

70th ANNIVERSARY

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Scoutmaster Troop Committee Chair

**70 YEARS WITH HATBORO TROOP 3**

Seven decades…from 1949 to 2019. Harry Truman was President of the United States and a baseball team named the Athletics played in a place called Shibe Park in the city of Philadelphia. World War II had ended only 4 years prior, and over the next 70 years, 12 men would serve as President of the United States. The Korean conflict was still a year away and the War in Vietnam would not begin for another 15 years. But in a small town called Hatboro Pennsylvania, Troop 3 was chartered to Hatboro Baptist Church.

Troop 3 was the 3rd Troop in Hatboro to be awarded a charter by the Boy Scouts of America, thus the number 3. Troop 3 was chartered in the Valley Forge Council in Washington District. The national number was Troop 446 and would remain that way until the merger of the Valley Forge Council and Philadelphia Council in 1996. Troop 3 never used the number 446, but always identified as Troop 3.

Troop 3’s first Scoutmaster, Len Henryson, was an Eagle Scout...as is the Troop’s longest serving Scoutmaster Bob John. More about him later.

Pride has always been an important word in the 70-year history of Troop 3. Pride, as C. Stoy Weaver wrote in a 25-year history of the troop, has been instilled by its 14 Scoutmasters and the outstanding young men who have worn the troop “3” patch on their shirt sleeves.

A continuing thread of quality that has blessed Troop 3 is its Scoutmaster ranks.

Len Henryson was widely regarded as the spark plug who kept Troop 3 together through a hectic first year…a year highlighted by the Troop winning the Delmont Olympics (a competition that combined scouting and athletic skills) during the Troop’s inaugural stay at summer camp.

Len Henryson was followed as Scoutmaster by Warren Clemens, a Hatboro gun collector; Ellsworth Snyder whose son was a member of the troop and Bill Clausen, the uncle of a troop member. Bill Clausen had been succeeded by Bob Casey, who had been troop Committee Chairman and agreed to take the post on an interim basis so that the troop’s charter could be retained.

The search for Scoutmaster #6 ended, quite surprisingly, when John G. Weand, who for many years was an active scout and scouter in Norristown, came to a committee meeting and announced that he would like to be the troop’s Scoutmaster. The bright and quick-thinking members of the committee were quick to accept the offer.

Under Weand’s direction, the troop experienced excellent growth in membership, activities and good reputation.

There was an interesting irony in Weand’s leaving Troop 3. As a member of Hatboro’s Lehman Methodist Church, he felt a strong sense of responsibility when Lehman Methodist experienced Boy Scout Leadership problems.

Weand was prevailed upon to become the Scoutmaster of Lehman Methodist’s Troop 81 and Troop 3 had the great fortune to have C. Stoy Weaver to take over the Scoutmaster position-if only on a short-term basis.

Weaver, an Assistant Scoutmaster at the time, said he would be Scoutmaster of Troop 3 until a more permanent successor could be found. Stoy Weaver was a legend of scouting in the town of Hatboro as well as a much broader territory. Stoy Weaver, Scoutmaster #7 at Troop 3, served as a committee member on the District staff and could always be found hiking or camping someplace.

Jesse Burnett, a wide-smiling Texan with a fantastic drawl was the next Scoutmaster. Like Stoy Weaver, Jesse was an outstanding camper and was a leader for high-adventure trips to Canada and many other rugged locations.

Work assignments forced Jesse to relinquish the Scoutmaster position and he was succeeded by Hank Hudson who had two son’s become Eagle Scouts.

Scoutmaster #10 was Harry Hilger who also served as the Troop Committee Chairman and Harry was followed by Ralph Nagle who became active in the troop when his oldest son joined.

The longest running term as Scoutmaster belongs to Bob John, who served as Scoutmaster from 1972 until his retirement, 40 years later, in 2012. A Hatboro Troop 3 alum, Bob John earned his Eagle rank in 1962 and is in many ways, “Mr. Hatboro” as well as “Mr. Troop 3”. He is a graduate of Hatboro High School and the Villanova University Law School and currently practices law in Hatboro.

In addition to his leadership role with Troop 3, Bob has an impressive list of accomplishments in scouting, including serving on the staff of the Washington District, Valley Forge Council and Schiff Scout reservation. He was also program director at Camp Comer in Alabama and was instrumental in having Troop 3 visit that facility in the northeast corner of Alabama near Fort Payne for summer camp.

Stuart Gentry would become Scoutmaster #13. Stuart, a chemist and lawyer, was an Assistant Scoutmaster prior to taking the role of Scoutmaster. He is an avid outdoorsman with three children, one of whom was a Senior Patrol Leader and Eagle Scout. Stuart would serve as Scoutmaster from 2012 until 2015 when he and his wife would re-locate to Colorado.

