

Blue Mountain Council
2009
Council Awards
Reception

April 18, 2009

First Presbyterian Church

Kennewick, Washington

☆ Program ☆

5:00 PM



Opening

Welcome

Big Horn Recognitions

Quality Council and District

Installation of 2009 Council President

Silver Beaver Presentations

Reception



Silver Antelope Class of 2009

Western Region Boy Scouts of America

As a movement whose leadership is overwhelmingly volunteer, the Boy Scouts of America recognizes the need to acknowledge the invaluable services that men and women render to youth. Of the hundreds of awards that the BSA presents each year to those on the local council, regional, and national levels, three are named for uniquely North American mammals: the Silver Buffalo, Silver Antelope, Silver Beaver, and are the most prestigious. Although the criteria are different for each of these awards, there is one common thread: The recognitions are granted by one's own peers in Scouting for distinguished service to youth. Other BSA awards, by comparison, are granted only to those who have completed a prescribed course of study or have participated in special training sessions.

The Silver Antelope Award, created in 1942, is granted for outstanding service to youth on a BSA region level. The criteria are similar to those for the Silver Buffalo, with one major difference: A recipient must be a registered adult member of the Boy Scouts of America.

The Blue Mountain Council is proud to announce that Steve Gaines, will receive the Silver Antelope at the National Council Meeting on May 21, 2009 in Orlando, Florida. He is the eighth Blue Mountain Council Scouter to be so recognized.

Stephen F. Gaines

Richland, Washington

Eagle Scout Stephen F. (Steve) Gaines has served the Western Region as a participant and an instructor at Area 1 Course Directors' Conferences for both Wood Badge and Junior Leader Training. He was selected by the region to serve as a member of the National Camping School faculty for Cub Scout resident camp schools for six years, and has been a member of the area camp visitation teams. Steve was a Section Adviser for the Order of the Arrow for nine years, and served on the Area OA committee. He is currently a member of the region's Order of the Arrow committee.

He has represented the council and the region on the Philmont Training Center faculty, the National Jamboree staff, the National OA Conference staff, and is a member of an OA national sub-committee. Steve was deputy chief of operations for ArrowCorps5 at the Shasta-Trinity National Forest.

Steve is the Council Commissioner for the Blue Mountain Council based in Kennewick, Washington. He has served for nearly 40 years on the unit, district, council, area, regional, and national levels. For his service and dedication to youth, he has been recognized with the Scoutmaster's Award of Merit, the District Award of Merit, and the Silver Beaver Award. He is also a recipient of the Vigil Honor, the Founder's Award, and the Distinguished Service Award from the Order of the Arrow.

Beyond Scouting, Steve volunteers his time as a Washington State Hunter Education instructor and is a certified NRA instructor. He has served his church in both the financial and audio/visual areas.

For his many contributions to Scouting and his community, we are pleased to recognize Stephen F Gaines with the Silver Antelope Award.

Silver Beaver Class of 2009

Blue Mountain Council Boy Scouts of America

Each year the Blue Mountain Council is privileged to honor a select few men and women with the coveted Silver Beaver Award. Established in 1931, the Silver Beaver Award is presented by the National Council for distinguished service to young people on a BSA local council level.

Because of the great number of outstanding Scouters who deserve recognition, the selection of each year's recipients is a difficult task. We appreciate all our leaders who make the Scouting program possible for thousands of Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers.

The Scouters recognized this afternoon truly merit this recognition, and we proudly honor them for distinguished service to our youth.

