

Tenure Units being recognized at the 2017 Fellowship Dinner:

Pack 181 – 20 years	Troop 406 - 50 Years**	Troop 113- 75 Years
Troop 409- 35 Years	Pack 238- 55 Years**	Troop 41 - 90 Years**
Troop 309- 50 Years	Pack 52- 60 Years **	Troop 8 - 95 Years**
Pack 403 – 50 Years	Troop 78- 65 Years	Troop 3 - 105 Years

The dinner committee would very much like to include a group photograph of your unit, ideally with members of your charter organization to include in the program and slide show. If you have not already done so (units with ** have provided a picture), please email a group photo to: g4fam4@aol.com

Important links to sources of information:

Matinecock District Website: <http://matdistrict.org/>

Matinecock District email: matdistrict@gmail.org

Suffolk County Council Website: <http://www.sccbsa.org>

National BSA Website: <http://www.scouting.org/>

Official Sea Scout Website: www.seascout.org

National Jewish Committee on Scouting website: www.jewishscouting.org

Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Diocese of Rockville Centre: www.ccos-drvc.org

National Catholic Committee on Scouting: to www.nccs-bsa.org

Shinnecock Lodge web site: <http://www.shinnecock360.org/>

Nissequogue Chapter web site: <http://www.shinnecock360.org/chapters/nissequogue/>

March 2017 Cub Scouting Themes:

Webelos I Badges: Citizen; ~~Webelos II Badges:~~

Scout Law/Pack Meeting Theme: Loyal/Our National Treasure

March 2017 Boy Scouting Themes:

Boy Scout monthly theme: Backpacking

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/magazine/pdf/331-011.pdf>

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/CubScoutMeetingGuide/webelos/WebelosMeetingPlans.pdf>

“What’s the Point” is a publication brought to you by the Matinecock District Roundtable Staff: Edited by Mimi Puttre’ If you would like to contribute a news item please email it to Mimi at mputtre@hotmail.com, deadline: Tuesday before roundtable.



What’s the Point

Matinecock District Roundtable

News and Events



February 9, 2017

What’s Up (Coming)

March 2017

- Mar 9 Roundtable & OA
- Mar 18 – Scouting for Food drop off
- Mar 23 Fellowship Dinner
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Links:

www.matdistrict.org for instant access to Matinecock District news, upcoming events and program resources.

www.SCCBSA.org for a complete District and Council Calendar. Check Out the Training Events, too!

For more useful links to scouting information, see the last page.

Despite what a certain furry little creature decided on February 2nd, I choose to believe that spring is JUST AROUND THE CORNER. With it comes a variety of exciting opportunities for our scouts to get outside and have a little fun.

A few important dates that are coming up:

March 18 – Scouting for Food Collection Day – John Glenn Cafeteria

April 8 – Matinecock District Pinewood Derby

April 10-14 – Spring Day Camp at Baiting Hollow (bussing available)

April 21-24 – Spring Camporee at Southaven

April 29 – Cub Fun Day – Location T.B.D

May 25 - District Recognition Dinner

There’s already so much to do and even more activities are being planned. Many of these activities are great recruitment opportunities. Have your scouts bring a friend along for the day and see what scouting is all about. Now is a great time to recruit Kindergarteners that are going to be aging into Cub Scouts this spring and 5th graders that may have missed out of Cub Scouts, but are ready for a new adventure by starting with a Troop.

Let me know if I can help you with flyers or other resources to get your name into the community. Contact your school to see if they’ll allow you to drop off flyers, or post a photo/blurb to the local Patch or Community Facebook Page. Get them excited about what you’re doing before the summer begins and we can keep them going all summer long with our summer programs.

Speaking of summer programs, we’ve got some incredible opportunities for scouts all summer long: from our roaming day camps in western Suffolk County to specialty camps at Baiting Hollow, there’s something for every scout. Let me know if you would like someone to visit your unit to talk about these opportunities with your parents!

Have a fantastic February and we’ll see you back here in March!

