

# 101 ALUMNI QUARTERLY

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## Spring Restart

### The Scoutmaster's Corner - Dr. Ken LaPolla



Well Spring has Sprung in more ways than one.

Yes, the weather is getting better, but better yet, the Troop is getting back to normal. Although the same restrictions are still in place, for now, we are looking forward to the easing of these restrictions and the return of our regular routine.

banners and messages throughout the month of April. Hopefully, with this campaign along with our new Scouts from the Pack, we'll be back up to strength as we enter the returned, regular season of Scouting.

And by now, many of you have noticed that we again forewent with our Annual Spaghetti dinner, but we're going to try something different this May, a "drive-thru" BBQ take out, thanks to our fellow alums, Erik and Stacey Hoover at Cockeye BBQ. We'll miss seeing many of you during the Lenten season, but this doesn't mean you need to be strangers. Stop by anytime for a meeting or visit and as always, your support is greatly appreciated.

To begin, we welcome Aidan McManus as our new SPL for the Spring 2021 term. Aidan is replacing Lorenzo who completed Christopher's term after he turned 18. As you recall, we allowed Christopher to extend his term until his 18th birthday due to the hardships and unprecedented conditions during his term.

(More on this fundraiser, page 6)

-Ken

PLC Training is going on as I write this and the new group is planning their term. We'll be back at Camp Butler in April and backpacking at Hickory Creek (a new trail for us) in May. And although I said we were back to normal, we are still planning to return to Camp Stambaugh in June, but unfortunately not as our traditional June Family Camp. That will have to wait until 2022.

Recruiting has been slow over the past year, as was expected, but if you live in the area, you'll soon see a barrage (we hope) of recruiting

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Bill Aubuchon retired in 2010 as an Ohio School Superintendent after 35 years in education. He and wife Kathy live in Florida during the winter months and return to their Pymatuning Lake cottage in the summer.

Their daughter Aimee lives in Montreal, Canada with 12-year-old granddaughter Samuella. Son Justin (Troop 101 Eagle Scout #61) works at an Ashram in McMinnville, Tennessee and son Seth (Troop 101 Eagle Scout #70) is currently working at the Ritz Carlton Golf Complex near Bradenton, Florida.

Bill served Troop 101 as Assistant Scoutmaster from 1989 through 2002 and is best remembered, with camera in tow, recording much of the Troop's history from that era.

We caught up with Bill last month at his winter home in Florida.

**Bill:** As many of the older Scouts know, I used to do slide shows at various Troop Scouting events during the years while an Assistant Scoutmaster. I currently visit Florida's wetlands and National Wildlife Parks every day and post wildlife images on several Facebook pages. I have done photo shows recently at the Weller Gallery in Fellowship Gardens, Youngstown, and at Fresh Grounds in Greenville Pa.

**AQ: Were you a Scout in your youth?**

**Bill:** My personal Scouting

experience was limited. I went through the entire Cub Scout program in Sharon, Pennsylvania through Webelos. Our Boy Scout Troop folded that year so I could not join, but through my son's involvement I got to experience Boy Scouts first-hand. Our son's Eagle Courts of Honor and my Order of the Arrow sash were among some of the many highlights of my Scouting experience.

**AQ: For more than a decade, you were so generous with your time and talents on behalf of the Troop, tell us what personal satisfaction you got from your involvement.**

**Bill:** It was my privilege to watch Scouts at age 13 become men in five short years. My son and his Eagle buddies, Rob Sloan and Jim and Tom Zazycki, all attended University of Cincinnati. They shared a house there. All four Eagle Scouts took turns shopping for food, cooking meals, washing dishes (most times) and budgeting their food allowance. I am sure from their Scouting experience they all ate well and studied hard.

My point being, the Troop produces individuals ready to be on their own and thrive. The Troop instills values that can transcend into adulthood. Armed with these core values, these young men leaving the Troop can more easily transition into meaningful adulthood careers.

