Powahay News

Serving the Communities of Darien, New Canaan, Norwalk, Stamford and Wilton

Take A Trip To Mars This Summer With Eagle Scout Matthew Gentile

On July 20, if all goes according to plan, the Perseverance rover will blast off from NASA’s Kennedy Space Center atop United Launch Alliance’s Atlas V 541 rocket. Eagle Scout Matthew Gentile of Troop 35 Darien, Connecticut, is an Engineer with NASA Jet Propulsion Lab working on the Mars 2020 Rover Mission.

Matt is the Close Clearance Engineer for the spacecraft. He oversees identifying and measuring 200 plus clearances on the vehicle to make sure components do not contact unexpectedly during launch and entry. The Perseverance rover will complement the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) Curiosity Rover by drilling and catching Maritain samples to return to Earth.

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Discover Scouting
June 30, 2020
Virtual Program Planning Kickoff
Cub Scouts 6:30 PM
Scouts BSA 8:00 PM

Curious what opportunities there are for you and your Scouts? Discover Scouting has a few ideas! Join us for this new, virtual gathering to fill you in on what you need to know for the next Scouting year. Some of our Council’s best and brightest leaders will be helping you plan your year, fundraise with your Scouts and recruit more Scouts. More information at www.ctyankee.org/events/discover-scouting/

Camping Inside STILL FUN

Pack 61 Norwalk Dylan (AOL) and Justin (Bear) having fun camping inside.
Welcome to the June-July Edition of Powahay News!
Managing our Scouting Programs with the COVID-19 Crisis

Important Updates to COVID-19 Operations. Council Camps are now open for day use beginning June 27! Read the procedures and guidelines for units outdoor programs to help you plan and stay safe at www.ctyankee.org/tag/coronavirus/

The Council Service Center is now open with guidelines: you must wear a mask, maintain social distancing and guests are not permitted past the lobby- our staff will meet with you there or outdoors. It’s helpful to call in advance and make an appointment.

Unit Leaders please encourage your families to join our email list at www.ctyankee.org/district/powahay/join-powahays-email-list/

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**Gone Home**

**The Reverend Stephen J. Balint**

The Reverend Stephen J. Balint passed away on May 16, 2020. He was 81 years of age. A prayer service was held at Saint Ann Parish in Bridgeport on Tuesday, May 26th led by Monsignor William J. Scheid, PA. Interment followed at Saint Michael’s Cemetery in Stratford. A public invited Memorial Mass will be celebrated at a future date with Bishop Frank J. Caggiano as the principal celebrant.

Father Balint became Coordinator of Catholic Boy Scout Activities in the former Fairfield County Council and served as Advancement Chairman for Powahay. Father Balint, a Eagle Scout himself was the Council Chaplain and through his many years of service to the Connecticut Yankee Council in the BSA, he went on to receive a number of honors and awards. For several years Father Balint donated the Eagle Kit to Eagle Scouts of the Council.

**What does "Gone Home" mean?**

A circle with a dot in the centre "ʘ" is the trail sign for “Going home”, or "I have gone home. It is on the gravestone of Lord Baden Powell the founder of Scouting.

**Gone Home**

**Charles “Chick” Scribner**

Chick Scribner passed away on June 27, 2020. He was 96 years old. Chick was a devoted Scouter from Cub Scout Leader to Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster for decades. For more than 20 years he served as Assistant District Commissioner for Darien. Chick was given the nickname “the Gentlemen Scouter” due to his kind and helpful manner. He is best known for never missing a Scout Meeting.

Chick was a World War II veteran serving in Burma. He served his community for 50 years as a volunteer for the Noroton Heights Fire Department, active in the VFW, coached sports and was involved in numerous other organizations. Chick followed in his father footsteps. His father, the late Harold B. Scribner was a founder of Scouting in Darien starting in 1915. He was a Scoutmaster for the first Darien Troop and like Chick was a veteran serving in World War I. Harold Scribner became Darien first District Commissioner a position he held for more than 20 years. A comparable position Chick also held.

Chick’s legacy is the countless lives he touched, and he truly made a difference to so many people in Scouting.

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**Powahay District**

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- Do you have a question? Email info@powahay.com.
- Are You on Our Email List? Sign up at http://archive.ctyankee.org/districts/powahay/email.

