



**BLUE MOUNTAIN COUNCIL  
75TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER  
MAY 17, 1997**

**Program**

Silver Beaver Reception (5:30 pm)

Call to Dinner

Opening Ceremony

Welcome and Introductory Remarks

Welcome to Walla Walla

Invocation

Dinner

Introduction of Distinguished Guests

Opening Remarks

Gerald Woodcock, MC

Wa-La-Moot-Kin Lodge,  
Order of the Arrow

Gerald Woodcock, MC

Walla Walla Rotary Club

Reverend Carlson

Gerald Woodcock, MC

Martin Wistisen, Council  
President

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THE OUTLOOK - SOUTHEAST WASHINGTON

**75TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER**  
**Program (Continued)**

Recognition of 1996 Executive Board and Committee

Willard L. Meader, M.D.,  
 Past Council President

Speaker

Dale Mammen, Past  
 Council President

Jamboree Provisional Troop Awards

John Pinkerton, Scout-  
 master

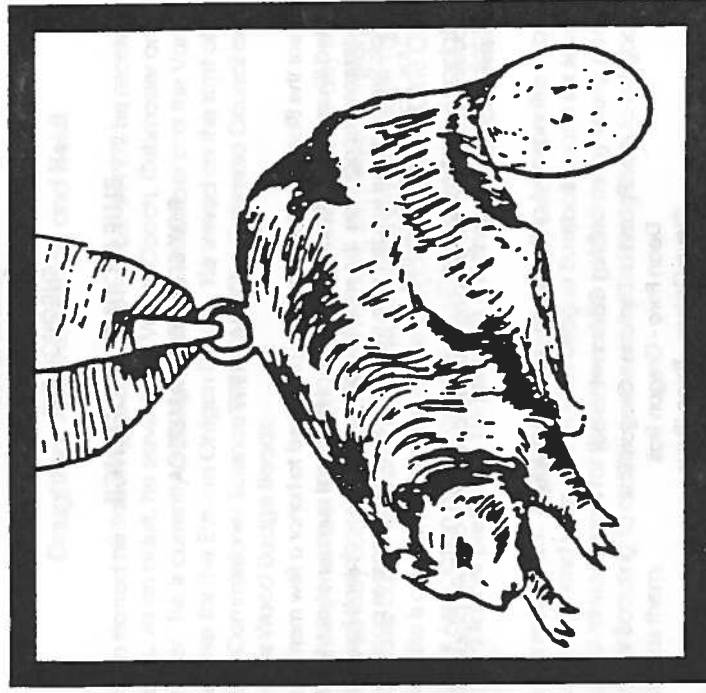
Recognition of 75-year Scouters

Ron Lunsford, Council Scout  
 Executive and Bob Purcell,  
 Council Commissioner

Silver Beaver Ceremony and  
 New Recipients' Reception Line

Gordon See, Silver Beaver  
 Selection Chairman

**SILVER BEAVER**



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## SILVER BEAVER

AWARDS BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

THROUGH THE

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Each year the Blue Mountain Council is privileged to honor a few men and women with the covered Silver Beaver Award. Because of the great number of outstanding Scouters who deserve recognition, the selection of each year's recipients is a difficult task. We are appreciative of all our leaders who make the Scouting program possible for thousands of Cubs, Scouts and Explorers.

The Scouters recognized this evening are truly deserving, and we proudly honor for distinguished service to our youth.

Your 1996 Silver Beaver Committee:

Greg Carlson - Pioneer  
Robert N. Ehmann - Oregon Trail  
Dean Faro - Oregon Trail  
Steve Gaines - Three Rivers  
Harold Heacock - Council  
John Pinkerton - Three Rivers  
Mary Ann Price - Council  
Sheri Richmond - Pioneer  
Gordon See - Chair  
Shenwood Smith - Eastern Oregon  
Eric Valentine - Eastern Oregon  
Tom Vanjlen - Council

## JOHN H. BOYER

Haines, Oregon  
Wife: Nancy  
Son: Björn

Daughters: Andrea, Monica and Heidi

John started his Scouting as a Bobcat in 1966. In 1972 he received the Eagle Rank. As an adult, he served as a Varsity Coach, Cubmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster. He is currently a Troop Committee Member and the Varsity Commissioner for the Eastern Oregon District. He served on the staff of our Joint College of Commissioner Science with the Grand Columbia Council and received his Wood Badge Beads.