**AQ: What are some of your favorite memories of your days with the Troop and your Scouting**

**both poignant, humorous, and/or otherwise?**

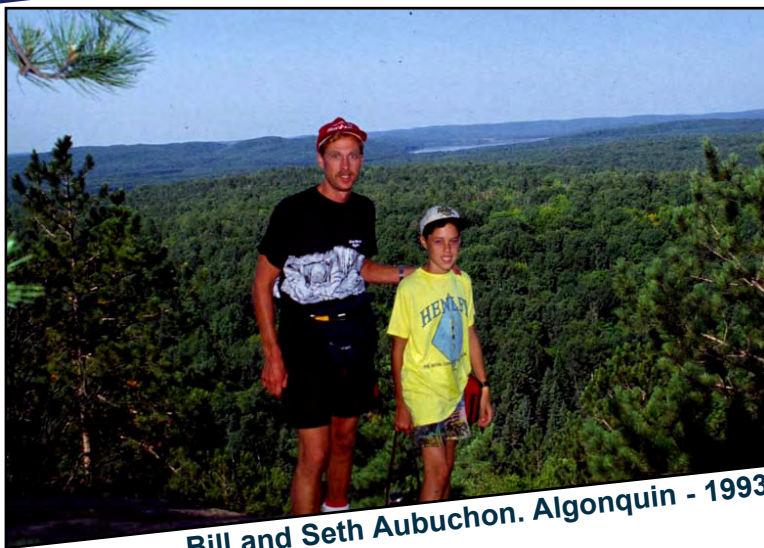
**Bill:** I still remember my first campout as an Assistant Scoutmaster at Tomlinson Run, West Virginia. I was not a coffee drinker, but I knew the Scoutmaster was. So early one morning before the sun was up, I rummaged through Big Blue and found a bottle of Sanka. I diligently heated up water over my rekindled fire and when Jim appeared out of his tent, I handed him a steaming cup of brew. He looked at it and said, "You are going to work out just fine". But, after taking a sip, he had this look on his face, looked over at the bottle of Sanka, and said, "What's the point". Needless to say that was the last time I made coffee for our caffeine loving Scoutmaster.

One summer the Troop visited Wright Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton Ohio. They were offering a nice five-part patch if you hiked the entire perimeter of the Base. Those who attended know that the trail was long and hot. We finished up the hike near one of the jet hangars. A pair of young lieutenants approached and asked if there were any Eagle or Life Scouts in the troop. Our two life Scouts stepped forward and they were ushered into the hangar. After several minutes, we heard the distinct sound of jet engines wining loudly in the hanger. After several more minutes, out came our two Life Scouts reappearing wide eyed from the hangar. Jim thanked the young Lieutenants for their time, and the two Scouts told us they were allowed to sit in the cockpit of an A-10 Warthog tank killer and revved the jet engines.



Spaghetti Dinner - '91





**Bill and Seth Aubuchon. Algonquin - 1993**

What a great Air Force recruiting tool.

Then there was this epic four-hour snowball fight at Camp Beaumont near Rock Creek, Ohio in February. Right after lunch, and as our venison stew slowly cooked in the Dutch ovens, the boys and leaders went on a hike. There was this log fort on the grounds, a group of boys went in and started throwing snowballs at the other Scouts. Well, one thing led to another and before you knew it, a great battle commenced. The forts ramparts were manned and prisoners taken. It helped that we had a 10-inch wet snow fall the night before so there was an ample amount of 'ammunition' available. I can't tell you how good that stew tasted after an epic campaign waged in the wilds of Northeast Ohio. There were no issues getting to sleep that night.

I also, over the years, was amazed at the amount of hot sauce that came to be stored and consumed from the shelves of Big Blue. The hot sauce, it appeared, went on everything from Chocolate Chip pancakes to hamburgers and everything in between.

One of the first things I discovered about Winter Event was that the older boys in the Troop favored wearing shorts (outside). Now, they also wore thick boots with usually two pairs of socks and ample torso covering, but it seemed like a rite of passage for the older Scouts to pass on this tradition to the younger ones.

One Winter Event we were also encamping our Cub Scout pack and running a little low on firewood. I always packed my chain saw, which Jim referred to as 'the Gasoline Beaver'. He informed me, through an intermediary, that there

were two logs on the northeast part of the camp and I was told to cut as much as I could, which I did, until Jim and the Camp Supervisor lazily strolled the length to the camp to inform me that cutting wood with a chain saw was not permitted. By the time I had been informed we had enough fire wood for a week. Interesting epilog, I was always encouraged to bring my 'Gasoline Beaver' in my van whenever we had a camp out, just in case.

My two best adventures had to be the C&O Canal trip and Algonquin. I got to ride the C&O twice and then my wife and I did support on our last trip. We also did support on the Algonquin trip, what a great experience.