We do not share your email address and only email as necessary.

Powahay News is a volunteer publication and published monthly except during the summer. Celebrating our 14th Year, we welcome stories and photos from our units. We do not publish last names of youth without parent permission. Send items for publication to johnwhanks@hotmail.com.

Powahay News will take a break for the summer. Our next publication is planned for August.

District Award of Merit Nomination Due July 31, 2020

Powahay will kick-off it’s program year with a combined Program Kick-off and a Reception Honoring Powahay Volunteers on September 2, 2020— (Provided social distancing guidelines have changed). A light reception will be provided. Location to be announced.

Among the awards:

- **District Award of Merit** (2 Awarded) is the highest award a district can present to a volunteer. The nomination deadline is July 31, 2020. Download form at www.ctyankee.org/events/powahay-kickoff.
- **Powahay Key 3 Award** (3 or 4 Awarded) is presented to volunteers who go above and beyond the call of service for the youth of the Powahay District. The recipients are selected by the District Chairman, District Commissioners, and District Executive. Nominations can be submitted by email to info@powahay.com.
Take A Trip To Mars...
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The mission has a 22-day launch window that stretches from July 20 to Aug. 11. If it misses that window, NASA will have to wait more than two years before the rover can attempt another launch for the Red Planet. The orbits of Earth and Mars align in such a way that they're on the same side of the sun once every 26 months.

Matthew is the son of Theresa and Pat Gentile, who both serve as Crew Advisors for STEM Crew 353 in Darien.

Mission Name: Mars 2020
Rover Name: Perseverance
Main Job: The Perseverance rover will seek signs of ancient life and collect rock and soil samples for possible return to Earth.
Launch Window: July 22 - Aug. 11, 2020
Launch Location: Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Florida
Landing: Feb. 18, 2021 — Jezero Crater, Mars
Mission Duration: At least one Mars year (about 687 Earth days)
Tech Demo: The Mars Helicopter is a technology demonstration, hitching a ride on the Perseverance rover. See it at: https://mars.nasa.gov/technology/helicopter/
Watch the launch July 22, 9:35 AM at https://mars.nasa.gov/mars2020/timeline/launch/watch-online/
Scouting at Home Projects — Launch rockets, build robots, explore your world and beyond! Our projects, toolkit and contests will take you into space without ever leaving Earth at https://www.jpl.nasa.gov/edu/learn/tag/search/Mars

Scouting At Home

Thank you to our units for all of their efforts in providing Scouting at Home activities. Please share your activities by sending photos to info@powahay.com.

Bird Watcher Award - Best Poster Contest - Daniel T Pack 61 Norwalk. Daniel will receive BSA Binoculars.

Tiger Peter S. Moon Gazing Pack 97 Norwalk.

Tejas, Pack 97 Webelos donated toilet paper and soap to the Norwalk Community

Above: Pack 61 Norwalk Jacob (Bear) enjoying s'mores and hot chocolate at his at-home campfire. He also participating in the National Good Turn 5K hike for the Scouts BSA Camp In on May 2.
Eagle Scout boards have continued during this pandemic. Even though we could not meet in person, we have done a bunch of Eagle Scout board of reviews via video conferencing. We have done a total of 15 boards. It was like we were all in one room!! With the new Council guidance, person to person boards can happen but in a venue that allows social distancing and obviously, all will have to wear a mask. What we did learn is that parents of the Scouts are more comfortable right now with having the board via video conferencing. Actually, a few board members preferred this method. But hopefully soon, we can begin holding person to person boards and with this weather, outdoor boards would be nice and enjoyable. Mosquitoes are not invited.

Powahay does have a few Eagle Scout extensions that have been granted locally (not sent to National for approval). The extensions were granted due to an Eagle requirement (s) not able to be completed due to the “stay at home” and State closures. This interruption was due to the covid-19 pandemic. The primary reason is a service project was halted during the work or stopped just as it was to commence. Also, a few merit badges may have required outdoor activities. However, with the new state and local guidance and Council guidance, Eagle Scout projects that will commence during this summer can be completed. The key is social distancing and masks if social distancing cannot be maintained. Group size is important. Also, if indoors, mask and social distancing are required. Keep up to date on the guidance by visiting the Council website. The covid-19 information is kept current. It is very important that the Scout as the leader on the project reads and understands the guidance.

