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Below is the March 1, 2013, edition of Cubmail, Chain Bridge District's Cub Scout electronic newsletter. All Cubmasters, Pack Committee Chairs, Pack Chartered Organization Representatives, Pack Membership Coordinators, Unit Commissioners, and District Leaders are on the distribution list, as well as other interested Scouters. **If you or anyone you know would like to subscribe to Cubmail, send an email to DanDixon97-at-aol.com.**

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1. Cub Scout Roundtable – March 14

(from David Pearson, Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner, david.pearson-at-carlyle.com)

Come join us for March Roundtable! We're back to our normal time and location – the second Thursday (March 14) at the LDS Church (location below)! Pack 149 will present April's core value of Faith! We will hold **breakout sessions for all leaders,** from Cub Scout Den Leaders through committee members, so Roundtable is valuable for all levels of your pack's leadership!

In January, Pack 149 presented compassion – hopefully everyone appreciates Turkey Buzzards a bit more now (check out p. 23 of March's Baloo's Bugle at http://usscouts.org/usscouts/bbugle2012-2013.asp – blow up the picture of the turkey buzzards and read off the true/false quiz for a great pack or den presentation!). Pack 149 also presented story time, with a hand out of some stories told over the past couple of years (feel free to email David Pearson if you'd like this). Also covered with the Pack Committee was the role of the Unit Commissioner, and the den leaders discussed tour permits.

Roundtable is for all pack leaders, including Cubmasters, Committee Members, Den Leaders or other interested parents. Each month a Cubmaster or others from a pack's leadership team presents the theme in the style of their pack meeting. This is a great way to see how others run their packs and "borrow" some great ideas for your next month's meeting! Other leaders are also there, providing a great forum to share ideas and answer

questions. Enjoy camaraderie and refreshments, and leave feeling inspired, motivated and enabled! Roundtable is generally held on the second Thursday of each month from 8 – 9:15 PM at the LDS Church at 1600 N. Inglewood, Arlington. Many Cub Scout leaders and district volunteers come at 7:30 for informal conversations regarding outdoor activities, membership, fundraising, etc. You can deliver applications for new youth and adults, and Friends of Scouting donations, too. Please join us!

2. Annual District Dinner – March 15 …

(from Dave Carlson, District Chairman, carlsonbsa-at-verizon.net)

Our Annual District Dinner will be Friday evening March 15, once again at Marymount University. Our purpose is to recognize all of our Eagle Socuts, Venturing Silver Awards, and Sea Scout Quartermaster Awards during 2012, as well as many of our outstanding adult volunteers. The program starts at 6:30 PM sharp (doors open at 6:00 PM). Registration is now LIVE!!

The National Council of BSA allows us to recognize one adult leader for every 250 adult leaders registered with the District Award of Merit. This year we will recognize Susan Crank, Steve Englund, Kirk Shaffer, and Kelly Wise for their outstanding contributions to our Arlington and McLean youth. Please pass your congratulations on to these people by joining us at the dinner. We will also recognize "Unit Scouters of the Year" - From Troops, Packs, Crew, Teams, & our Ship.

Registration is required for the event. For information and registration, go **HERE.**

… And District Oratory Contest

As in the last few years, a highlight of the Annual District Dinner will be hearing from our youth Oratory Contest Winners. We expect to have one Cub Scout, one Boy Scout, and one Venturing, Varsity, or Sea Scout each deliver a short talk related to scouting. The competition is stiff for the Boy Scouts and older Scouts, but the field is WIDE OPEN for a well-spoken Cub Scout.

We're looking for a 3 minute talk on ANY Scout topic: "What I enjoyed most at Goshen", "What I learned in Cub Scouts" "A funny thing happened to me on our camping trip" or any scout topic. - You get the idea. District judges will hear anyone you wish to send next Wednesday March 6 from 7 PM to 9 PM at Charles Wesley United Methodist Church - 6817 Dean Drive, McLean. Email carlsonbsa-at-verizon.net to register for the competition and to get a preferred time slot so you won't have to be there the full two hours.

3. Unit Scouter of the Year Award Nominations

(from Pauline Clark, Pauline.clark-at-verizon.com)

Please submit your nominations to Pauline Clark no later than February 28. Only one nomination per unit is allowed. Awards will be presented at the District Dinner on March 22. Here is the **nomination form**. Email the completed from to Pauline. Her contact information is on the form.

4. CBD Pinewood Derby – March 2, 2013

(from Carey Johnston, CBD Pinewood Derby Chair, johnston.carey-at-verizon.net)

The 2013 Chain Bridge District Pinewood Derby is will take place this Saturday, March 2, 2013, at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Arlington (825 S. Taylor St., 22204). For more information on the event, go to **Pinewood Derby**. Even if you aren't racing in the District race, come join the fun!

5. Family Friends of Scouting

(from Kirk Shaffer, District Finance Chair, kshaffer-at-crowell.com or kirkshaffer-at-verizon.net)

As of February 22, we have collected just over 26% of our annual goal for Family Friends of Scouting. That goal is $125,000. Our progress thus far is ahead of most other Districts in the area and ahead of the Council as a whole, but ladies and gentlemen, we still have a long way to go. Let's please redouble our efforts to insure that we not only exceed our goal but also do so in short order. I hope that you will join me in the goal of concluding the FFOS campaign by tax day, April 15.