I also recall that Jim loved buglers, but they were few and far between. I distinctively remember one morning at Algonquin, a certain adult leader oversleeping in his tent. Jim directed the Canadian bugler to go to the tent, open the flap, and blow reveille. When the bugler was done, he turned to retreat to his Troop when, suddenly, a large arm and hand extended from the open tent flap and grabbed the retreating bugler firmly by the ankle. The bugler tripped and was on the ground. Then he slowly disappeared into the tent as if being swallowed. Moments later, a bugle flew out of the tent opening as if being spit out of a large mouth, following by a young bugler. Needless to say our adult leader never again dallied in the morning the rest of the trip.

**AQ: Who are some of your fellow leaders who had a significant impact on you during your participation in the Program?**

**Bill:** Wow, there were so many, I would hate to try to list them for fear of leaving someone out.



**Justin Aubuchon  
OA activity - 1992**

When I got involved there was one other Assistant Scoutmaster, and then for a while it was basically Jim and I on weekend campouts. BSA National had just passed a request that two adults be involved on every camp out. We had a very strong Troop Committee that worked extremely hard behind the scenes and helped grease the wheels to assure that everything ran smoothly.

Over my years in Troop 101, parents and interested adults volunteered hours on hours to help out. Then Eagles Wings was formed, initially to procure equipment and help those Scouts who could not afford basic camping equipment. Then came the Alumni Association along with expanded

standing committees. Those contributions make the Troop what it has become, one of the best Scouting organizations I have ever had the privilege to be involved in.

**AQ: The Troop has endured some difficult times recently, what with the passing of a beloved Scoutmaster, who was both your friend and your neighbor.**

**Bill:** For more than five years it was our privilege to live next door to Jim and Sandy Potjunas. I just want to point out that we lived on Scoville first.

Jim was quite the birder. He maintained many feeders and in particular, he always had a Baltimore Orioles nest in a tree next to their house. But, the pair of Orioles never seemed to come to his feeders. He was sitting on our front porch one afternoon and a pair of Baltimore Orioles came to our feeder. My wife told him they came several times a day, I didn't have the heart to tell him that we bought special Oriole food.

I was also privileged to know Jim's mother who lived in Warren. I found out that she, when younger, was quite the outdoors gal. I also found out she loved fresh fish. So, if I caught a lot of Crappie, I would stop off at her home and drop off some filets.

Now Jim's mother would make him two loaves of bread each week that he would bring home on Friday night. One Friday night Jim knocked on our front door and gave me a loaf. He said his mother told him that I got one loaf that week because I had given her fish filets.

A few weeks later at the lake, I had an epic catch of crappie, so I thought I would drop off a load of filets for her. I figured 12 large filets would last her for a while. That Friday night Jim appeared again at our front door, only this time I got both loaves of bread from a very sad looking Scoutmaster and was informed that his mom enjoyed all 12 filet's that evening while they were still fresh. Going forward, I was very careful how much fish I dropped off and because I wanted Jim to enjoy his mother's bread.

Jim Potjunas exemplified the best of the Scouting tradition. He instinctively knew how to get the best out of every member of the Troop, adult or youth. He was the consummate organizer and delegator. Over the 10 years that I was directly involved with the Troop I never saw him speak a harsh word. He never had to, because he had 'the look', and 95 percent of the time 'the look' was all that was needed.

I saw the bravest of Scout's wither under his steady gaze.

He always got the Scout to communicate how they could improve and be a better person in almost any situation. He never called a Scout out in public. He took them aside and calmly and professionally reconstituted



Kathy, Jim, and Bill - 40th Anniversary 2015

the Scout who needed to be pointed in the right direction during "the talk". Trust me, you did not what to have too many 'talks'.

**AQ: Obviously, you have witnessed many changes in Scouting since becoming active in the program beginning with your sons joining. How do you view these changes?**

**Bill:** Everything changes. That is life. As you grow older, you change. People change, organizations change and adapt. So, even Scouting changes. Change is both difficult and challenging, but also potentially rewarding.



Bike Trip 2012  
Clearing the field

In 1989 we had a German exchange student stay in our home. She was in Scouting with boys in Europe. Look how long it took US Scouting to catch up, but they did. Let us remember that was Baden Powell's sister, Agnes, who founded Girl Scouts at the same time Baden Powell started Boy Scouts. I am confident in the administration of Scouting. I am confident they will make the proper adjustments to keep the Scouting programs relevant and rewarding for our youth.

Like I said, everything changes. But there is one constant. Troop 101 enjoys great adult leadership. And as long as the Troop has



that constant adult leadership, change can come and go, and our son's and daughter's will continue to grow into responsible adults through a vigorous and well-managed Scouting program.

