity Chair. He helps with Troop 19 and Troop 190.



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Alan Gerard Troop 5



A former leader in Pack 6, Alan's long-term service to Troop 5 included Assistant Scoutmaster, Advancement Chair and Committee Chair. He now serves as the Charter Organization Representative. He is leading the charge to reorganize the troop.



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Barnak Banjeree Troop 9

Barnak has been our Popcorn Kernel for two years and has been a key member our Troop 9 popcorn fundraising.



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Nora Burnnett Troop 9

Nora Burnnett has been an important parent volunteer for Troop 9. She owns her own bakery here in Stamford (which has just relocated from Harrison, NY). She assists Troop 9 with sweet treats for every Court of Honor. In addition, she volunteered her time and donated cakes for T9's first time Cake Painting fundraiser in November 2019. Nora also donated several cakes for T9's first annual Pasta Night dinner in March 2020.



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Lee Bowbeer Troop 15

Lee has been a key volunteer for Troop 15 since his son joined and now serves in the dual roles of Committee Chairman and Advancement Chairman. In addition to attending many campouts, he runs bi-monthly troop committee meetings. His work as Advancement Chairman includes regular contact and encouragement with the Scouts as well as providing reports to the Green Bar and me to assist with planning and individual focus.



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Matthew West Troop 15

Matt has been an involved parent, driving on outings and pulling our trailer when necessary. He has now accepted the role of Assistant Scoutmaster. As a professional chef, the Scouts are very willing to listen to his instruction on all things kitchen related. During this social distancing time, he has helped with video advancement and is currently planning the troop's capstone outing for 2020-2021.



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Sarah Weingarten & Stuart Sinclair Troop 48

Sarah and Stuart are being recognized for their help in organizing Stamford's first girl Troop. They serve the troop as Assistant Scoutmasters.



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Ryan Thompson
Wilton Assistant District
Commissioner



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Eric Cameron
Troop 125

Eric has been the Committee Chair for two years and has done a great job rallying the parents to support the Troop.



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Aileen Masone Troop 125

From Cub Scouts, Webelos Scouts and currently as Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 125, Aileen has provided years of service to Scouting.



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Shefali Patel
Troop 125

Shefali is a very active parent, always available for Boards of Review, serves as a Merit Badge Counselor and coordinates Summer Camp.



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Chris Daher
Troop 125

Chris is a very active Assistant Scoutmaster, great at engaging younger scouts and very dedicated with Troop community service projects and wood building projects. He has remained active with the troop since his son aged out and went to college.



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Carolyn Daher Troop 125

Carolyn ran the Troop bow making and wreath decorating for more than five years. She came back this year even though her son was at college to train the new generation.



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Steve Gorenbergh Troop 125



Steve served as Scoutmaster for over 10 years and continues to help the Troop as an Assistant Scoutmaster, Eagle Coach, and Merit Badge Counselor. He is being recognized for many years of continued service to Troop 125.



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Jim Lucas
Troop 125

Jim is an Assistant Scoutmaster always ready to teach the Scouts outdoor skills. He took over as Quartermaster this year.



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Venkata Nagelli
Troop 125

Venkata is a very active Troop Parent who has been on most of the campouts and is helpful with troop activities.



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Ryan Thompson Pack 17



Ryan is Cubmaster for Pack 17 and leads an exciting program for his Scout families. He recently organized a virtual campfire and made it available to the district. He is the race voice emcee at the District Pinewood Derby and serves on the District Commissioner Staff.



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Congratulations to the 2020 On My Honor Service to Youth Recipients

Darien

Becky Nardi, Pack 155
Jared Hendrickson, Pack 155
William Shannon, Troop 35
Mike Towell, Troop 35
Brian Park, Troop 35
Kavita Polaki, Troop 35
Cathy Giorgio, Troop 35
Bhandhavi Sangaru, Troop 35
Sabina Harris, Troop 35
Grant Evans Troop 53
Gulay Philip Troop 219
Maria Ferretti Troop 219
Marian Cope Troop 219

New Canaan

Gregory Ethridge Pack 70
Robert Houle Pack 70
Aaron Fisher Pack 70
Elena Case Pack 70
Stephen Prostor Troop 45
Chris Winalski Troop 70
William Besgen Troop 70

Norwalk

Robert Morse Pack 61
Karen Ogden Pack 61
Gabrielle Arce Pack 61
Laurie Taylor Pack 61
Karla Jimenez Pack 61
Theodore Garbera Pack 97
Hector Asuncion Pack 97
Sonia Asuncion Pack 97
Diana Bortei-Doku Pack 97
Tijo Josh Pack 97
Bonnie Stoltenberg Pack 97
Sean Mcduffee Pack 97
Adil Khan Pack 97
Rafal Rak Troop 19
Mike Pote Troop 19
Merlin Meyer-Mitchell Troop 19
Lori DeGray Troop 190
Conway Yee Troop 190
Cherri Waters Troop 190

Stamford

Vanessa Love Pack 8
David Yika Pack 8
Robert Burke Pack 48
Frank Demasi Troop 5
Joel DeGray Troop 5
Alan Gerard Troop 5
Barnak Banjeree Troop 9
Nora Burnnett Troop 9
Lee Bowbeer Troop 15
Matthew West Troop 15
Sarah Weingarten Troop 48
Stuart Sinclair Troop 48

Wilton

Ryan Thompson Pack 17
Eric Cameron Troop 125
Aileen Masone Troop 125
Shefali Patel Troop 125
Chris Daher Troop 125
Carolyn Daher Troop 125
Steve Gorenbergh Troop 125
Jim Lucas Troop 125
Venkata Nagelli Troop 125

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with you till we meet again."*



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