

THE COMMISSIONER

Los Angeles Council – Boy Scouts of America Feb 2011

Bob Shockley - Ass't. Council Commissioner

Congratulations to the following Commissioners who completed their degree requirements at the 2010 LAAC Commissioner College.

Bachelor of Commissioner Science

Virginia Greeley - Frontier

Deborah Pier - Frontier

Jennifer Powell-Mills - Pacifica

Rick Reeley - Pacifica

Eric Stiegler - Frontier

Michael Tauber - Pacifica

Master of Commissioner Science

Jesus Conde - Frontier

Mary Gaither - Rio Hondo

D'Anne Hutchinson - Rio Hondo

Doctor of Commissioner Science

Debbie Shockley – Pacifica

Bill Pomeranz – Ass't Council Commissioner

Congratulations to Drew Balandas (Roundtable) and Bob Shockley (Ass't Council) who were presented with the Distinguished Commissioner Award at the Council Dinner.

Now that the holiday season is behind us have you had a chance to visit your Units this year? This is a great time to review your Units progress toward their Quality Unit Requirements, and to help (encourage) them to get planning to meet their goals.

One of the requests for content in this newsletter was to include some success stories where Commissioners have made a difference. I need your assistance, as I would like to feature your accomplishments. If you have a story to share, please email it to me at pomeranz@pacbell.net.

I received a call from one of my Cub Packs that they had a couple of Dens where the leaders were having a difficult time controlling the boys, and wanted to quit. I discovered that the other parents (Moms) in these dens worked, and weren't available to help, so the dens were left in the hands of young Moms who were unprepared to deal with the foibles of small boys.

So what did I do as the Unit Commish? First I suggested to the Committee Chair that we meet with the Leaders before the next Pack Meeting when there would be someone else there to work with the boys while we met. At that meeting I was able to finally convince the Leaders to go to Cub Leader Training. As no training was to be available for some time, I requested the District Cub Training Chair to give them a short coaching session which she presented to all the leaders in the Pack.

This Unit had no relationship with a Troop, so I asked one of the Local Scoutmasters to see if he could assign a couple of older trained Den Chiefs to help out. He did, and used the opportunity to have the older Den Chiefs train some younger scouts to take over later in the year.

Did this totally solve the problem – no, but it did make a difference until the Pack could convince a couple of Grandfathers to start helping in some of the Den Meetings. All the boys in these Dens ultimately bridged over.

Remember – it wasn't my responsibility to solve the problem – just to give advice, prod, and get assistance from District and a Troop. That's a Commissioners job!



Commissioner Basic Training

Saturday, April 23, 2011

**First United Methodist Church of Whittier
13222 E. Bailey Street, Whittier, CA 90601**

**For parking lot enter alley from Philadelphia left between Washington Ave & Friends Ave.
We will be in the Wesley Building.**

Registration:	8:00AM – 8:15AM
Course:	8:15AM – 2:45PM

Sessions Covered:

Learn the role of the Unit Commissioner	Find out about Unit Programming
Know the priorities of a Commissioner	Learn about unit visits
How to help a unit	Counseling
Learn about rechartering & much more	Find out about the Annual Commissioner

This Course is for all Commissioners who have not yet taken Basic Training.

Course Details

- 1) No fee for this course, but you must pre-register by April 18, 2011.
- 2) Please bring \$3.00 to cover the cost of snacks & refreshments.
- 3) Please bring a sack lunch. We will be working through lunch.
- 4) Bring notepaper, pen or pencil to take notes, and your enthusiasm.
- 5) Please bring
 - a. Commissioner Fieldbook for Unit Service #33621 (2010 printing)
 - b. Commissioner Helps for Packs, Troops, and Crews #33618 (2009 printing)
(If you don't already have these books, a limited number will be available for sale, during registration, for approximately \$4.00 each depending on Scouting price).

**Please register by contacting Bob Shockley
bshckly@sbcglobal.net or phone (310) 328-5458 (leave message)**