### AQ: What is your hope for the Troop and Scouting in general going forward?

**Bill:** Troop 101 has been fortunate when it comes to excellent Scoutmasters. Kenneth D. LaPolla, (Troop 101 Eagle Scout #3) has stepped up and, along with strong committees and adult volunteers, the best of Troop 101 is yet to come.

Now, more than ever, young people need a moral compass and positive role models. The internet has made a big impact on our youth, and not exactly in a good way. Peer pressure will always be a present threat. There needs to be a program for youth that teaches the fundamental values of responsible citizenship and leadership.

Sure, the family is first and foremost in the effort to instill these values, but reinforcement of the basic principles of being a responsible citizen can be given



Bill and Kathy - Algonquin 2011

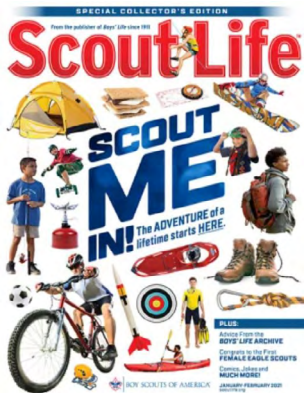
through the Scouting program. It has proven itself over and over again as a positive force in shaping young adults.

I think Troop 101 can be summed up in one of Baden Powell's famous quotes: "Try to leave this world a little better than you found it and, when your turn comes to die, you can die happy in feeling that, at any rate, you have not wasted your time, but have done your best".

## Boys' Life Becomes Scout Life

### New name, same great magazine

(Special to the Alumni Quarterly from Scouting Magazine)



This is still *your* magazine, full of everything you've come to know and love over the months or years of reading. Outdoor adventure. Sports. Games. Science. Scouting. Fun. It's all still here in this fresh new package.

Our new name represents you — and all of our readers.

Look to *Scout Life* to help you scout a new course, scout a grand adventure and scout a brighter future. You'll scout life with *Scout Life*.

From the first issue of *Boys' Life* in 1911 to the next issue of *Scout Life* in 2021, the tradition of great reading continues.



## Troop 101 in the news!

### Eagle Scout Doug Hawley receives accolades for film work

Doug Hawley, Troop 101 Alumni and Eagle Scout #79 recently received accolades for his work on "Cursed World Problems", a comedy horror film about an expecting couple that finds out there is an awful curse put on them.

Read more about it here:

[https://www.wtol.com/article/news/local/award-winning-short-film-made-by-ut-alumni/512-0f0b8862-4fb0-4a0f-8df9-0775ece8db1d?fbclid=IwAR1tpU5Dn3wcNhXy\\_11ox0z3agooQW\\_ZD7wtyUhA-ES3ukl1WcY28MNMovE](https://www.wtol.com/article/news/local/award-winning-short-film-made-by-ut-alumni/512-0f0b8862-4fb0-4a0f-8df9-0775ece8db1d?fbclid=IwAR1tpU5Dn3wcNhXy_11ox0z3agooQW_ZD7wtyUhA-ES3ukl1WcY28MNMovE)



# Troop 101 BBQ Dinner Fundraiser

May 16, 2021 - Must order in advance

**Do you love BBQ? Of course you do!**

Troop 101 has teamed up with Cockeye BBQ in Warren, Ohio in a BBQ Fundraiser for 2021. Your support will directly help Troop 101 Scouts, as all proceeds are put back into the program.

**We are offering 3 Dinner options.**

- Pulled Pork Dinner [\$15]
- Half a Chicken Dinner [\$15]
- Slab of Ribs Dinner [\$20]

Each dinner will include 2 sides, (Mac & Cheese and Green Beans).

In addition, you can also add on Ice Cream or Cornbread for \$6!

- Half-dozen Cornbread
- Pint of Cookie Monster
- Pint of Deep Chocolate
- Pint of Buttermilk Pie



Scouts will be out selling tickets, but you can also place your order online by [clicking here](#).

(If PDF links don't work, visit [Troop101.net](http://Troop101.net) and look for the BBQ Banner)

Pickup location will be at The Jim Potjunas Troop 101 Scout Center, located behind Blessed Sacrament Church. 3002 Reeves Road NE; Warren, OH 44483 on Sunday May 16, 2021 between Noon and 3pm.