An active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, John served as a Sunday School Teacher and President, Executive Secretary, Ward Mission Leader, Elders' Quorum Leader, Stake Missionary and Stake Young Mens' Secretary. He is an active member of the Oregon Woolgrowers, the Oregon Cattlemen's Association as well as the Baker County Livestock Association of which he is a former president. He serves as a Haines volunteer firefighter.

John enjoys kids. He helped with 4-H, devoting his expertise, labor and resources year in and year out. A Little League Baseball coach for seven years, he coached all-star teams for three years. He helped many young people both in and out of Scouting to achieve success by teaching them to set goals and strive towards them.

The youth of his area are very appreciative as we present the **SILVER BEAVER** to:

**JOHN H. BOYER**

## **JAMES A. COCHRAN, Ph.D.**

Richland, Washington

Wife: **Katherine**

Daughters: **Cynthia and Sarah**

Dr. Cochran's involvement with Scouting spans 52 years since he became a Cub Scout, and 47 years since he earned the rank of Eagle Scout at the age of fourteen. During that period he has a continuous record of service to youth through his BSA membership. As an adult he has served as an Assistant Scoutmaster in two councils and on the executive board of four councils. He is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and participated in three national jamborees, two as adult staff.

Dr. Cochran was a founding member of the National Eagle Scout Association and has received the NESA Distinguished Service Award. Since moving to the Tri-City area, he has served on the Blue Mountain Council Executive Board and is currently chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee. He is also a member of the Western Region Executive Board and has previously served on the National Council.

Dr. Cochran is an active member of the Kennewick Presbyterian Church. He is also a leader in numerous civic and economic development organizations and currently is Campus Dean for Washington State University at Tri-Cities.

In recognition of his long and dedicated service to Scouting and youth, particularly in the Blue Mountain Council, we are proud to present the **SILVER BEAVER** to:

**JAMES A. COCHRAN**

## **ERIC S. GEISLER**

La Grande, OR

Wife: **Penelope**

Sons: **Neil (Eagle Scout)**  
and **Karl**

Quality commitment and indefatigable dedication to Scouting are only two of the superlatives that describe Eric Geisler's Scouting years. From youth Scouting to Scoutmaster, his devotion to its ideals has never wavered. One of his friends has said, "I have never met a person who loves Scouting as much as Eric. He has truly a gift to give."

This gift to give has included leading his troop on several long term bike trips in the San Juan Islands and elsewhere in Washington state, organizing and leading district camporees and winter training and serving on Junior Leader Training and Wood Badge staffs; all the time instilling both practical outdoor skills and leadership skills in Scouts and Scouters.

Eric first served as a Scoutmaster from 1970 to 1972 in Calgary, Alberta while he was serving on the ski patrol at Lake Louise as a first aid and CPR instructor, and later as an avalanche instructor. He received recognition as the runner-up for the National Outstanding Nordic Patrolter in 1984. An incredible experience and honor occurred when he was selected as a Nordic Patrolter for the 1988 Olympic Games.

Scouting and ski patrolling are not dissimilar. Both require an active mind, a willing body and an ability to adapt. Eric has combined these two programs in an Explorer post that has developed a number of teenage ski patrol candidates.

Ski patrolling and Scouting have been a family affair. His son Neil is an Eagle Scout with 46 merit badges, while his younger son, Karl, is now working on his Eagle project. Penelope, his wife, has been active in Scouting since the boys joined Cub Scouts, serving in many capacities, including Wood Badge staff. Penelope and Neil are also ski patrolters.

Eric is presently a member of the Society of American Foresters. He has chaired its National Committee for Forest Roads, developed Best Management Practices for the Department of Natural Resources in Minnesota and developed new uses for waste material and new outdoor products.