In May of 2015, Bob Waeltz was installed as Scoutmaster #14 and continues to serve in that role. His son is an Eagle Scout and former Senior Patrol Leader. Bob was an Assistant Scoutmaster and ran the New Scout Program prior to becoming Scoutmaster.

Firsts have always been a priority for Troop 3. Tom Casey was the first troop member to attend Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. He attended the ranch in 1955. The first Troop 3 contingent to attend Philmont was comprised of Fred Ewald (chairman of the 25th anniversary celebration), Bob Kay, Don Gleiter, Russ Casey, Neil Farnsworth and Tom Weaver. They were at Philmont in 1949. Tom Casey was also the first Troop 3 scout to attend a National Jamboree, camping with folks from across the nation and around the world in 1957 at Valley Forge.

So, what has been happening since we celebrated our 60th Anniversary ten years ago? Plenty, but that should come as no surprise to anyone.

There is always camping and adventure with Troop 3, even if the weather isn’t always what you see in post cards. Camping and activity locations have Resica Falls, Mt. Norris Scout Reservation, Haliburton, Baiting Hollow, Yawgoog, Camp Buckskin and Goose Pond for summer camps. Other notable trips have included; Harrisburg, Canoeing the Antietam Creek, Allaire State Park, the US Military Academy at West Point, the US Naval Academy, the Grand Canyon of PA, Cape Henlopen and Cooperstown.

Troop 3 has also gone backpacking the Quehanna Trail, whitewater rafting on the Lehigh River and the Youghiogheny River in western Pa, and visited Holtwood Environmental Center, Ricketts Glen and Worlds End State Parks as well as the Rhinebeck Aerodrome, Manassas Battlefield in Virginia and French Creek State Park. The list could go on and on.

High Adventure Trips over the past 10 years are just as impressive. Of course, there are our trips to Philmont. We’ve sent contingents in 2010, 2012, and 2017 and we have a contingent preparing for a 2020 trek. In addition to Philmont, there is the annual High Adventure Trip to Mt. Washington in New Hampshire. Other High Adventure Trips have included canoeing the Allagash Wilderness Waterway in Maine and backpacking the final leg of the Appalachian Trail to Mt. Kathadin in Maine.

And if high adventure, terrific camping and excellent fellowship are not enough to provide fond memories of 70 years of scouting in Troop 3, the caring reputation of the troop is. If a job needs doing and it must be done right, people in the community can always count on Troop 3.

If a good deed was needed, who else but the members of Troop 3 were there to do it? So beyond regular weekly meetings, summer camp and weekend camping trips, there was always the knowledge that the fine young men of the community were becoming better young men and outstanding adults thanks to Troop 3 and its community presence.

And the community was always there to help Troop 3. Since chartering Troop 3, Hatboro Baptist Church has been a tremendous support to the troop. So have been the generous people who have supported our pancake breakfasts and Ham and Turkey Suppers and those who have bought Camp/Adventure Cards. As much as the community was present, so to have been the parents of our scouts. They have served timelessly and enthusiastically as leaders, assistants, committee members, drivers, coordinators, phone contacts, arrangers, dishwashers and cooks. We could not have done any of this without all of you.

So, here is to every one of you. Our scouts, adult staff, committee members, parents, community members, staff and congregation of Hatboro Baptist Church, and to anyone who has ever supported the mission of Hatboro Troop 3,“We thank all of you for your incredible support over the last 70 years.”

Troop 3 – seven decades old and proud. Proud of it’s past and excited for the future. Troop 3 truly has been “Leading the Way since 1949.”