This fundraiser will be a Presale only fundraiser. While there may be extra Ice Cream available at time of pickup, we will not have extra dinners available. **All Orders must be in by May 3rd.**

To ensure your safety, all meals are being packed and inspected by Cockeye BBQ employees when you arrive for pickup.

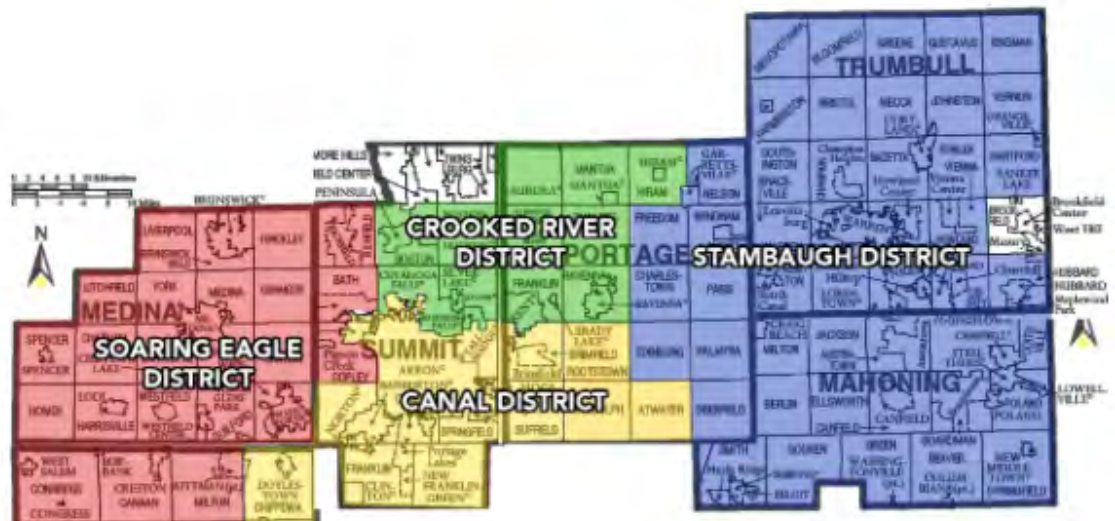
## Goodbye Arrowhead, Goodbye Whispering Pines

### Hello Stambaugh!

The Great Trail Council announces the name of "Stambaugh" for the new Scout District previously known as Arrowhead (Trumbull) and Whispering Pines (Mahoning).

As of January 1, 2021, Great Trail Council restructured its Districts with the number of Districts reduced from seven to four.

The new Stambaugh District merges Arrowhead, Whispering Pines and portions of the Seneca Districts (which serves most of Portage County) into one large 'super District'.





# Troop Website Update

## Share your favorite memories, new Historic Leader section now online!

Often people like to share memories of a leader. With Troop 101, we have a strong history of leaders that helped make our program as strong and lasting as it has been.

Before our 2021 rewrite of the Troop website, the "Historic Leaders" section was pretty buried in the Alumni section. Now, we've placed the Leaders right there under the "History" section. Step into the History of the Troop and check out who the leaders were in your generation. We've also enabled the ability to view and share memories about the leaders that helped us during the journey through Scouting.

I'd like to encourage all of you to visit the Troop Website, click on Historic Leaders and share a memory. It could be a fun story you shared, or maybe a fun story you remember them telling. We look forward to seeing your memories.

### WILLIAM E. BROWN

3/1/1975 - 8/22/1976



William E. Brown was Troop 101's first Scoutmaster. He was born July 29, 1908 and served in WWII.

[View Memories](#)

### GARY MANSELL

8/22/1976 - 4/22/1980



Gary L. Mansell was our Troop's second Scoutmaster. He was born August 13, 1948.

[View Memories](#)

### JIM POTJUNAS

6/8/1980 - 8/5/2017



Jim Potjunas was Troop 101's third Scoutmaster. He was born July 9, 1957.

[View Memories](#)

### DR. KENNETH LAPOLLA

8/7/2017 - Present



Ken LaPolla is Troop 101's fourth Scoutmaster.

[View Memories](#)

## SPL Exit Interview

### Lorenzo Szewczyk - SPL January - March, 2021



Lorenzo took a moment to sit down and tell us about his short term as Senior Patrol Leader.

**AQ: As one of the most challenging positions in the Troop, what motivated you to become Senior Patrol Leader (SPL)?**

**Lorenzo:** I wanted to run because I had seen what a good SPL can do for the Troop. I was looking forward to keeping young scouts involved.