His commitment to volunteer service is indeed a path we can all take pride in following. It is with gratitude that we present the **SILVER BEAVER** to:

**ERIC S. GEISLER**

## JAMES C. McCALL

Walla Walla, Washington  
Wife: Marilyn  
Son: J.  
Daughter: Pam

Jim McCall was a Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Explorer and a member of the Order of the Arrow. He graduated from Oregon State University with a BS in Mechanical Engineering and earned his MS from the University of Michigan. He is self-employed and the owner of Reiff Manufacturing, a major plastics fabricator for several local industries.

Jim is presently the Chartered Organization Representative for Troop 305, having been Assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster and Committee Chairman. He also helped charter Pack and Troop 300, serving simultaneously in both troops as Committee Chairman and also as Chartered Organization Representative. He received the Scouter's Training Award, District Award of Merit and his Wood Badge beads.

At the district level, he has been a merit badge counselor and District Advancement Chairman. He built up and maintained a current master list of District Merit Badge Counselors and provided them with proper training including youth protection training. Jim saw the need for and published a *Life to Eagle Guide*, which has dramatically improved the quality of Eagle Scout candidates from the Pioneer District. He has organized and assisted with district camporees and junior leader training. His efforts as Finance Committee Chairman resulted in the district meeting its 1996 *Friends of Scouting* goal. He went far beyond all expectations by leading a series of *FOS in Our Community* presentations and community leadership luncheons.

Jim is a member of Jaycees, Toastmasters and the Eastgate Lions Club. He was *Lion of the Year* in 1994. He worked with the youth group at the First Church of God, was a 4-H leader and sponsored white river rafting trip for both Junior High and High School Students. As a Reserve Police Officer, he has given many hours of patrol and public service to help keep youth safe and gang activity in check.

This Scouter and community leader is an outstanding candidate for recognition for his distinguished service to youth. It is with great pleasure that the Blue Mountain Council presents the **SILVER BEAVER** to:

**JAMES C. McCALL**

## WILLARD L. MEADER, M.D.

Richland, Washington  
Wife: Sharon  
Son: Richard  
Daughter: Dana

We are pleased to announce the award of the **SILVER BEAVER** to Dr. Willard L. Meader. He was in Scouting as a youth and held leadership positions in his troop. Prior to moving to Richland, Dr. Meader had a distinguished career as a medical officer in the United States Air Force, retiring as a Brigadier General in 1989.

Dr. Meader served in numerous assignments, both in the United States and overseas, and was awarded a Bronze Star for meritorious achievement during his service in Viet Nam.

Following his retirement from the Air Force, Dr. Meader became active in business and community circles in the Tri-Cities and joined the council's executive board in 1992. At the time he became president of the council in 1994, he was aware of the council's precarious financial situation and accepted the challenge of improving the situation. Under his leadership the council executive board was re-organized, a successful search for a new Scout Executive as completed and efforts to obtain greater community support were undertaken. As a result of these initiatives an increase in community financial support was achieved which eliminated the council's operating deficit and achieved a balanced budget.

Dr. Meader's leadership skills and the commitment of a substantial amount of his personal time has permitted the Blue Mountain Council to go forward in providing Scouting to the youth of our area. Dr. Meader served three years as president, beyond the normal commitment to this demanding office. His willingness to accept this call to duty, above and beyond, was motivated as a service to the youth of our area. He continues to serve youth through his continued membership on the Blue Mountain Council Executive Board and as a member of the Western Region Advisory Committee.

In recognition of his exceptional service to youth, the Blue Mountain Council is pleased to present the **SILVER BEAVER** to:

**WILLARD L. MEADER, M.D.**



## GARRY REYNOLDS

Hermiston, Oregon

Wife: **Sheila**

Sons: **Andrew and Tim**

Daughters: **Beth, Jill and Mary**

Garry is not only a long time Scouter, but a leader in his community. He is now a member of the Oregon Trail District Committee, the council executive board, and a troop committee in addition to being an active merit badge counselor. Garry has been an Explorer Advisor, an Assistant Scoutmaster, both a troop and a varsity team committee chairman and a chartered organization representative. He served on the council's LDS Relations Committee for 10 years and has received his Wood Badge beads.