A number of emails and phone calls have been received asking about virtual camping and the camping merit badge. The National Scouting BSA committee was meeting on June 24th and many of us are hoping for an update on the camping issues. But as it stands now, there currently aren’t any restrictions or other specific guidance on what leaders can do regarding counting virtual nights of camping toward rank requirements or merit badge requirements. It is entirely up to the unit leaders and the merit badge counselors to determine if the intent of the requirement or the merit badge has been met. What we do understand is: (1) the virtual camp must meet the intent of all of the merit badge requirements, (2) the virtual camp must meet the intent of the Scouts BSA program, and (3) the merit badge counselor is satisfied that 1 and 2 are met, then the virtual camping night can count toward the nights required for the Camping merit badge. Please know that we will keep the district updated on any communications pertaining to this topic. But please remember that this is temporary and as of September 1, 2020, all goes back to the pre-pandemic requirements. Oh yeah, one final note. The Scouts BSA program is founded on the patrol method. Hence, requirement 9 of the Camping merit badge provides the camp out be part of a Scout activity or event. Family camping would not therefore count because family camping does not employ the patrol method.

Nathaniel Grauel Eagle Scout Troop 19 Norwalk

Nathaniel Grauel of Troop 19 Norwalk passed his Eagle Board of Review on June 24. He’s the fifth boy from his unit to make Eagle this year (tying the all-time record set in the ’80s). Nathaniel, 16, will be a senior at the Center for Global Studies this fall. He has been a member of Troop 19 since 2014. The troop, chartered by Cornerstone Community Church, has had 83 Eagles in its 90-year history.

Ian Holly Eagle Project

For his Eagle Scout service project, Troop 35, Darien, Life Scout Ian Holly recently refurbished portions of the outside pavilion and plaque display at the VFW building on Noroton Avenue. Recognizing the need for a flag collection site in Darien, Ian’s project included the creation of a flag depository box to collect old flags, which is now open to the community to deposit worn flags for proper retirement.
Connecticut Yankee Council Summer Camps News

TRAVEL BACK IN TIME WITH US THIS SUMMER AND VISIT ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS!
Together as we navigate through the Nile River in Egypt, explore Astronomy with the Mayans and create beautiful art in Ancient Greece our campers will learn about all the wonders that existed within these civilizations. This summer we will bring a virtual Cub Scout program that brings education and fun together through stem activities, theme related craft projects, day hikes, campfire cooking, day trips to local zoos & museums, trivia games, Cub adventure based activities and so much more! Our Camp Staff along with the help of some volunteers will create a fun and easy to follow program that will keep campers engaged and excited for each new day!
More info at www.ctyankee.org/cub-camp-at-home

Join Scouts from around the country for a week of remote Scout camp! We're bringing what you love from your traditional camp right to your backyard. Work on up to five merit badges, accept Firebird Challenges, and join in campfires and songs right in your backyard. Rising up from the adversity we've faced, Camp Phoenix is bringing us together for camp while we're physically apart.

WHAT'S A DAY AT CAMP PHOENIX LIKE?
Think back to the last time you went to Scout Camp and reminisce on what you did: you camped outdoors, earned merit badges, went on outdoor adventures and forged friendships with fellow Scouts. Camp Phoenix is bringing those memories to life this year right from home. Every day, Scouts will work on their chosen merit badges, get outdoors to complete Firebird Challenges and participate in evening programs with Scouts from across the council.
More info at www.ctyankee.org/camp-phoenix/

ConnJam happens only once every three years! It is the biggest Scouting event in Connecticut – thousands of Scouts will be there!
- Join us for weekend filled to the brim with activities for every age group capped off with a rockin' arena show and fireworks.
- Come with your pack, troop, crew, ship or post and camp as a unit for the weekend.
- Food service will be provided. Don't miss out! Save the date! Put it on your unit calendar!
- We will continue to monitor COVID-19 Guidelines in our ConnJam 2021 planning and will provide updates as the event gets closer.