**AQ: You took over when the previous SPL turned 18. What was that like?**

**Lorenzo:** It was interesting because of coming in halfway through his term but it was helpful that he already had the ball rolling. I would say the hardest thing was keeping the young scouts calm without a game to relieve some energy. I do think I handled it pretty well.

**AQ: What was the most exciting thing during your term?**

**Lorenzo:** I really only got to plan one thing during my reign and that was the advancement day at the building. I think it went well we got several Totin chits done.

**AQ: How was working with Dr. LaPolla and other Assistant Scoutmasters?**

**Lorenzo:** Working with Dr. LaPolla went well. He was very understanding of my other commitments and crazy Schedule.

The other ASM's were always there for advice and motivation.

**AQ: Did any SPL terms from the past help shape yours?**

**Lorenzo:** I always stayed positive like the past SPL's. Looking back at their terms, they pretty much shaped how I ran my term.

**AQ: What's next?**

**Lorenzo:** My plan is to finish up my eagle and help the next SPL start his term. I think my term, as short as it was, went well. For those looking to be SPL, it has taught me the importance of planning and backup plans. I'm not going to run again because of my busy schedule, but it was a good experience.



Lorenzo competing at Winter Event, 2021

## Scout Rockwell Paintings at Medici Museum Hang in the Bankruptcy Balance



The Boy Scouts of America, amid a bankruptcy filing and allegations of sexual abuse within the organization dating back to the 1940s, is proposing a trust fund of at least \$300 million to compensate victims, according to court records.

Since the last edition of the Alumni Quarterly, the BSA filed an

amended Plan of Reorganization with the Court, a critical step for emergence from bankruptcy.

According to the national office: "The Plan demonstrates that considerable progress has been made as we continue to work with all parties toward achieving our strategy to provide equitable compensation for victims and address our other financial obligations so that we can continue to serve youth for years to come."

In the February 2020 bankruptcy filing, BSA reported estimated assets of between \$1 billion and \$10 billion and liabilities between \$100 million and \$500 million. According to the BSA, the filing hopes to achieve two key imperatives: equitably compensate survivors who were harmed during their time in Scouting and continue to carry out Scouting's mission for years to come.

The money would come, in part, from the organization's roughly 250 local councils, and sales of artwork, including Norman Rockwell paintings currently housed at the Medici Art Museum in Howland, marking the first time in history that all 65 of Rockwell's Scouting paintings have been displayed at the same place and time.

Troop 101 alumnus and local attorney Ned Gold led the effort to bring the Rockwell Scout paintings to Howland. Ned tells the Alumni Quarterly that

word of the potential sale of the Rockwell paintings has garnered national and international attention.

"We've had a lot of media interest and a very big surge in visitors! They are coming from all over the country to view the collection," said Ned. "In summary, we have known from the get-go that the sale was eventually going to happen; it was just a matter of 'when'; and it still is a matter of 'when'. I think we'll have the collection at least until the end of this year, but it's all very sad!"

The value of the Rockwell collection, he says, is immense. "We have 15 to 20 percent of the net worth of the BSA setting at The Medici, which is the greatest concentration of BSA assets anywhere. Not even Philmont has that kind of monetary value, though its value to Scouting and Scouts far exceeds any monetary value and hopefully will be an essential part of the BSA for generations to come," explained Ned, "Sad as it is, it is better to let go of the art than to sell our treasured high adventure bases."

The BSA is suggesting to the bankruptcy court that the art be transferred to the trustees of the Trust being established for the legitimate abuse victims. The trustees will then have the duty to sell the art for the best possible value. The BSA says it intends to work with the trustees to ensure that the artwork is sold at a time, and in a manner that maximizes value for the Trust. Selling the artwork now would be premature in light of the current status of the BSA's bankruptcy proceeding.

According to a BSA news release, "There are still many aspects of the Plan the BSA is refining through ongoing mediation, but the amended Plan filed recently is an important step in demonstrating progress that we believe will ultimately lead to a final plan that the Bankruptcy Court will confirm. We are hopeful we can come to a resolution that is in the best interests of survivors and all parties and can emerge from Chapter 11 by this fall."



## North Carolina Scouters Visit Medici and The Potjunas Scout Center

On a Friday afternoon in March, four private jets flew in from Raleigh, North Carolina, filled with 28 influential Scouters to see the Norman Rockwell Scout collection at the Medici Museum.

