

2009 RTH District Dinner – Outstanding Leader Summaries

Outstanding Committee Members

- **Roger Messner** – This honoree currently serves as the Secretary for his unit and has served as an Assistant Scoutmaster. This individual coordinates many activities for his unit including Salvation Army Bell Ringing during the holidays. An active merit badge counselor, this individual has participated in the Truman Merit Badge and Red Tailed Hawk forums. The Red Tailed Hawk District is pleased to recognize ROGER MESSNER as an outstanding Committee Member from Troop 201.
- **Mikel Kline** – This honoree has an enduring love for Scouting and camping and truly believes that every youth deserves a trained leader. His tireless efforts for the youth in his unit serve as an example to the rest of the unit parents. He is highly involved in the Chapter OA ceremony team and his deep interest in Native American attire has made him a much sought after resource to his unit as the youth and adults strive to create their own attire. The Red Tailed Hawk District is pleased to recognize MIKEL KLINE as an outstanding Committee Member from Troop 315.
- **Mike Heyse** – Our next honoree understands what it takes to ensure his Troop can have a strong camping program by ensuring the readiness of the Troop equipment and trailers. This dedication has been demonstrated many times over and even extends to his willingness to accompany his unit on campouts even when his son was not camping that month. This individual also serves our youth by serving on the Council COPE and Climbing Committee and is always willing to lend a hand at Camp Naish by putting his professional skills as an electrician to use when needed. The Red Tailed Hawk District is please to recognize MIKE HEYSE as an Outstanding Committee Member from Troop 85.
- **Dan Wohlford** – Serving as Troop Chaplain, our next honoree clearly demonstrates the twelfth point of the Scout Law, “a Scout is Reverent” and guides the Chaplain’s Aide in the preparation of worship services for the unit when camping. This individual regularly conducts God and Country classes for not only his unit but Scouts from other units as well. Our honoree is also active in our Council Camps through his service as a Chaplain at Bartle. The Red Tailed Hawk District is pleased to recognize DAN WOHLFORD as an Outstanding Committee Member from Troop 85.

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Outstanding Tiger Den Leader

- **Kevin Gibson** – How many of you can say that your service to Scouting began with a text message? This honoree can! Unable to attend School Night, when the plea for leaders went out, a text from his wife was immediately answered with a, “sign me up”. His next step was to attend training and learn what was expected of him. A person who pays attention to detail, he sets the uniform example and his den follows suit. All of the youth in his Den will receive their Tiger rank at the Pack’s Blue and Gold Banquet. Quite an adventure for this leader who said “yes” to a text message. The Red Tailed Hawk District is pleased to recognize KEVIN GIBSON as an Outstanding Tiger Den Leader from Pack 3086.

Outstanding WEBELOS Leader

- **Wendy Cost** - After serving as an Assistant Den Leader long ago to what was described as a reluctant Den Leader, this honoree became a Den Leader and as the nomination said, “found her heart”. Since that time she has expanded her vision to more than just her Den. She has served as the Pack coordinator for Webelos Camp and routinely communicates across the Pack to ensure everyone has then information they need. A believer in training, this individual is a trained leader taking training beyond what is required for her current position and serving as the Pack Training Coordinator. The Red Tailed Hawk District is pleased to recognize WENDY COST as an Outstanding Webelos Leader from Pack 3086.
- **Tim Hodgson – Doug Boucher** – I am going to introduce the next two honorees together because whenever one mentions one of them in terms of being a Webelos Leader the other name seems to naturally follow. Described as enthusiastic encouraging leaders, role models, committed to Scouting program, patient teachers, hard working, putting the boys (all of the boys) first and maybe most impressively friend are but a few of words and character traits used to describe these two gentlemen. Both are also active with youth outside of the Scouting program within their churches, coaching sports and in their children’s schools. The Red Tailed Hawk District is pleased to recognize these two long time leaders from Pack 3434 TIM HODGSON and DAVID BOUCHER as Outstanding Webelos Leaders.

Outstanding Cubmaster

- **Al Hinman** – This honoree is known for his sense of humor and willingness to try something new, both keys to being a successful Cubmaster. Couple this with an ability to adapt when things don’t go as planned and you’ll find a successful program. Always willing to share a smile, cheer his Scouts on at events both in and out of Scouting and the commitment to ask each Scout about their progress and really find out what is important to them set this leader apart. An enthusiastic leader able to relate to both the boys and their parents, the Red Tailed Hawk District is pleased to recognize AL HINMAN as an Outstanding Cubmaster from PACK 3434.

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Outstanding Assistant Scoutmaster