Join our Planning Team at connjam@ctyankee.org
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- Ray Moncevicius, ConnJam Vice-Chairman
- Connie Hemphill, Administration Chair
- Jeff Cap, Orange Town Relations Chair
- Adrian Ruck, Program Chair
  - Chet Wickett
  - Bill Mayeran
  - Steve Prostor
- Will Ference, Shows & Events Chair
- Lloyd Gallup, Health & Safety Chair
- Ken Henriksen, Facilities Chair
- Bob Brown, Marketing Chair
- Mike Card, Food Service
- Jay Lubin, Trading Post Chair
- Myke Morrell, ConnJam Adviser

SAVE THE DATE
Support of Scouting

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Thank you for making Friends of Scouting a priority in your unit.

Fund Raising for Your Unit

SELL POPCORN

Ryan S. of Troop 9 in Stamford was the number one seller of Popcorn in 2019 for The Connecticut Yankee Council. Ryan (pictured above) is on the cover of this year’s Popcorn Leaders guide sold $10,495 in popcorn. Here you can see him proudly standing with all of the popcorn he sold. Want to get on the cover for next year leaders guide? Work hard to sell more than Ryan did in 2019 in the 2020 sales and earn your spot on next year’s cover! GOOD LUCK!!!!

Online popcorn sales start Aug 1st!

Commission Structure:

- 30% Base Commission for Selling Popcorn
- 2% Attend a Kickoff (May 31st, June 16th or July 21st)
- 2% With 8% growth over 2019 (New Units 8% over average 2019 sale of $3,200)
- 1% New Unit Participation
- 1% Show & Sell Payments Received with Popcorn Pickup on November 5th & 6th
- 1% Take Order Payments Received with Popcorn Pickup on December 4th or 5th


Jim Patterson 203. 814-2201 jim.patterson@scouting.org

Camp Cards 2020 Cards Now On Sale!

Camp Cards are a great way to earn money for Scouts to pay for their Scouting adventures - from camp to activities to gear and more! With Camp Cards, everyone wins: Youth get entrepreneurial experience and supporters save money at thousands of retailers locally and nationwide. Some of the most popular restaurants, retailers, entertainment centers and travel venues and more have Camp Card offers!

Selling Camp Cards is simple and easy!

- Online sales: Get $6.50 for each $20 card sold! You don’t have to manage inventory and the “card” is emailed directly to your customer!
- Sell traditional Camp Cards! Earn $2.50 to $3.00 - 50% to 60% commission* - on each $5 Camp Card sold!

More info at www.ctyankee.org/programs-and-activities/resources/fundraising-resources/camp-cards-2020/

Support Scouting and Have Fun at Sequassen & Hoyt

Connecticut Yankee Council invites you to two great days at camp. Come out and enjoy some shooting at our ranges, archery, and getting to walk around beautiful Camp Sequassen and HOYT reservation. There will be a great steak dinner at Sequassen and a clam bake at HOYT too! Both days will be filled with fun and fellowship and will help support the life changing programs offered by the Connecticut Yankee Council. There will be limited space...See you there... Reserve your space today!

- **Steakout**, Saturday, July 18 at Camp Sequessan -- [www.ctyankee.org/steakout2020](http://www.ctyankee.org/steakout2020)
- **Clambake**, Saturday, August 8 at HOYT -- [www.ctyankee.org/clambake2020](http://www.ctyankee.org/clambake2020)

Friends of Scouting

Pledges from the On My Honor Service to Youth Zoom Presentation on June 17 totaled $2,530. Thank you!

Challenging times for Scouting... Please accept our heartfelt gratitude for all the payments, additional donations, prepayments, and for those who have increased their gifts at this uncertain time. Thank you!

Online donations can be made to: [https://www.ctyankee.org/givenow](https://www.ctyankee.org/givenow)
For more than 50 years, St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church in New Canaan sponsored a Boy Scout Troop, #45. Many New Canaan boys and families grew up with Scouting at St. Aloysius and earned their Eagle there. Prominent families from surrounding towns were also part of the Troop and its history.

In the late 1980’s, due to changing community interests, Troop 45 stood down and merged into the other local Troops. Since that time, New Canaan has only had two Troops for prospective Scouts to choose from, Troop 70 at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church and Troop 31 at United Methodist Church.