**HATBORO TROOP 3
EAGLE SCOUTS**

Tom Casey 1957

Bill Kay 1957

Charles Zimmerman 1958

Russell Casey 1959

Robert Kay 1960

Dick Gerhart, Jr. 1961

Robert John 1962

Frank Meily 1963

Donald P. Gleiter 1963

Robert Hudson 1965

Thomas Peterson 1966

David Kutz 1967

Robert Trent 1968

Thomas Hudson 1969

Richard Fuller 1969

Tom Morrow 1970

Richard A. Wagner 1970

Steven Chant 1972

Steven M. Hammonds 1974

Glen Nagel 1974

Gregory A. Sulat 1977

James W. Rinier 1979

Robert C. Ewald 1979

Jeffrey C. Spicer 1979

Rudolf G. Tellmann, Jr 1979

Jeffrey A. Kiel 1980

Kyle H. Jones 1982

Stephen E. Kiel 1983

Stephen R. Maund 1983

Timothy Stauffer 1984

Stuart W. Luce 1984

Jeffrey L. Burnley 1985

Mark Maund 1985

Eric Baranowski 1986

Daren A. Hall 1988

Richard Todd Lewis 1988

Jeff Maund 1989

Norman Miles 1989

Charles Lutz 1989

Tim Fortunato 1989

Michael Fortunato 1990

E.P. Bock 1990

Keith McCrary 1990

Greg Robinson 1990

Gregory Bock 1991

Kevin Fortunato 1991

Todd Cooper 1991

Nick Dautel 1992

Jon Meade 1992

T.J. Shurtz 1995

David J. Bernard 1995

Christopher Gilman 1996

John Green 1996

Peter J. Gramp 1996

Jonathan Pollock 1997

James A. Blowinski 1997

Russell Neumann 1997

Ryan M. John 1997

Jordan L. Broady 1998

Eric M. Wagner 1998

Chris Ryan 1998

Michael Thornburg 1999

Dan Murphy IV 1999

Michael Applegate 1999

Matthew E. Rose 1999

Daniel S. Haddon 2000

Bryan C. Gilson 2000

Joseph V. Plakis, III 2000

Andrew M. Wilkowski 2000

Michael B. Murphy 2000

Anthony M. McCulla 2000

Mark Matthews 2001

David Meinhardt 2001

Timothy Ryan 2001

Drew Novelli 2001

Andrew Gilman 2001

Sean O. Kelley 2001

David Matthews 2002

Andrew Matthews 2002

Christopher F. Burrell 2002

Craig W. Versek 2002

Douglas S. Pfeil 2002

James S. Topper 2002

Alex A. Field 2003

Timothy E. Britt 2004

Colin P. Kelley 2004

Brett Fisher IV 2004

Brendan Connolly2004

Andrew Meinhart 2005

Matthew Merenda 2005

Matthew Field 2005

Bruce McCaffrey, Jr. 2005

Timothy L. Plunkett 2006

Michael D. Sams 2006

John P. Sheppleman 2006

Michael Layton  2006

Scott S. Cunningham 2006

Joseph A. Tustin 2007

Daniel A. Field 2007

Joseph Allard, II 2007

Kyle A. Glensky 2007

Kyle R. Hallowell 2007

William J. Austin 2007

Daniel J. Thompson 2007

Andrew J. Garrison 2007

Dean W. Russell 2007

Andrew K. Pfeil 2007

George C. Fesmire 2007

Dan Plunkett 2008

Michael L. Wilks 2008

Shawn Allard 2008

Matthew J. Jevit 2008

Eric Gentry 2008

Bryan Cross 2009

Brendan B. Fisher 2009

Jeffrey W. Thompson 2009

Justin Sitasz 2009

William R. Walls 2009

Andrew J. Yale 2009

Patrick Cero 2009

Robert J. Waeltz, Jr. 2010

Bryan Graf 2010

Kurt Rosenberger 2012

Joseph Moore 2012

Ethan McCulla 2013

Matthew Sheridan 2013

Dylan Brown 2013

Michael Balot, II 2013

Stephen Tritsch 2013

Jeffrey Dieterly 2013

Christopher Atras 2013

Dylan A. Callum 2013

Jason R. Graf 2013

Matthew Rabii 2014

Colin Jacob Fisher 2014

Kurt Herbine 2014

Taylor Lauer 2014

Nickolas Kelly 2015

Brandon Gomez 2015

James V. Iaia 2015

Nathaniel K. Ehly 2015

George Balot 2015

Angel L. Gauthier, Jr 2015

Jacob Pilch 2015

Richard Schoellhammer 2015

Corey D. Brown 2015

Kyler K. Grimes 2016

Ryan L. Walsh 2016

Jospeh M. Dutill 2017

Michael Jaeschke 2017

Dawson Stremme 2017

Sean Delaney 2017

David McCann 2017

Daniel McKay 2018

Carter Miller 2018

Ryan C. Smith 2018

Christopher Carenzo 2019

Benjamin Iaia 2019

**TROOP 3 SCOUTMASTERS**

L.E. “Len” Henryson 1949-1950

Warren Clemens 1950-1951

Ellsworth Snyder 1951-1953

William Clawson 1954-1955

Robert Casey 1955-1956

John Weand 1956-1961

 1970-1971

C. Stoy Weaver 1961-1962

Jesse Burnett 1963-1966

Henry “Hank” Hudson 1966-1968

Harry Hilger 1969-1970

Ralph Nagle 1970-1972

Robert John 1972-2012

Stuart Gentry 2012-2015

Robert Waeltz 2015-Present

**FOUNDING LEADERS OF TROOP 3**

L.E. Henryson Scoutmaster

Joseph Carter Asst. Scoutmaster

John Sugars Asst. Scoutmaster

William Ritchie Asst. Scoutmaster

Robert Casey Committee Chair

Frank Orce Charter Org. Rep.