As part of their trip to the Howland Medici Museum, Troop 101 Alumnus Ned Gold and Scoutmaster Dr. Ken LaPolla took them to the Jim Potjunas Scout Center where Ken gave the group a grand tour of our Scout building. The North Carolina Scout delegation was absolutely astounded by the facility and lavish in their praise for the Potjunas Center.

The group of Scouters from North Carolina included board members of the Raleigh, N.C.-based Occoneechee Council of the Boy Scouts of America, along with former Scouts and friends of the Boy Scouts. The North Carolina group included a number of influential Scouting supporters. Ken noted that he sat next to a gentleman at dinner who owns the ButterBall Turkeys company.

Also among the group were Paul Newby, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, and Charles Flowers, Occoneechee Council Scout executive who were highly impressed by the Rockwell exhibit, "It's quite inspirational," Flowers said. "This is such a treasure in Warren, Ohio."

"This is pretty special," Occoneechee Council past president Dan Bryson remarked of the collection while addressing the visitors, local supporters of the Scouts, Medici Museum staff and Scouts from Troop 101.

The visitors were in total agreement that the Rockwell paintings reflect the times in which they were painted.



*Troop 101 scouts, from left, Carmine DelliQuadri, DJ Wasko, Max Moriarity, and Mason Kyle Occoneechee Council of the Boy Scouts of America past president, Dan Bryson, far right, looks on.*

The group was also given a tour of a new Medici addition under construction, which will be used to display the rest of the Scout collection in the near future. This will then be the first time the entire collection will be displayed in the same place at the same time.



*Dr. LaPolla shows our Eagle Wall*



*Ned welcomes NC Scouters to the Scout Center*

The BSA collection spans about 100 years of history, according to Medici Associate Art Director Katelyn Amendolara-Russo. "The Rockwells in particular are arranged by theme and the values they depict. They depict the virtues and values of America as it should be," Amendolara-Russo said.

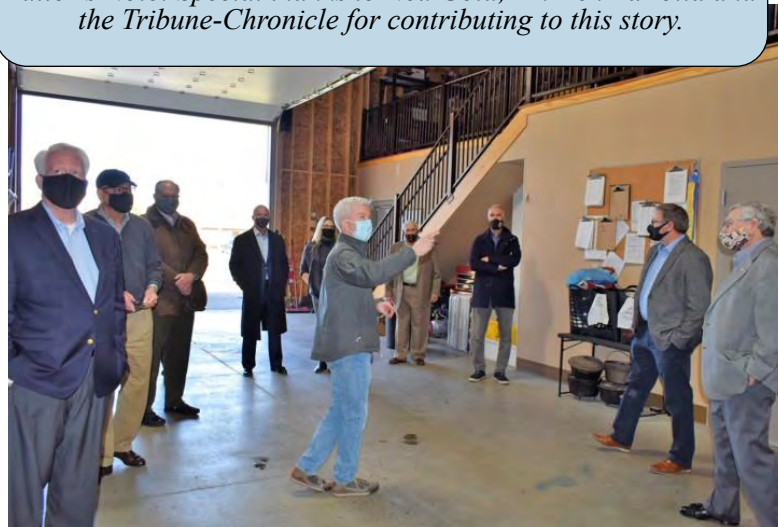
The Scout paintings have produced a lot of interest, and requests to see the gallery have come

from as far as Hawaii and Alaska. She is working on creating a virtual gallery and an app for the museum so the artwork will be accessible to Scouts and Rockwell enthusiasts everywhere. The gallery tour will allow the viewer to stand in front of a painting and will include audio by Amendolara-Russo.

*Tribune Article:*

<https://www.tribtoday.com/news/local-news/2021/03/north-carolina-group-visits-medici-museum-of-art/>

*Editor's Note: Special thanks to Ned Gold, Dr. Ken LaPolla and the Tribune-Chronicle for contributing to this story.*



## These Changes, Traditions and Challenges

From the Editor - By Ed Byers



*"Change is the only constant" – Heraclitus, Greek philosopher.*

Once again, the words of an ancient Greek philosopher have never been as relevant as they are today in our nation's Scouting program.

As the age old 'Boy's Life' magazine becomes 'Scout Life' magazine and the Boy Scouts of America becomes 'Scouts USA', we see lady Scouts becoming Eagles. We are witnessing seismic changes in the Scouting program we have come to know and love.

For many, these changes are long overdue. Others may view the changes as difficult, but that's just human nature. Just as change has the propensity for driving us out of our comfort zone, often we have no choice, and that same human nature dictates the urge to resist change because of associated 'risks', real or perceived.