Over the past several years, however, New Canaan as a town has seen a resurgence in Scouting as local Packs and Troops expanded toward capacity. In addition, an increasing number of Scouts from New Canaan have been pursuing Religious Emblem Awards through their respective denominations.

That combination brought Father Robert (Rob) Kinnally, Pastor at St. Aloysius, who was a Scout as a youth, together with St. Aloysius parishioner and Scouter Steve Prostor, to consider re-starting Scouting at St. Aloysius. In partnership with parishioner and former Scouter Robert (Bob) Mantilia, St. Aloysius began planning for the re-start in 2018.

Step one was collaborating with the other units in town and coordinating with District and Council leadership to build support for the addition of a new Pack and Troop in New Canaan. After that was attained, work started on recruiting Scouts and adult volunteer leaders into each of the two programs.

Step two was forming a Cub Scout Pack (grades K-5th grade). Starting in the Spring of 2019, a Cub Scout recruiting effort was launched that targeted St. Aloysius School and St. Aloysius families who wanted to participate. In the Fall of 2019, led by St. Aloysius parishioner Danielle McKee, Cub Scout Family Pack 45 formally launched with 12 Cub Scouts, comprised of 9 boys and 3 girls.

In the Spring of 2020, just as the COVID-19 pandemic was starting to hit, a Scouts BSA Boy Troop (the new name for Boy Scouts) recruiting effort was launched that targeted 5th grade boy Cub Scouts in New Canaan who were eligible to crossover into Scouts BSA. Led by incoming Scoutmaster Steve Prostor and Assistant Scoutmasters Ronald Stutes and Keith Duggar, the new Scouts BSA Troop 45 recently launched with 5 Scouts.

From a New Canaan perspective, the addition of Troop 45 now means that prospective Scouts have a third Troop option to choose from. In addition, all three Troops meet on different nights of the week and attend summer resident camp on different weeks, which creates more alternatives for Scouts to stay involved in Scouting when they encounter conflicts with other activities like sports.

From a St. Aloysius perspective, the new Pack and Troop represent a great opportunity to engage with families in our community and represents additional resources that are available to support community service projects. All denominations are welcome in both the Pack and Troop and unit leaders will be working with leadership of the other faiths in town to help their Scouts earn the respective religious medal of their faith.

Troop 45 is currently seeking older, more experienced Scouts to serve as Senior Patrol Leader and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and other Troop level leadership roles. The Troop is also seeking Troop 45 alumni and Eagle Scouts to serve on its Troop Committee and Advisory Board. Contact Steve Prostor at sprostor.troop45@gmail.com or (646) 331-6719 if you have any questions or if the Pack or Troop can assist your organization in any way.
2020—2021 Program Planning

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We are not sure what the fall will bring us with continued COVID-19 guidelines as units start to plan their 2020-21 Program Year. We are presenting Powahay District Activities with the hopeful anticipation that we can resume outdoor activities and our camps are open for overnight camping.

- We will continue to follow the CYC COVID-19 Task Force Guidelines and will advise of any changes we need to make to our district programs and calendar.
- Social distancing guidelines still may be in effect and we may be required to limit participation at some of our activities.
- With the Coronavirus Economic Crisis affecting many of our families, it is our commitment not to raise any of the District activities fees and to continue to make those fees affordable for our families.

A Note on Roundtables – Roundtables create awareness of and excitement about coming months activities and program for unit leaders to use to strengthen the program their unit offers. Powahay Commissioners are looking at a combination of in-person meets and Virtual Roundtables for the 2020-21 Program Year. More details to come.

Program Notes

Game On! STEM Cyber Camporee Final Report:
Participation: 33 Units, 250 Youth, 61 Adults and 270 attended the Opening Ceremony. Largest Council Zoom Meeting to date. Patches were mailed to unit leaders. A big thank you to all of our volunteers for making this a big success.

On My Honor Service to Youth Award Wrap-up: 67 Volunteers were honored. Each received an award packet in the mail. About 50 Zoomed in for the presentation.

New Date for Cub Scout Field Day—Saturday, October 10: We have separated the Cub Scout Field Day from the Fall Camporee Weekend to meet current COVID-19 Guidelines. Cub Scout Field Day will take place Saturday, October 10 at Hoyt. We are planning this as a day event with Packs having the option to camp overnight planning their own evening program. We have a unique program in the works... details to come. The Scouts BSA Fall Camporee will remain on the weekend of October 23-25 at Hoyt.