Liz Jumper, Matinecock District Executive

2017 Fellowship Dinner on Thursday, March 23, 2017

All members of the Scouting community are invited to attend an evening of food and fellowship to celebrate ALL of our Volunteer Scouters, the 2nd Annual Honor Spirit Award and the presentation of the Silver Beaver Awards. Congratulations to this year's 7 Silver Beaver Award Winners:

• Dave Colford	• John Sandgren **
• David Hunt **	• Joann Schaefer
• Barry Kopeloff	• Allen Schneider
• Jim Montalto**	** Matinecock District

See back page for a list of the tenure units. This year’s dinner is being held at the Stonebridge Country Club in Smithtown (off 347 - Hauppauge).

“Scouting is a game with a purpose.”



Letter from Matinecock District Chairman:

I want to introduce myself to those of you that I haven't had the chance to meet during my scouting career. I've recently been elected as the Chairman for our District. I've been involved with Scouts for seven years now and have been lucky enough to serve as an Assistant Den Leader, Pack Committee Member and Chair, Troop Committee Member and Assistant Scout Master as well as a member of the Roundtable Staff and Training teams.

Just a few housekeeping items I'd like to share this month:

Friends of Scouting – I'm happy to report that in the first week, since we started our Committee's campaign, half of our district committee members have made their pledges for this year's FOS campaign and we currently have over \$5000 pledged. Please reach out to John Zeoli to schedule your unit's FOS presentation for this year. John can be reached via email at writejaz@yaho.com.

Webelos to Scout Transition – spring is the time that we see our WeBeLoS leave their packs and join a Troop. In some neighborhoods in the district there is more than one Troop for the boys to choose from. I'd ask all our leaders to be supportive of the other Troops in their areas. While it might not be the way you choose to do it, that doesn't necessarily make it wrong. Let's keep all our comments towards other units positive and do whatever we can to keep the boys in Scouting.

I want to thank all of you for "that one hour" a week you all give to help the youth involved in our programs. If you have any questions or need help with any scouting issues please feel free to reach out to me or anyone on the district committee.

YIS,
Michael Shef
Michael.shef@smualumni.smu.edu or 516.971.1660 - cell



Cub Scouting

87 Years of Wolves and Tigers and Bears! Oh, My!

Leader and Volunteer Recruitment

We talk a lot of about succession planning and the first job of Scouting is to find your replacement and all, but recruiting leaders and volunteers is getting harder, not easier. It is well known that volunteerism is at an all-time low. The news seems grim, but there are some tried and true techniques that we must know and follow to be successful. When you apply for a job, does the ad say, "Our Company is looking for employees" and stop at that? Yet more often than not, we say we are looking for volunteers. No wonder people run. We don't tell them what we need or want them to do. We don't ask them what they might like to do. Make the duties concrete. Put a time frame on what needs to be done. Is it a long term project (or job) like Den Leader, or short term, like Popcorn? Do you ask an involved mom who loves doing crafts to run your popcorn sale? She will probably be miserable. Another thing to watch is are your volunteers staying? If they don't, why not? What are the factors in your unit that may be



A Scout is Reverent

Religious Committees Activities

A Scout is Reverent. Here are a few more service coming up:

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Feb. 10 (Fri) * 8:00 PM	Temple Beth Chai of Hauppauge # 870 Town Line Road, Hauppauge	Bruce Streger 981-0453 Phyllis Stein 265-8141 thecamerlady@verizon.net
<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Feb. 11 (Sat.) @ 5pm	St. Elizabeth of Hungary R.C. Church	Chris Coronese 917 748-1276
Feb. 12 (Sun) @ 8am, 10am & Noon	175 Wolf Hill Road, Melville	CCoronesi@yahoo.com
<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Feb 12 (Sun) 9:00 AM	Commack United Methodist Church 486 Townline Rd. (just north of Jericho Tpke.) Commack	Andrew Lauri 499-2858 marylauri@aol.com
<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Feb 17 (Fri) 7:00 PM	Dix Hills Jewish Center 555 Vanderbilt Pkwy, Dix Hills	Rona Bode 368-0290 ronabode@gmail.com
<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Feb 19 (Sun) 10:00 AM Service *	St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church 11 Ogden Ct, Huntington Sta.	Sandy Hustedt 385-0046 jshustedt5@verizon.net

Catholic Committee on Scouting:

Come join the Catholic Committee on Saturday January 21 for the Cub Fun Faith Day and Boy Scout Day of Reflection. Both events will held at St. Elizabeth of Hungary RC Church in Melville. See our website for registration forms: www.ccos-drvc.org

Please note the following Dates and include in your event planning:

February 10-12 - Pope Pius XII Retreat, Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington

March 21 - Cub Fun and Faith Day /Day of Reflection

April 20 – Ad Altare Dei Books need to be submitted

May 20 – Religious Emblems Boards of Review

Interested in joining the Catholic Committee? Meeting are held on the first Thursday of the month, St Joseph's in Ronkonkoma, 7:30 p.m. (Meet in Science Room of School) All Catholic scouters are cordially invited to join. Contact: Chris Coronese, ccoronesi@yahoo.com 917.748.1276

Jewish Committee on Scouting: Save the dates:

- Awards and Recognition Breakfast- March 5, 2017 (Sun) at Temple Beth Chai of Hauppauge
- 27th Annual Northeast Regional Conference - 3/25/17 (Sun) in Albany, NY
- SCC-JCOS Annual Conclave- June 2-4, 2017 (Fri-Sun) Baiting Hollow Scout Camp

Any Jewish Scout interested in earning their religious emblem and for Eagle Scout recognitions (for Scouts of any faith), please contact Phyllis or Barry

Interested in the Jewish Committee on Scouting? Join us at our monthly meeting, on the third Monday of the month, Temple Beth Chai of Hauppauge, 7:30 p.m. All Scouters are cordially invited to attend. For local JCOS information contact:

- Phyllis Stein (265-8141) or thecamerlady@verizon.net
- JCOS Chair Barry Kopeloff at 331-9460 or dodey48@optonline.net

Protestant Committee on Scouting:

For Information contact: Lois Accattato 631-275-6228 or email lois40@optonline.net

Greek Orthodox Committee on Scouting

If you have any additional questions please feel free to contact Greg Aylmer @ 631-664-0089 or bsataxi@optonline.net.



Commissioner's Corner

Unit Service and Roundtable

Good evening Matinecock District!

First, thanks to you all for your hard work during this year's re-chartering process. I would like to say that all of the charters are into Council and are currently being posted into the system. If there are any missing pieces or mistakes during the posting of the charters, Council will be contacting your unit.

Next, we are actively looking for individuals to become Unit Commissioners. Unit Commissioners are your unit's direct connection to all available tools, programs and people in the district to help you deliver the best program possible to your Scouts, Venturers and Explorers. If you are interested, please see me during Roundtable or contact me after. We are planning to have a presentation about Unit Commissioners at a future Roundtable, so please be on the lookout for more information when it becomes available.

Finally, it's Cub Scouts Blue and Gold season! If your pack is having a Blue and Gold, please invite your Unit Commissioner. We would love to come down and celebrate the achievements of your pack's hard work!

Thanks for all that you do, and I hope everyone has a lovely Valentine's Day and a safe Presidents' Week!

Yours in Scouting,
George J. S. Smith, Matinecock District Commissioner
[\(631\) 987-8429](tel:6319878429)
george.j.s.smith@gmail.com

contributing to the attrition rate of your volunteers? Do they not get enough information or direction? Is it hard to get the supplies they need? Do we give our volunteers feedback? Do we tell them the impact they have made by their efforts? Do we show appreciation at events? Do we thank them personally, by a note, or in a newsletter? Our own attitude about what we do also effects our ability to recruit. Do we act like our jobs are difficult and demanding rather than fun and rewarding? Do we put too much emphasis on "how did you get sucked into this job" rather than "how terrific that you are here and have joined our group"? These are subtle messages we send out when we communicate. Everyone wants to work for passionate, happy people who love what they do. Do you project that? It's a lot to think about. But spending a little time on reflection may be well worth the effort.



Webelos Scouts

Bridging to Boy Scouts

Leader and Volunteer Recruitment

Many Scouters are motivated by small things, knots, pins, and small tokens of recognition. Actually most people who volunteer are not looking for elaborate gifts or kudos but for the small acknowledgement of their efforts. I would be willing to bet that somewhere you have a simple thoughtful gift that touched your heart, not because it was expensive, but because it was thoughtful or unexpected. We should apply this to those people who help make our units run. For uniformed leaders, do you put them in for the knots that they have earned? Do you present them in front of your Pack? Try presenting Service Star Pins. This is a great thing to do for all your leaders at an event. The new leaders feel good and encouraged, the more seasoned leaders feel recognized. At a Pack meeting, you can announce volunteers who have contributed to the meeting. There are ribbons and pins that can be given to the Pit Crew of the Pinewood Derby. Heaven knows that is a stressful event that requires a lot of help. Blue and Gold is a great time to recognize the people who have helped out the Pack. If you have programs, list the contributions of the volunteers of your unit. The dollar stores are great resources for token gifts. A mug with an inspirational message, a star or other meaningful decoration is a great inexpensive gift. Even Hershey Kisses and Hugs candy in a bag marked, "hugs and kisses for all you do, with gratitude from Pack X" is a simple, easy, inexpensive thank you gift. A little gratitude goes a long way in keeping our volunteers.