Willis Welsel Committee Member

**SENIOR PATROL LEADERS**

Neil Gutekunst 1972-1973

Steve Hammonds 1973-1974

Glen Nagle 1974-1975

Arnie Berkowitz 1975-1976

Jim Rinier 1976-1977

Rudy Tellmann 1977

John Tiley 1977-1978

Bob Ewald 1978-1979

Jeff Kiel 1979-1980

Steve Kiel 1980-1981

Steve Maund 1981-1982

Stuart Luce 1982-1983

Jeff Burnley 1983-1984

Tim Stauffer 1984-1985

Todd Lewis 1985-1986

Eric Baranowski 1986-1987

Tim Fortunato 1987-1988

Charles Lutz/
Jeff Maund 1988-1989

Greg Robinson 1989-1990

Mike Fortunato 1990-1991

E.P. Bock 1991-1992

Norman Miles 1992-1993

Kevin Parker 1993-1994

Greg Bock 1994-1995

Peter Gramp 1995-1996

Chris Ryan 1996-1997

Jordan Brody 1997-1998

Dan Haddon 1998-1999

Matt Fisher 1999-2000

Andrew Gilman 2000-2001

Colin Kelley 2001-2002

Mike Sams 2002-2003

Chris Burrell 2003-2004

Carl Blum 2004-2005

George Fesmire 2005-2006

Keith Sansoni/
Jeff Thompson 2006-2007

Kyle Hallowell 2007-2009

Matt Jevit/
Eric Gentry 2009-2010

Robert Waeltz, Jr. 2010-2011

Chris Atras 2011-2012

Joseph Moore/

Nick Kelley 2012-2013

Jason Graf/
Nick Kelley 2013-2014

Patrick Lavelle/
George Balot 2014-2015

Ryan Walsh/
Kyler Grimes 2015-2016

Dawson Stremme 2016-2017

Daniel McKay 2017-2018

Daniel Lee/
Nathan Kephart 2018-2019

Manas Date/
Nathan Kephart 2019-2020

**UNIT LEADER AWARD OF MERIT**

Stuart Gentry 2015

Robert Waeltz 2017

**ST. GEORGE AWARD**

David W. Cooper

**TROOP 3 SILVER BEAVER**

**RECIPIENTS**

Fred G. Ewald

Richard Gerhardt

William Kay

Morris McFarland

C. Stoy Weaver

Robert M. John

Stan Berkowitz

John G. Weand

David W. Cooper

William Kuhfuss

Peter Walts

Michael Bernard

Rudolf G. Tellmann

**NATIONAL COUNCIL SERVICE**

**AWARD**

Robert M. John

**JAMES E. WEST FELLOWSHIP**

Robert M. John

Kyle Hallowell

Georgi Bernard

Michael Bernard

Peter Walts

David W. Cooper

Barry Fisher

Lester Blum

Scott Herbine

Rudy Tellmann

**NATIONAL MEDAL OF MERIT**

Doug Pfeil

Ed Cordenner

**SILVER ANTELOPE AWARD**

David W. Cooper

**WOOD BADGE RECIPIENTS**

Richard Gerhardt

Robert M. John

Gary Luce

Douglas Gramp

David Cooper

Georgi Bernard

Michael Bernard

George Fesmire

Larry Wilks

Lester Blum

Kris Field

Robert Genn

William Kuhfuss

Peter Walts

Todd Cooper

Michael Balot

Craig Lauer

Stuart Gentry

Keith Grimes

Brian Dutill

**TROOP 3 AWARD OF MERIT RECIPIENTS – WASHINGTON DIST.**

Frank W. Kay 1958

Fred G. Ewald 1960

Richard Gerhardt 1965

C. Stoy Weaver 1966

John G. Weand 1968

Stan Berkowitz 1977

Robert M. John 1978

Charles Spicer 1980

J. Allen Kiel 1982

Ray Luce 1986

Ray Maund 1987

David Cooper 1988

Doug Gramp 1994

Tim Thornburg 2001

Ed Wilkowski 2002

Daniel Murphy 2003

William Kuhfuss 2004

Steve Gilman 2005

Michael Bernard 2006

Kris Field 2007

Barry Fisher 2008

Lester Blum 2010

Craig Louer 2012

Rudy Tellman 2016

**In Memoriam**

Sadly, we have lost the following Scouters since our 60th anniversary. Troop 3 wishes to thank these men for their service and dedication to the troop and also their families for sharing them with us. As Scouters, we can only hope that we can serve and represent the ideal scout as well as these men did in their lifetime.

Doug Gramp

Ed Wilkowski

Owen Adams

Bill Walls

Rudy Tellman