New Date for the reschedule District Pinewood Derby is Saturday, October 10. We will hold the event at the Cub Scout Field Day at Hoyt.


Webelos to Scouts: We have wrapped up our Webelos to Scouts spring initiative. Packs and Troops were contacted. Out of 110 Arrow of Light Webelos 77 (70%) have selected a troop to join and 33 (30%) have dropped. We have a special “Trail to Eagle” patch being offered to those that complete the application process.

Units should plan for a resuming of normal activities, BUT should have a Plan B in place.

Revised District Program Highlights:
- Program Kick-off/District Recognition Reception, Wednesday, Sept. 2. Location to be announced.
- Cub Scout District Pinewood Derby new date rescheduled for Saturday, October 10 at Hoyt Scout Reservation at the Cub Scout Field Day.
- Cub Scout Field Day Oct. 10 Hoyt Scout Reservation.
- Scouts BSA Merit Badge Day at the Maritime Aquarium rescheduled for Saturday, Oct 17.
- Scouts BSA Fall Camporee Oct. 23-25 Hoyt Scout Reservation Hosted by Troop 9 Stamford
- Cub Scout Field Day Oct. 24-25 Hoyt Scout Reservation.
- Webelos College Nov 14, 2020
- Scouts BSA Klondike Derby Jan. 25, 2021 (We need a host Troop)
- Cub Scout Polar Bear Feb. 1 Stamford Museum & Nature Center
- Cub Scout Powahay Pinewood Derby March 20,
- Scout Day at the Maritime Aquarium April Date to be announced.
- ConnJam21 May 14-16
Excerpts From Joel’s Journal—Joel Eacker | Scouting U Vice-Chairman | Volunteer Development BSA

**Scouts BSA Position Specific Training**

A new online and facilitated version of Scouts BSA training will be available on August 3rd. Scouters that are currently completing the training need to please complete prior to this date as we will be changing the Learning Plans for all positions – Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster, Committee Chair, Committee Member and Merit Badge Counselor. They will have to restart the training using the new learning plans and modules if they do not complete the existing modules by August 3rd.

The new online learning combines content resulting in fewer modules. We have also streamlined courses to help reduce the total time it takes to complete the training. The new facilitated course uses offline versions of the learning modules to facilitate maintenance on any future changes - thus the online and facilitated content are simultaneously updated to ensure consistency in the versions of the training.

Please note: Completion of the appropriate portion of the Scouts BSA facilitated sessions will meet the requirements for:
- Scoutmaster & Asst Scoutmaster: S24 Scoutmaster Specific Training
- Merit Badge Counselor: D76 Merit Badge Counselor Orientation Training
- Troop Committee Chair & Committee: WS10 Troop Committee Challenge

**Face-to-Face YPT Update Released**

A new English version of the Facilitator’s Guide for In-Person Youth Protection Training is now available. Please contact your Scout Executive who can share this link with training chairs, YPT champions, district executives — anyone responsible for inperson facilitated training. Please note: This training is NOT intended for broad distribution and is for use specifically by training teams who are prepared to teach this course.

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**Volunteers Wanted**

Please consider volunteering at the District level. Contact any of the Key 3 for more information.
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On My Honor Service To Youth Award

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Presented June 17, 2020

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.

Kavita Polaki

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.

DARIEN – On My Honor Service To Youth Award

Bhandhavi Sangaru
Troop 35

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

DARIEN – On My Honor Service To Youth Award

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.

DARIEN – On My Honor Service To Youth Award

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.

DARIEN – On My Honor Service To Youth Award

Gulay Philip
Troop 219

Gulay is the troop Treasurer. She has handled this position with grace and great efficiency.
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On My Honor Service To Youth Award

Presented June 17, 2020

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.

NORWALK – On My Honor Service To Youth Award

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.

NORWALK – On My Honor Service To Youth Award

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.

NORWALK – On My Honor Service To Youth Award

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.

NORWALK – On My Honor Service To Youth Award

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.

NORWALK – On My Honor Service To Youth Award

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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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 thing’s 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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