Croatan Trails District Holds Recognition Banquet Honoring Scout Leaders

If you ask a Scout Leader why they dedicate so much of their time and energy to serve in the Scouting program their answers are very individual and personal: to promote a sense of values, to guide and offer ideals to youngsters, to help teach responsibility, to affirm duty to God and country, to shape a future generation in good citizenship and to not only “Do Your Best” but to “Be Prepared” for all that life holds.

Scout Leaders have the satisfaction of seeing their efforts reflected in the growth and advancement of those in their charge. Leaders are also required to have training for their position and to continue to update their skills and knowledge of the Scouting program. To be acknowledged and thanked by their peers is a special honor, indeed, and the Annual Recognition Banquet is just that occasion.

Croatan Trails District has been well served by Advancement Chair Jane Treon and Scouter husband Kevin along with Activities Chair Ernie Giblin and Scouters Monica and Tracy Kruse. Jane received the nominations for the many leadership positions being recognized and when the recipients were chosen, compiled the list, ordered the awards and printed the certificates.

It was an obvious complete surprise, then, when at the end of the formal presentations, Jane herself was named recipient of the Croatan Trails Walking Stick Award. The presentation was made by Assistant District Chair Hank Dierker who explained the origin, symbolism and significance of the Walking Stick as emblematic of the highest values of the Scouting program.

Flushed with emotion, Jane was touched by the honor and barely got out a “Thank you” and “I had no idea; how did you keep this a surprise?”

District Executive Nathan Broce concluded the evening by sharing a few words with the assembled Scouters. He spoke from the heart, and with obvious emotion when he explained his longtime involvement with and love of Scouting.

“What you all do together is offer a great Scouting program,” he pointed out. “I’ve been District Executive for CT five months now, and I tell you honestly, I’ve enjoyed every minute of it. This has been a lifelong goal of mine. I’m proud to be an Eagle Scout from West Virginia and a graduate of Marshall University.”

“Next week Chief Scout Executive Wayne Brock, originally from New Bern, will be visiting us. He started out in the same position I have.”

“I want to say ‘thank-you’ to all Unit Leaders and remember I’m here to help; I’m just a phone call or email away.

“I also want to thank (Field Director) LaMarr Walker; she’s been a great support.
“I want to speak from my heart,” Nathan said in conclusion. “Remember why we all do this — for the children, and there are a lot of children that we affect. I know we want to offer them one of the best programs we can provide.”

2014 Croatan Trails District Award Recipients
- Tiger Den Leader Krystle Adkins, Pack 61
- Wolf Den Leader Donald Markward, Pack 551
- Bear Den Leader Lori Odell, Pack 446
- Webelos Den Leader Stacy Dean, Pack 252
- Cubmaster Ken Richardson, Pack 130
- Pack Committee Jeff Day, Pack 61
- Scoutmaster Neil Drysdale Troop 272
- Troop Committee Patty Boone, Troop 456
- Asst. Scoutmaster Jon Petry, Troop 456
- Commissioner Ken Tinklepaugh
- Friend of Scouting Chris Chadwick
- Chartering Organization Representative Richard Johnson, Troop 272
- Bob Howard Award: Elizabeth Drysdale
- Outstanding Scouter: John Whitehurst
- McCain Award: Neil & Elizabeth Drysdale
- Award of Merit: Chuck Wayman, Tracy Kruse

Shield of Service
- Jeff Adkins, Pack 61
- Ken Humphries, Pack 252
- Rod Kirkland, Troop 252
- Denise Coutu, Troop 272
- Karen Nickson, Pack 446
- Rick Patterson, Troop 456
- Todd Stalder, Pack 472
- Christopher M. Greer, Troop 472
- Mitch Daniels, Troop 644

District Executive Nathan Broce (right foreground) offered remarks at the conclusion of the award ceremony. He thanked Unit Leaders for providing a great Scouting program and asked them to each remember why we do all this… for the children.
A truly surprised and deeply touched Advancement Chair Jane Treon received the Croatan Trails Walking Stick Award from Assistant District Chair Hank Dierker. The Walking Stick is a symbol of holding fast to the truest values of the Scouting program.
Jane Treon congratulated John Whitehurst of Troop 130 who received the Outstanding Scouter of the Year award.

Chartered Representative of the Year was presented to Richard Johnson, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Havelock.
Chuck Wayman received the Award of Merit presented by Jane Treon.

Jane Treon presents Cubmaster of the Year to Ken Richardson, Pack 130.
Tracy Kruse received the Award of Merit from Jane Treon.

Senior Scouter Wayne McCain was on hand along with Jane Treon to present the McCain Award for the couple most dedicated to Scouting. It went to Elizabeth and Neil Drysdale. Elizabeth also received the Bob Howard Award for service to Camp Sam Hatcher while her husband Neil Drysdale, Troop 272, was named Scoutmaster of the Year.
District Commissioner Award was presented to Ken Tinklepaugh by Brian Snow.

Assistant Scoutmaster of the Year was presented to Jon Petry by Jane Treon.
Jane Treon presented Lori Odell, Pack 446 with Bear Den Leader of the Year Award.

Among the Shield of Service Award recipients (left to right) were Ricky Patterson of Troop 728, Nicole Markward of Pack 551, Karen Nickson of Pack 446. District Commissioner Brian Snow (right) made the presentations.
Ken Tinklepaugh (2nd from right) announced the 2014 Winter Camporee Certificates of Appreciation awarded to (left to right) Alice Dierker, Hank Dierker, Jon Petry, Hope Wayman, Darryl James, Jane Treon, Ricky Patterson, Tracy Kruse, Neil Drysdale, Paul Murphy, Ken Tinklepaugh and Chuck Wayman.

Brian Snow (in gray vest, center) distributed the Journey to Excellence awards to representatives of (left to right) Troop 334, Pack 551, Pack 61, Pack 130, Troop 130 and Troop 252.