As I've tried to be 'the glass-is half full' kind of person, I find a bit of comfort and hope in another viewpoint: *"Change does not change tradition, it strengthens it. Change is a challenge and opportunity, not a threat."* Prince Phillip said that. Point well taken.

Bill Aubuchon, an educator and veteran school administrator, has been associated with Troop 101 since 1989 and has seen all kinds of changes. In our "Where Are They Now?" feature on page 2 of this issue of the Alumni Quarterly, Bill lays it out perfectly. *"Everything changes. That is life,"* he said.

*"As you grow older, you change. People change, organizations change and adapt. So, even Scouting changes. Change is both difficult and challenging, but also potentially rewarding."*

Over the course of time, organizations and society have continually faced challenges because the world we know today is not the world that our grandparents knew. The world evolved and our elders had to decide whether they wanted to be comfortable or in a state of discomfort; 'change vs. tradition'.

Embracing change and honoring tradition are two ideas that constantly cross paths. Good luck trying to find a happy medium. Perhaps a good mixture of tradition and change is the best path.

Chicago newspaper columnist Sydney J. Harris once wrote: *"Our dilemma is that we hate change and love it at the same time; what we really want is for things to remain the same, but get better"*.

As many of us continue to honor tradition, we still find it difficult to accept change. So, we hold out hope for the best of both worlds, continuing our rich Scouting tradition and accepting the many challenges of change.

*"Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future"- John F. Kennedy.*



# The BSA Rockwell Collection

## Visiting with Eagle Scouts - By Matt McCracken

I have to admit, we're a very lucky Troop. The BSA's Rockwell collection is right here in our back yard. I've personally made two trips over to see it. Once with my family, and a second time with some of our Eagle Scout Assistant Scoutmasters that aged out in the past few years.

On this trip, myself and these 7 Eagle Scouts got a special treat. Ned Gold made a trip over to give us a personal tour of the exhibit.

As most know, I like to take photos. I took a photo of every piece in the exhibit. Not everyone still lives in the Warren area. If you do, plan to make a trip by calling and scheduling a visit. If you're not local head over to the [Troop Photo gallery](#), where I've posted pictures of all the awesome paintings currently on display. I can't wait to get back over when the rest are unboxed and the new wing is open.







# 101 ALUMNI QUARTERLY

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## Share Your Story!

We're always on the lookout for the next Alumni story to share with you, our readers. If you, or an Alumni you know is doing something interesting send us a quick email so we can feature that story in the Alumni Quarterly.

Just looking to share a memory, or a funny story? We'll take those too!  
Just email us at [newsletter@troop101.net](mailto:newsletter@troop101.net)

## Recent Troop Activities

What has the Troop been up to recently



### Winter Event at Stambaugh

February 24, 2021

The Troop returns from a day of fun activities at Camp Stambaugh.

The activities challenged our Scouts in various Scout skills, including Knots, Lashings, Fire Building, First Aid, and Signaling.



### Advancement & Service Day

March 21, 2021

Scouts attended a Saturday full of Advancement and Service at Blessed Sacrament. Scouts worked on rank requirements and Totin Chip requirements. Some helped by giving service back to Blessed Sacrament. It was a wonderful day to be outside and scouting.



### Catching Up, Troop holds Double Eagle Court

March 22, 2021

They were ready, the planning had begun. Then COVID hit, and the world went on hold.

For Zach and Miles, they completed their Eagle Scout back in 2019. But with everything that happened in 2020, their Eagle Court of honors kept getting delayed. That was until March 22 when the Troop held a Court of Honor to recognize both of them.



### New OA Lodge Totem - Voting now underway

April 4, 2021

Our OA Lodge has a new Totem! It's a black squirrel. The name? Well, that's for the members to decide. Back in March, a competition was announced. Submit your favorite name for our new Totem. Now, after a month of receiving submissions the names are in. What will the name be? Time will tell, but here are the options: Tapawingo, Shifty, Ranger, Chippy, W. Chestnut, Dark Squirrel, Porcy, Humphry, Squonk, Chip, Saloli, Spirit of Marnoc, Sir Squeeks



## UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

April  
May

23 - 25 - Butler Campout

16 - BBQ Fundraiser Pickup  
22 - 23 - Hickory Creek Backpacking  
29 - Memorial Day Service

June  
July

18 - 20 - Stambaugh

11 - 17 Summer Camp at Manatoc