Your 2009 Silver Beaver selection committee:

Rex Thompson	Kennewick, Washington
Dale Hilding	Pendleton, Oregon
Burt Goranson	Pasco, Washington
Nathan Thompson	Hermiston, Oregon
Dr. Curtis Long	Walla Walla, Washington
Paula Thompson	Hermiston, Oregon
Joanne Barker	Richland, Washington
Dr. William Bond	La Grande, Oregon
Dr. Kent Bagley	Pasco, Washington
Mary Ann Price	Kennewick, Washington
Dr. Robert Macduff	Chair

Samuel J. Dechter

Richland, Washington

Sam Dechter has been a member of the Boy Scouts of America for nearly 50 years and served as an adult leader in Cub Scouting and Boy Scouting in many roles for the past 38 years. He has served Scouting in Pennsylvania, Idaho, California, Ohio, and for the last 17 years in Washington. He currently serves with Troop 275, chartered to BPOE Elks Lodge 275, as Troop Committee Chairman. He also serves on the Blue Mountain Council Executive Board, and is chair of the council's National Eagle Scout Association committee.

Sam has had a lifelong career as an engineer and physicist with Westinghouse and Fluor. In all locations he has also been active in his church. In Kennewick he has served as an elder and the chair of personnel and long range planning committees for Kennewick First Presbyterian. He is a fundraiser for the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Sam is dedicated to Scouting, serving in quiet ways as evidenced by his decades of service to youth. He has been instrumental in Troop 275 earning the National Quality Award, and influential in mentoring 30 young men to become Eagle Scouts during his tenure with the troop. His leadership and support through the council, the district, and the troop have been exemplary, and key to the success of each.

Brent Jack Pierce

Pasco, Washington

Brent Pierce has been associated with Boy Scouting since his youth. As an adult, he has served as leader for 11 year old Scouts, assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster, and troop committee chair of Troop 150 chartered to Pasco 1st Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He has also been White Bluffs district roundtable commissioner and a Venture crew advisor.

Brent serves actively in the Pasco 1st Ward on the Bishopric working with both young men and women. He has served as a member of the Pasco Stake Young Men's Presidency in 2002 and 2003, and as ward Young Men's President from 2005 to the present.

Brent is a high energy Scouter, organizing high adventure trips such as rafting and providing a positive influence on the young men as they grow to adulthood. His moral compass is well directed and his leadership by example is catching. Testimony from former and current Scouts and parents articulate the service record on which this nomination is based and confirm and illustrate the positive influence he has had directly as a Scoutmaster and crew advisor, and indirectly as round table commissioner, on the young men in the Blue Mountain Council.

Evah Ann Powelson

West Richland, Washington

Evah Ann Powelson's record as a Scouter, and Cub Scouter in particular, is lengthy. She has served as a Cubmaster, den leader, pack committee member, Scout advancement chairman, unit commissioner, Cub Scout roundtable commissioner, Cub Scout day camp director, Cub Scout day camp staff, Cub Scout leader trainer, den chief trainer, 11 year old camp director, counselor over Scouting for the Richland Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Cub Scout resident camp staff, camporee staff, Cub Scout day camp inspector, and a merit badge counselor.

She has served as PTA treasurer for Mark Twain Elementary, volunteer Washington State Reading Corp, Tapteal Elementary, member of Hanford High Music Association, Hanford High School Marching Band uniform staff, Hanford High School Marching Band uniform chair, and a member of Bells without Borders bell choir.

Evah Ann has a major impact on the Cub Scouting program of the Blue Mountain Council. The Cub Scout day camps that she has lead or been on staff interact with the majority of Cub Scouts in the Council. The interaction with leaders as round table commissioner has extended her knowledge to many others. Her leadership of, and enthusiasm for, Cub Scouting as a vital ministry in her Church has influenced countless lives.

Richard M. Pratt

Richland, Washington

Rick Pratt's service has been associated with Troop 237, chartered to Westside United Protestant Church, since the early 1990's. He served on the troop committee, as assistant Scoutmaster, and Scoutmaster. He is currently on the troop committee.