- **Rick Petty** – Contagious enthusiasm describes this honoree’s character when it comes to Scouting. A tireless worker, this ASM is an avid camper and strives to ensure the Scouts in his unit are aiming toward learning of a new skill, rank advancement and ultimately the Eagle Scout. This ASM is very active in the honor camping programs and encourages the youth to fully participate as well. As a merit badge counselor this individual has participated in the RTH and Truman Library merit badge forums. When not scouting this individual works with youth as a coach and as an adult assistant for a youth program at his church. The Red Tailed Hawk District is please to recognize RICK PETTY as an Outstanding Assistant Scoutmaster from Troop 201.
- **Steve Boal** – This honoree has been an ASM for over seven (7) years serving as the camping coordinator, equipment coordinator and high adventure leader. Known for his “can-do” attitude has an enormous impact on other adult leaders of the Troop but more importantly on the Scouts. Active as a youth group parent in his church and a band auxiliary parent sponsor at Blue Valley West High School the Red Tailed Hawk District is please to recognize STEVE BOAL as an Outstanding Assistant Scoutmaster from troop 222.
- **Roger Wood** – Working with the Scouts to ensure the logistics of a large Troop’s outdoor program are properly handled describe the challenge for this honoree. This ASM meets this challenge with a smile on his face and this is not his only task. He also serves as an ASM in support of Patrols within his Troop. Active as registered Scouter for over nine (9) years, the Red Tailed Hawk District is pleased to recognize Roger Wood as an Outstanding Assistant Scoutmaster from Troop 201.
- **Greg Barrett** – As an Assistant Scoutmaster for over eight (8) years, this honoree has filled numerous roles including Training Coordinator, Patrol Advisor Trainer, and Equipment Coordinator. One of his greatest successes was developing and implementing a program, now in use for six years that provided resources to quickly allow new leaders to be effective in supporting their patrols. Greg has also developed a resource binder that has been extremely beneficial to first year scouts and parents. Described as a “natural leader” that can facilitate adult participation and camaraderie while still letting the youth lead, the Red Tailed Hawk District is please to recognize GREG BARRETT as an Outstanding Assistant Scoutmaster from Troop 222.

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Outstanding Scoutmaster

- **Jim Wilmington** – This honoree has worn many “hats” while serving as Scoutmaster, filling in wherever needed while key Committee positions were filled. He is described as a calm and patient leader who puts the needs of the boys first, one who looks to make each outing fun while teaching leadership and responsibility and dedicated to having a youth led Troop. Since becoming Scoutmaster, this individual has rebuilt the bridge with the Pack that meets within the same facility. This honoree is very active in his church again filling in whenever and wherever needed serving both adult and youth programs. The Red Tailed Hawk District is pleased to recognize JIM WILMINGTON as an Outstanding Scoutmaster from Troop 240.
- **Darrin Kistler** – This honoree places a strong focus on Scout leadership and in his units’ youth’s ability to lead others. He consistently urges scouts to develop their leadership skills and “step-up” when needed rather than have an adult do it. In short, this Honoree believes in developing the youth in his unit to be leaders. As described by his nominators, he cares, he has true Scout Spirit and projects a positive image of Scouting to those he come in contact with. The Red Tailed Hawk District is pleased to Recognize DARRIN KISTLER of Troop 201 as an Outstanding Scoutmaster.

Outstanding Committee Chair

- **Theresa Kasper** – This honoree is described as someone who goes the extra mile to be sure everyone is included and has an opportunity to be involved. A tireless recruiter, supporter of new ideas, a relationship builder with the COR and all unit leaders, a graceful and compassionate problem solver, were phrases used to describe this individual. Service to others was also highlighted for her work with her church, time spent as a Girl Scout leader and with other charitable organizations being mentioned. A true resource for her Pack this Committee Chair demonstrates her knowledge of the Scouting program and willingly shares it with others. The Red Tailed Hawk District is pleased to recognize THERESA KASPER from Pack 3434 as an Outstanding Committee Chair.
- **Nancy Rowland** – A Committee Chair for 4+ years this honoree knows what it takes to run a successful Pack organization, communication, an ability to recruit leaders, gaining family participation, and the ability and willingness to step in and help wherever needed. This individual has mastered all of these key attributes and still finds time to run events at day camp and promote training opportunities to the adult leaders of the Pack. Our honoree also volunteers at Pleasant Ridge Elementary and within her church. The Red Tailed Hawk District is please to Recognize Nancy Rowland from Pack 3210 as an Outstanding Committee Chair.
- **Scott Bartu** – This Committee Chair served one of the larger units in the RTH District and led several key initiatives during that tenure including expansion of the Committee to meet the growing needs of the unit, undertook review and ensured documentation was in place to clearly define unit policy, and led a redefinition of the roles of the Committee to align with the Program side of the unit. This individual’s low key approach allowed issues to be resolved effectively without anyone feeling that they had “lost”. A true advocate for the unit and Scouting overall

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the Red Tailed Hawk District is pleased to recognize Scott Bartu of Troop 315 as an Outstanding Committee Chair.

Outstanding Commissioner

- **Jim Craft** – This long time Scouter has served the RTH District as a Commissioner since 2005 serving as a Unit Commissioner and Assistant District Commissioner. This honoree works with his assigned units throughout the year serving as a great resource drawing upon his depth of experience. He has served RTH's Cub Day Camp and Camporee and assists the Round Table Staff. This individual has been active in his church for 33 years including 15 years as a member of the Youth Staff Camp Committee and Youth Leader. The Red Tailed Hawk District is pleased to recognize JIM CRAFT as an Outstanding Commissioner.

Support Award

- **Susan Warner** – Our Support Award this year goes to what some would describe as a "Scouting widow". For 9+ years this individual has supported her sons and her husband as they have pursued their Scouting activities. Often left at home to be the taxi, homework helper, or fill in for her husband while he and the boys were camping, at Philmont, taking or delivering training, fundraising, being an active Committee Member, Assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster or member of the District Committee, this individual willingly accepted these tasks and supported her family as they went Scouting. And just as her husband's term as Scoutmaster ended and she thought he might be home a little more, he took the job of RTH District Camping Chair, so maybe not. The Red Tailed Hawk District is pleased to recognize SUSAN WARNER as the Support Award recipient.