Boy Scouts

Where Eagles Dare

Troop Leader Resources — available at troopleader.org — is a new, BSA-authorized website that helps Scouts and Scouters plan better meetings.

With its videos of real Scouts in real troops, the site is a one-stop shop for new and experienced troop leaders.

Here are seven helpful things you'll find there:

1. Troop Meeting agendas
2. Program Features
3. Program Resources
4. Planning tips
5. Training advice
6. Outing ideas
7. General Troop information



Venturing/Sea Scouts



Upcoming Area 2 Venturing Events:

- **March 3-5, 2017 – PineGrove Dude Ranch** – Please join us for a fantastic fun filled weekend with an incredible array of activities for all Venturers. Cost is \$190 and includes all activities, lodging and meals.
- **April 28-30, 2017 – Apex @ Camp Moses, Russell, MA** – Please join us for the premier Area Venturing event of the year! Fun with hundreds of Venturers doing a myriad of activities!

Registration for these events coming soon to: <http://www.nerventuring-bsa.org/area2>

Please see the Area 2 Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/126120642299/>

SCC Venturing Information: If you haven't already done so, join the SCC Venturing VOA Facebook site: https://www.facebook.com/groups/SCCVenturing/10153247391222695/?ref=notif¬if_t=group_activity

- **SCC VOA meetings** are held the last Sunday of each month @ St Josephs Church in Ronkonkoma from 6:30 – 8 PM. For more information, contact **Dave Ryder** at dryder1@optonline.net or 516-965-3382.

NER Area 2 Venturing: Area Venturing website: <http://nerventuring-bsa.org/areas/area-2/>.

For Area 2 Venturing events, please contact Bob Koch, Area 2 Associate Advisor and NER Program Associate Advisor, bobbsa57@gmail.com; 631- 981-1399 (land line) or 516-209-8162 (Cell)

Remember – Safety is always Job 1.



Training

Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader

Up Coming Matinecock District Training Schedules and information:

Here are some of our latest training opportunities!

District Life-to-Eagle Talk on *Tuesday, February 28th: 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM*, The Suffolk Y, Jewish Community Center, Room 10 – FREE. A 1.5 hour presentation for Life Scouts (or soon-to-be Life Scouts) and their parents. Eagle Coaches, Eagle Advisors and Scoutmasters are also welcome to attend.

Outdoor Ethics Training - *March 3-5, 2017* – Schiff Scout Camp – See Flyer for details! (more dates coming: April 7-9 and May 5-7)

District Eagle Coach training on *Tuesday, March 28th: 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM*, The Suffolk Y, Jewish Community Center, Room 8 - \$5 a person. A prerequisite to being approved as an Eagle Scout Service Project Coach

NYLT - *April 7-9 & April 28-30, 2017* - Baiting Hollow Scout Camp – See flyer for details!
National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide youth members with leadership skills and experiences they can use in their home troops, teams, crews, personal lives, and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others.

SM/ASM Training – *April 8, 2017* – Hauppauge High School – See flyer for details!

IOLS/OWLS – *May 12-14, 2017* – Blydenburgh Park – See Flyer for details!!

Wood Badge – *September 7-9, 2017 & October 7-9, 2017* – Baiting Hollow & Schiff Scout Camps.

See Flyer for details! The finest training opportunity offered to our adults. Take part in Scouting's most advanced training course, focusing on **Leadership** and **Team Development**. Inspired by Lord Baden- Powell of Gilwell, Wood Badge has provided the ultimate training for hundreds of thousands of leaders around the world.

As always, please see our flyers for details.

Be sure to check out our district and council website for additional information, flyers and registration for upcoming training opportunities!

Matdistrict.org

SCCBSA.org

We want you to become the best leaders in Scouting!!!