Rick is a role model for youth and adults in all his undertakings. Professionally, he is an outstanding and innovative Senior Engineer at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, where he received the 2007 Inventor of the Year Award from the lab for work involving six new patents. He has proved community leadership to adults through his church as an Elder, leading small church fellowship groups, Men's Discussion groups at Bible Study Fellowship (a Tri-Cities wide ministry), and chairing the church youth Committee. He has mentored electrical engineering senior design teams at Washington State University and Gonzaga University and has sponsored summer interns at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.

His leadership with youth is exemplified with the years as Scoutmaster in which he instilled leadership traits with the youth leaders so that the meetings were effectively run by the boys. This same focus was also provided in his efforts as soccer coach, basketball coach, church ministry to youth, and as a mentor for college senior design projects. He has equipped the youth through his example. He sees the potential in youth and quietly, patiently, creatively, and effectively works to resolve issues in the best interests of all. He excels at holding youth accountable for their actions and encouraging and requiring them to take the necessary steps of reconciliation when their actions negatively impact others. Along the way he challenges youth and adults to strive for excellence in all they do.

Gerald C. Sorensen

Richland, Washington

Gerald Sorensen's record of service to Scouting over 40 years includes extensive service through the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints with oversight in their ministry to youth as the council's LDS relationships committee chair. He provided leadership in organizing two LDS Encampments. As President of the Richland Stake he had oversight of Scouting activities for nine wards and their packs, troops, teams, and crews. He has worked directly with the boys over the years and is currently the Scoutmaster of the 11 year olds in his troop. He also serves on the Blue Mountain Council Executive Board and on the nominating committee of the board.

His service to his church led the way to being the Stake President from 1998 to 2009. In addition he has coached youth baseball, basketball, and softball. He served on the Richland School Board from 1985 to 1992.

His leadership of the council's LDS relationships committee and the LDS encampments in 2000 at Farragut State Park and Ensign Ranch in 2005 positively impacted several thousand young men and adult leaders. He sets a positive example for the youth and influences the youth directly with his hands on interaction as well as indirectly with his oversight of the programs. His understanding of the role that Scouting plays in the life of a young man, and the importance of the Scouting program within his church, has had an enormous impact.

Gary L. Wentz

Walla Walla, Washington

Gary Wentz has served as pack committee chair for Pack 309, chartered to the Knights of Columbus, assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 305, chartered to the Eastgate Lions Club, and a merit badge counselor.

He coordinates the annual fund raiser booth at the Walla Walla County Fair for the Walla Walla Catholic Schools, coordinates the bike ride portion of the Gran Fondo cancer awareness fundraiser for the Providence of St Mary's Hospital Cancer Center, and volunteers at the Christian Aide center as a cook and server.

Gary impacts youth through the development of the current winter camp training program and by assisting in the coordination and staffing of the annual training. He holds snow shoe workshops to assist youth in constructing and maintaining their own snow shoes. He has developed the local district's Klondike Derby, organizes 400 mile bike rides, and provides training in the council at numerous council-wide training events.

Gary's quality Scouting program and leadership played a role in exposing our program to Mr. Randall Martin and his subsequent gift to the Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts of the Randall Martin Scout Camp in Pilot Rock.