A member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Garry has been a counselor in the Bishopric, High Councilman (over Scouting), Ward Young Men's President (over Explorers) Deacons Quorum Advisor (working with Boy Scouts) and High Priest Teacher. He has also been Stake Young Men's President (overseeing all Scouting in his stake) and an early morning youth seminary teacher.

Even with all of these activities, Garry made time to contribute to the community. He served on the Good Shepherd Community Hospital Board of Trustees for nine years, being its secretary for two years and also on the City of Hermiston Library Board for nine years, being its chairperson for two years. He was also on the board of directors for both the Meadowood Speech Camp and the Hermiston School District Music Boosters Board where he served as its treasurer for two years. Garry was a coach for youth soccer, basketball and baseball and is a member of the Rotary Club.

Professionally, he has been the Sixth Judicial District Bar Association President, Vice President and Secretary; a member of the Local Professional Responsibility Committee; and a private practitioner in the law firm of Reynolds and Bendixsen. In 1996 he was elevated to the position of Circuit Court Judge for the Sixth Judicial District, which is the highest state trial court in the district.

With all of these activities, a friend best summarized Garry's qualifications by saying "Garry truly lives Scouting's ideals." He has served many years and many youth. Most importantly, he trained and inspired many Scout leaders to be successful and to continue to serve Scouting and its purposes; thereby making our Scouting program even stronger. Please join us in congratulating this recipient of the SILVER BEAVER:

## GARRY REYNOLDS

## SILVER BEAVER RECIPIENTS

1931-John O. Cruden\*  
William L. Sterling\*

1932-Howard O. Mansfield\*

1933-John H. Wallace\*

1934-Henry J. Kirby\*

1935-John A. Casey

1936-J. E. Olinger\*  
Dr. C. L. Bladely

1938-Walter Coyle\*  
Dr. Roy F. Murphy  
Beniam W. Hoare

1940-Stewart H. Butler, Sr.  
Jess A. Smurthwaile

1943-J. M. Burgess  
George I. Drennan\*  
Glen Wallace

1946-Walter Johnson

1947-Wendell P. Brown\*  
Guy Fisher  
H. E. Jeseph\*  
Lee Reynolds\*

1948-A. B. Amorino  
B. B. Haifigan\*

1949-Robert B. Baslee\*  
Leslie B. Houchens  
Charles D. Simpson

1950-Ernest J. Kison  
C. Ray Patch  
David Scott

1951-Vernon Stewart  
Ray Jessen\*

1952-Stewart Butler  
Almon E. Ames

1953-V. G. Sears  
John Musser\*  
Ormond Orton

1954-Elden Johnson  
Ray Black  
Harold Keller  
Dr. Ralph Stevens

1955-John C. Lewis  
Lester Bauernmeister\*  
LeRoy G. Hauger

1956-Dr. Wm. H. Thompson\*  
Kenneth A. Peyton\*  
Ronald Rew\*  
J. Dee McCullough

1957-Lester J. McPherson  
Harland Catson  
Richard D. Brown\*  
Max Pflger

1958-Jack Wright\*  
O. M. Kiland  
Parler Muir  
Dale Jackson

1959-Fred W. Spoitfelder\*  
Ples J. Lew  
Ed W. Sorenson  
Robert L. Koger  
James M. Cornelison\*

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 Barlett  
David Gallant  
John Cochran  
John Harris

1963-Bruce Mercer  
Eugene Hibbert  
J. Stuart McKinns  
Orlino McLean

1964-Roland Pack  
Gene Boswell\*  
Cliff Christensen  
William Warren  
Willard Crawford

1965-Harold Shoemaker  
Earl Reynolds  
Farrell Spencer\*  
Edward O'Clair\*

1966-Larry Dickman  
Thomas Smonton\*  
George Breedlove  
Rev. Chandler Jackson

1967-Bruce Bennett  
John Deatthidge\*  
Arnold Erickson  
Jerry Rodgers

1968-Robert Orr  
William Hodgson  
Jack Faltland  
Robert Reid

1969-Dan Brown  
Clark Dyer\*  
Ervin Williams

1970-Monice C. Noble, Jr.\*  
Roy C. Hoffman  
Dr. Elden Grable\*  
David T. Crawley