If you need materials to support your unit campaign or if you need a unit coordinator trained, please let me know right away, and I'll take care of it. In the meantime, I'll be contacting unit committee chairmen, Scoutmasters, Cubmasters, and other unit leaders to emphasize to each of them the importance of FFOS in enabling us to provide a high quality Scouting program to our youth.

As a reminder of how much FFOS provides and what we get in return, consider this:

- FFOS is 18% of the overall NCAC budget, over $2 million against a budget of almost $12 million.
- NCAC has a balanced budget in an unstable economy and administrative overhead of less than 9%.
- The gap between activity and camp fees and the actual cost is great. NCAC spends about $200 per Scout per year in delivering the Scouting program.
- Chain Bridge District has 78 Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, Order of the Arrow Chapters, Varsity Scout Teams, and Venturing Crews!!!
- Last year the Council produced more than 1,300 new Eagle Scouts.
- Our council collected over 900,000 pounds of food for the needy through Scouting for Food.
- Almost 600 Scouts and Scouters in the Council earned their church's religious emblem.
- Over 22,000 Scouts, Scouters, and parents enjoyed programs at Camp William B. Snyder, the Goshen Scout Reservation, and elsewhere, a youth increase of 25%.
- Nearly 3,500 Cub Scouts attended one of 19 local Cub Scout Day Camps.
- Support was provided for almost 51,000 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturers, and Sea Scouts in NCAC, an annual membership increase of 2.5% with a youth retention rate of 77.4%.
- Support was provided for 1,691 Packs, Troops, Teams, Crews, and Ships, the second largest Scouting Council in the nation.
- More than 280,000 hours of service projects were completed by Scouts and Scouters in their local communities.
- Over 2,000 Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Venturers attended Philmont, Sea Base, or Northern Tier from this area.
- NCAC enjoys a ratio of one Scouting volunteer to every two Scouts, the highest adult to Scout ratio in the nation.

Questions? Please contact Kirk Shaffer. Thanks for your support!

6. OA Help with Arrow of Light Ceremonies

(from Nolan Mackness, Order of the Arrow Ceremonies Adviser, nfm.scouts-at-gmail.com)

If you would like Order of the Arrow (OA) help with your Arrow of Light ceremony, please contact Nolan Mackness, our OA ceremonies adviser. Arrow of Light ceremonies will be offered through March 2013. Please make your reservation at least two weeks in advance of the event. We've scheduled one more district-wide ceremony – March 15. It will be in the Chesterbrook UMC Education Bldg.'s Multipurpose Room, 1711 Kirby Rd., McLean. Pre-ceremony preparation and seating will begin at 6:30 PM, and the ceremony will start at 7:00. The only exception to these combined ceremonies will be for packs with 20 or more graduating Webelos.

7. Membership News

(from Larry Hume, District Membership Chair, cbdmembershipchair-at-gmail.com)

Membership applications may be turned in from 7 – 8 PM before the next CBD Roundtable on Thursday, March 14. If that doesn't work for you, contact Larry for other options!

A PDF file of common errors to avoid can be found **Here**.

The Chain Bridge District membership POC is Larry Hume (CBDMembershipChair-at-gmail.com, mobile 703-577-3048). Membership questions can be addressed to Larry by email or phone, or between 7 and 8 PM before each CBD Roundtable (2nd Thursday of each month except July), or before the CBD Committee Meeting (generally 7:30 – 8:30 PM the 4th Thursday of each month except July). Email or call Larry to confirm availability at a particular meeting. Complete info for submitting applications and highlights of other current topics of interest are available **Here**.

8. Cub Scout Day at the National Building Museum – March 16

(from National Building Museum, MHendrickse-at-nbm.org)

There's still time to register for Cub Scout Day at the National Building Museum on Saturday, March 16. Pre-registration closes on Thursday, March 14, 2013 but we'll still have space for some walk-in registrations.

During Cub Scout Day, boys can participate in interactive activities that connect to their badge requirements, including hands-on activities to explore the building environment. Boys will:

- Create an arch bridge out of straws with engineers from the American Society of Civil Engineers.
- Explore the Museum's building on a scavenger hunt to reveal its amazing history.
- Learn about simple machines as they construct a crazy catapult.
- Become artists and architects as they use green peppers to learn how to draw building plans.
- Test out the strength of different shapes as they design and construct a newspaper chair.

The registration fee ($10 to participate, $5 to observe) includes a National Building Museum patch.

Click here to **Register.**

9. District Volunteer Opportunities

(from Rob Faris, District Nominating Committee Chair, kuduhorn-at-verizon.net)

We are almost always looking for additional volunteers to support Scouting in Chain Bridge District and touch the lives of youth beyond your individual unit. Following is a list of positions now or soon to be open:

- Popcorn Kernel (summer and fall 2013)
- Cub Scout Training Chair
- Community Friends of Scouting Chair
- Cub Scout Program Chair
- Cub Scout Camporall Chair (fall 2013)

If you or someone you know is interested in any of these opportunities to serve youth throughout the district, please contact Rob.

10. Contact Data - Chain Bridge District (CBD) and NCAC

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Bethesda MD Scout Shop	301-564-1091
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