BLUE MOUNTAIN COUNCIL SILVER BEAVER RECIPIENTS

1931

John O. Cruden
William L. Sterling

J.M. Burgess

George I. Drennan
Clem Wallace

1947

Wendell P. Brown
Guy Fisher
H.E. Jesseph
Lee Reynolds

1932

Howard O. Mansfield

1946

Walter Johnson

1933

John H. Wallace

1948

A.B. Amonino
B.B. Horrigan

1934

Henry J. Kirby

1949

Robert B. Baslee
Leslie B. Houchens
Charles D. Simpson

1935

John A. Casey

1950

Ernest J. Kison
C. Ray Portch
David Scott

1936

J.E. Olinger
Dr. C.L. Bladely

1938

Walter Colye
Dr. Ray F. Murphy
Bertram W. Hoare

1951

Vernon Stewart
Ray Jessen

1940

Stewart H. Butler, Sr.
Jess A. Smurthwaite

1952

Stewart H. Butler, Jr.
Almon E. Arnes

1943

1953

V.G. Sears

John Musser
Osmond Orton

1954
Elden Johnson

Ray Black
Harold Keller
Dr. Ralph Stevens

1955
John C. Lewis
Lester Bauermemister
LeRoy G. Houger

1956
Dr. W. H. Thompson
Kenneth A. Peyton
Ronald Rew
J. Dee McCullough

1957
Lester J. McPherson
Harland Carlson
Richard D. Brown
Max Piger

1958
Jack Wright
O.M. Killand
Porter Muir
Dale Jackson

1959
Fred W. Sporleder
Ples J. Lew
Edward W. Sorenson
Robert L. Koger
James M. Cornellson

1960
Gordon K. Potter

Joe Updegraff
L Holland St John
Richard Jones

1961
Spencer H Bush
Rex R. Faust
Everett W. Lake
Carl Schuster

1962
Clarence Bartlett
David Gallant
John Cochran
John Harris

1963
Bruce Mercer
Eugene Hibbert
J. Stuart McKinnis
Ortho McLean

1964
Roland Pack
Gene Boswell
Cliff Christensen
William Warren
Willard Crawford

1965
Harold Shoemaker
Earl Reynolds
Farrell Spencer
Edward Claire

1966

Larry Dickman
Thomas Simonton
George Breedlove
Rev Chandler Jackson

1967
Bruce Bennett
John Deathridge
Arnold Erickson
Jerry Rodgers

1968
Robert Orr
William Hodgson
Jack Fatland
Robert Reid

1969
Don Brown
Clark Dyer
Ervin Williams

1970
Monroe C. Nobel, Jr.
Roy C. Hoffman
Dr. Eldon Grable
David T. Crawley

1971
James M. Davidson
Robert Wilkins

John Pinkerton
Owen Agenbroad

1972
Earl J. Wheelwright
Harvey Keen
James L. Frost
Donald F. Coyle
William A. Lloyd

1973
Charles Hibbert
Thomas Seaton
Joe Flink

1974
Keith Barber
John F. John
Donovan Phillips
Harold W. Heacock

1975

George W. Bennett
Joyce Henderson
Fred Pembrock
Dr. Elwyn L. Smith
Dr. Vernon G. Snyder

1976

W. Scott Kelly
Merle G. Miller
Clyde Painter
Kirk Skinner
Millard Van Donge

1981

Duane Dennis
Donald E. Hansen, Jr.
Bruce T. Montgomery
Albert W. Lampton

1982

Joan Agnes Bowling
Robert H. Purcell
William Ruther, Sr.
Jack Selby

1983

Donald Hendricks
Anna Meigs
Marr Waddoups
J. Frank Ward, Sr.

1977

H.C. Beaman
James Pl Boynton
Harold V. Larson
Levi E. Tallett

1978

Glenn Irvin
Tony Faro
Milton J. Rasmussen
Harold H. Wright

1984

Rowland E. Felts
Jack D. Hymas
Lawrence James Paynter
Robert E. Sommer, Jr.

1985

Glenda Beach
Carl M. Homes
Dean V. Powell
Gordon S. See

1986

Lyle R. Baldwin
Frank T. Ferreira
George Edward Garrett
Donald K. Smith
Sheldon R. Strand

1979

Sidney B. Altena
Harley G. Smith
Garth L. Tingey
Richard V. Wright

1980

Claas H. Henry
Jerom V. Jackson
James P. O'Donahue
Gaylord T. Orton

1987

Opal M. Barnett
Gene H. Claybrook
Diana L. Gorham
Frank A. Graf, Jr.
Carol Hall

1988

Lester K. Aldrich II
Merrill C. Burt
Donald E. Knowlton
Michael F. Tesky
Eric W. Valentine
Gerald Woodcock