1971-James M. Davidson  
Robert Wilkins  
John Pinkerton  
Owen Agenbrood

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

1973-Charles Hibbert  
Thomas Seaton\*  
Joe Flint

1974-Kelth Barber  
John F. John\*  
Donovan Phillips  
Harold W. Heacock

1975-George M. Bennett  
Joyce Henderson  
Fred Pembroke  
Dr. Elwyn L. Smith  
Dr. Vernon G. Snyder

1976-W. Scott Kelly  
Merle G. Miller  
Clyde Painter  
Kirk Skinner  
Millard Van Dange

1977-H. C. Bearman  
James P. Boynton  
Harold V. Larson  
Levi E. Tallett

1978-Glenn Ervin  
Tony Fato  
Milton J. Rasmussen  
Harold H. Wright

1979-Sidney B. Altana  
Harley G. Smith  
Garth L. Thagay  
Richard V. Wright

1980-Claas H. Henry\*  
Jerom V. Jackson  
James P. O'Donahue  
Gayland T. Orton

1981-Duane Dennis  
Donald E. Hansen, Jr.  
Bruce T. Montgomery  
Albert W. Lamplon

1982-Jean Agnes Bowling  
Robert H. Purcell  
William Rutherford, Sr.\*  
Jack Selby

1983-Donald Hendricks  
Anna Meigs  
Marr Wooddups  
J. Frank Ward, Sr.

1984-Rowland E. Felts  
Jack D. Hymas  
Lawrence James Paynter  
Robert E. Sommer, Jr.

\*Deceased

**SILVER BEAVER RECIPIENTS (Continued)**

- 1985-Glenda K. Beach  
Carl M. Holmes  
Dean V. Powell\*  
Gordon S. See
- 1986-Lyle R. Baldwin  
Frank T. Farnica  
George Edward Gamett  
Dorcas K. Smith  
Sheldon Strand
- 1987-Opal M. Barnett  
Gene H. Claybrook  
Diana L. Gornham  
Frank A. Graf, Jr.  
Carol Hall
- 1988-Lester K. Adrich II  
Merif C. Burt  
Donald E. Knowlton  
Michael F. Tesky  
Eric W. Valentine  
Gerald Woodcock
- 1989-Ray Gerber  
Richard J. Hindman  
C. Edward Ravel  
Unda R. Strand  
Ron Umbarger  
Morris J. Whalen
- 1990-William C. Buchmiller  
Glendon W. Gee  
N. Dee Hymas  
Vivian Jorgensen  
Shari A. Richmond  
Thomas Varljen
- 1991-Maurice A. Coker  
Anna Jean Cottrell  
Mary L. Jackson  
Chad J. Hansen  
Robert B. Maccauff  
Harold G. Nelson
- 1992-David O. Blockeler  
Harold D. Bussell  
Merril J. Gornham  
Michael Houdek  
Zane A. Soverly  
Harold S. Tesky
- 1993-Stephen F. Gaines  
Robert H. Harrison  
Dr. Curtis W. Long  
Mikal A. McKinnon  
Rloyd F. Mellon, Jr.  
Jack C. Will
- 1994-Alan J. Anderson  
Walter John Forsee  
David C. Hedengren  
Daryl Lee Lambeid  
Sherwood L. Smith  
Oliver William Sykes
- 1995-Dana Sue Fallett  
Russell Lee Lester  
Mary Ann Price  
Randy Price  
Raymond Everette Ralph  
E. E. (Burtch) Sparitsoesser
- 1996-Greg Carlson  
Jenny L. Davis  
Clay Robert Dickman  
Robert N. Ehmman  
Barion Wayne Hawkins  
Richard Roy White
- 1997-John H. Boyer  
Dr. James A. Cochran  
Eric S. Gelsler  
James C. McCall  
Wilard L. Meader, MD  
Gamy L. Reynolds

\*Deceased

**SILVER FAWN RECIPIENTS**

- 1973-DeLores Wright  
Donnie McKay
- 1974-Dean Faro  
Joan Mitchell

**SILVER BEAVER RECIPIENTS IN OTHER COUNCILS**

- James R. Barrow  
Albert Jacques  
Susan Just