1989

Ray Gerber
Richard J. Hindman

C. Edward Ravell
Linda R. Strand
Ron Umbarger
Morris J. Whalen

1990

William C. Buchmiller
Glendon W. Gee
N. Dee Hymas
Vivian Jorgenson
Shari A. Richmond
Thomas Varljen

1991

Maurice A. Coker
Anna Jean Cottrell
Mary L. Jackson
Cindy Johansen
Dr. Robert B. Macduff
Harold G. Nelson

1992

David O. Blacketer
Harold D. Bussell
Merrill J. Gorham
Michael Houdak
Zane A. Suverly
Harold S. Tesky

1993

Stephen F. Gaines
Robert H. Harrison
Dr. Curtis W. Long
Mikal McKinnon
Floyd F. Melton Jr.

1994

Alan J. Anderson
Walter John Forsea
David C. Hedengren
Darryl Lee Lamberd
Sherwood L. Smith
Oliver William Sykes

1995

Dana Sue Follett
Russell Lee Lester
Mary Ann Price
Randy Price
Raymond E. Ralph
E.E. "Butch" Splattstoesser

1996

Rev Greg Carlson

Jerry L. Davis

Clay Robert Dickman

Robert N. Ehmann

Barton Wayne Hawkins

Richard Roy White

1997

John H. Boyer
Dr. James A. Cochran
Eric S. Geisler
James C. McCall
Willard L. Meader, MD
Garry L. Reynolds

1998

Larry E. Anderson
William E. Nichols
Darrell Hill Rowbury
Wayman Frank Sinden
Risa Umbarger
Dr. Martin J. Wistisen

1999

Michael L. Castellaw
Edwin C. Castellaw
Larry L. Johnson
Verl T. Long
Irvine Z. Stone, Jr.
H. Wayne Slater

2000

William Charles Bond
Ann C. Campbell
William A. Jamison
Richard Monacelli
Arthur J. Smithee
Gary L. Troyer

2001

John W. Bailey
Buddy Davis
Mary Koza
Deon L. Strommer
Jay R. Sumsion

2002

Eugene H. Carbaugh
Robert Keith Carter
Margaret Eacker
Robert S. Frix
Burt Goranson
Dale Richard Hilding
Julianne M. Hoppen
James A. Nelson
Richard E. Raymond

2003

James Kent Bagley
Joann Barker
Bernard Beldin
William Erickson
Janet C. Griffin
Richard Hindman
Roy Keith Johnston
John Page
Edward Peterson
Kevin Rogers
Nathan Thompson

2004

Joel A. Eacker
Mark Gehlen
Patricia Gibbons
Patti Pickard
Theresa Quezada
Billie Robbins
Linda Sweet

2005

S. John Collins
Nolan Hale
Albert A Kruger
Ferris Naef
Ronald Rex Thompson
John Umbarger

2006

Ernest Empey
Jim G. Field
Elizabeth Huntsman
Jay Jessee
Clay Madden
Shannon Phipps
Don Pratt
Larry Ross

Evah Ann Powelson

Richard M. Pratt
Gerald C. Sorensen
Gary L. Wentz

2007

Rex B. Bendixsen
Lee Boman
Donald Ray Gibbard
Henry Brent Lewis
David B. Ottley
Barry L. Sachs
Malcom Skinner
Paula Rae Thompson

2008

Clinton L. Bouslaugh
Peter W. Gibbons
James Rodney Larson
Thomas Kent Lewis
Charles Rich Merritt
Neil W. Rawlins
Steven Ray Smith

2009

Samuel J. Dechter
Brent Jack Pierce

SILVER BEAVER RECIPIENTS FROM OTHER COUNCILS

James R. Barrow
Lawrence Clay
Keith Cooke
John C. Darrington
Hank Jackel
Albert Jacques
Norman Rowley

SILVER FAWN

1973
Delores Wright
Dorrie McKay

1974
Dean Faro
Joan Mitchell

SILVER ANTELOPE

1949
Dr. Ralph Stevens
Walla Walla

1958
Wendell Brown
Pasco

1984
Dr. Eldon Grable
Pendleton

1994
Harold Heacock
Kennewick

2003
Mary Ann Price
Kennewick

2005
Robert Purcell
Richland

2007
Joel A. Eacker
Kennewick

2008
Randy Price

Kennewick

2009
Steve Gaines
Richland

SILVER BUFFALO

Mary Ann Price

Kennewick

2004

The Presidents, Commissioners, and Council Executives of the Blue Mountain Council

President

1922 W.L. Stirling, Walla Walla
1923 Col. Paul Weyrauch, Walla Walla
1927 John P. Cruden, Walla Walla
1930 John F. Casper, Walla Walla
1938 B. M. Huntington, Walla Walla
1939 James Burgess, Milton-Freewater
1940 Dr. Ralph Stevens, Walla Walla
1942 Judge B. B. Horrigan, Pasco
1948 H. E. "Jerry" Jesseph, Walla Walla
1950 Charles D. Simpson, Baker City
1952 Ray T. Jessen, Richland
1955 Wendell Brown, Pasco
1957 Ron Rew, Pendleton
1958 Louis Keiler, Walla Walla
1960 David Gallant, Pasco
1962 Willard Crawford, Walla Walla
1963 Spencer Bush, Richland
1966 Gordon Clark, La Grande
1967 Bruce Mercer, Condon
1970 William A. Lloyd, Walla Walla
1972 Keith Barber, Richland
1973 Ervin Williams, Echo
1975 Earl J. Wheelwright, Richland
1978 Garth L. Tingey, Richland
1980 Ervin Williams, Echo
1981 D. Dale Mammen, La Grande
1982 R. Quinn Gardner, Kennewick
1982 John Nolan, Richland
1986 Martin Wistisen, Tri-Cities

1988 Eugene Astley, Richland
1989 Clif La Hue, Kennewick
1991 Bill Lampson, Kennewick
1993 Ray Robinson, Richland
1994 Willard Meader, Kennewick
1997 Martin Wistisen, Tri-Cities
1998 Willard Meader, Kennewick
1999 Dr. James Cochran, Richland
2001 Robert Frix, Richland
2004 Joel A. Eacker, Kennewick
2006 John C. Darrington, Richland
2007 Lee Boman, Richland
2009 Mark Gehlen, Pasco

Commissioner

1922 Herman S. Reichard, Walla Walla
1942 S. H. Butler, Dayton
1943 L. D. Felch, Walla Walla
1948 Dr. Ralph Stevens, Walla Walla
1953 Ray Gilham
1957 Eldon Johnson, Hermiston
1961 Harland Carlson, Kennewick
1962 Ray A. Black, Milton-Freewater
1969 Ervin Williams, Echo
1973 Don Phillips, Pendleton
1977 Harold Heacock, Kennewick
1980 Jerry Woodcock, Richland
1982 Eldon B. Grable, Pendleton
1983 Robert Purcell, Richland
1999 Larry Anderson, Richland
2006 Steve Gaines, Richland

Executive

1923 A. Dan Dayton
1925 E. R. Parkinson
1931 Robert H. Hayes
1937 Oscar Hoover
1942 Ralph W. Smedley
1943 Ralph D. McDermott
1948 Robert H. Lamott
1964 R. S. "Bob" Lamm
1969 Charles W. Maylender
1970 Clifford T. Waetje
1974 Derrald Watkins
1980 Dean Kernahan
1984 Phil Robins
1995 Ron Lunsford
2000 Mark Griffin

Thank You

Master of Ceremonies

Steve Gaines

Council Commissioner

Fluor Hanford

Bob Fluor

Con Murphy

John Umbarger

Kennewick First Presbyterian

Dr. Rob Hagen