

Scout offers personal perspective of Troop 110 anniversary party

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(Josh Roma, 14, is Troop 110's official historian.)

I walk into Vladimir's Banquet Hall and wonder what to expect. I was hoping to be home in time to watch the Super Bowl. I see how much work people have put into this event.

These Scouts and Scouters have worked so hard to make this a festive and exciting function. I notice all the effort that people have put into the "Troop 110 Through the Years" exhibit, which is an accumulation of about 20 different posters of Scouting pictures, memorabilia and other items. For instance, the ashes we have saved from every troop campfire, from National Jamborees to campfires at Heritage Park right here in Farmington, are on display. One of our dads worked hard to create little tents with red,

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gold and blue balloons attached for centerpieces on all the tables. The cakes are personalized with our troop logo. All this hard work paid off because within the first half-hour I am already having fun along with my fellow troop members.

I walk over to the merchandise table and see vests with a 50th logo patch, 50th anniversary commemorative neckerchiefs, patches, pins, luggage tags and stickers. I see the pictorial "cancellation stamp" that I have been preparing for over two years for our troop's 50th

Anniversary.

Hanging from the railing are 114 ribbons earned from 1955 to the present. The Eagle plaque that normally hangs at Our Lady of Sorrows Church is on display; many people had never seen it before.

The program starts with the color guards bringing in the United States flag and the troop flag. Then there is the introduction of special guests, who include people from the Clinton Valley Boy Scout council, local government, 30 Troop 110 Eagle Scouts and nine past scoutmas-

ters.

Former Scoutmaster Brad Smith speaks about the past and present of the troop. Gene Roma, the current scoutmaster, talks about our future as a troop. Soon, it is dinnertime. Dinner is awesome and the desserts are great!

Then we hear the NASA space shuttle commander and pilot, Ken Cameron, speak to us. He lifts our hearts and makes sure that every single one of us believes in himself. He also shows us all of his slides from when he went into space.

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History: Members of Boy Scout Troop 110 look over memorabilia from the troop's 50-year history. Left to right are Collin Work, Alex Smith and Mike White.

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the "out of the way" camp-out. Each spring, the troop visited places like the Wright Patterson Air Force Base and Museum in Ohio, Chicago or Toronto for a city trip, or the Gerald R. Ford Museum and USS Silverdome submarine in Muskegon.

Backpacking is a vital part of Troop 110 history. Trails include the Chief Pontiac, Oak Openings, the Potawatami, the Cuvee, and Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. The troop also has participated in the Klondike Sled Races, with the scouts making their sleds from wood. No nails were allowed!

In recent years, Troop 110 has hosted a Camporee in the "dark." The 1999 "Midnight Madness" camporee was held at Heritage Park, which served as host to hundreds of Scouts from all over the Ottawa district. They competed in over a dozen events throughout the night.

Proud heritage, bright future
We are proud of our 78 Eagle Scouts. In 1957, Gerald Badalucco became the first young man to attain the Eagle rank. Alex Smith, who attained the rank on January 13 is our newest Eagle.

Our pride continues, both in our scouts and in our accomplishments.

Last September, Troop 110 completed "blazing" a brand new hiking trail that runs through

Kensington Metro Park and Island Lake State Recreation Area. This trail is an addition to the Chief Pontiac Trail system. Over 680 man-hours went into the development of this trail. Our thanks to Bradley Smith, who organized this project and provided leadership.

In October 2000, Troop 110 buried a time capsule on the grounds of Our Lady of Sorrows. A plaque is being created and will be added to the stones above the capsule to remind us to open it in 2025. The capsule contains artifacts, letters, and other memorabilia from our current scouts. It will be interesting to see how times have changed when it is opened in the future.

We continue to be dedicated to community service. For many years, we have prepared and served lunch to senior citizens at St. Patrick's Soup Kitchen in Detroit. We also have helped the seniors at the Marian Oakland West senior facility in Farmington Hills. In recent years, we have planned an annual service day to help an Eagle Scout "Woody" Woodard of Farmington Hills, who received his award in 1919 from scouting's founder, Lord Baden-Powell. We rake Woody's leaves and do other work at his house and property.

We look forward to 50 more years of camping, character-building and community service.

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their proms and graduations," McCulloch said. "If we can just stop one student from getting in a car after drinking it will be a success."

In October 2001 the choir performed for the entire Michigan legislative body in Lansing to kick off the beginning of Brain Injury Awareness month in the state. The group also performed three Christmas concerts for the Detroit Rescue Mission and sponsored a clothing drive that helped 200 people at the mission last year.

"As near as we can figure we're the only traveling capella choir comprised of brain-injured people in the country," McCulloch said. "One choir member was suicidal when he came to us and after two months, he said, the choir gave him a reason for living."

The choir rehearses every Wednesday.

"With some of the other therapy they tend to scatter the wrong way, but when it's time for choir rehearsal they all come running," McCulloch said. "It has also become a tremendous morale booster for the employees of Broe rehabilitation."

Broe Tabernacle Therapeutic Choir is available to perform for kindergarten through senior high school students, as well as other community groups throughout the metropolitan Detroit area.

"We like to give out free bike helmets to the children at the schools," McCulloch said.

For more information about Project Protection, Broe Tabernacle Therapeutic Choir CDs, videos and bookings, call McCulloch at (248) 474-2763.

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Volunteers needed for fundraiser

Catholic Social Services of Oakland County needs volunteers to help with its annual fund-raiser, "Celebration of Life," a dinner dance with live and silent auctions. This gala event will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 20, at Pine Lake Country Club, Orchard Lake.

Volunteers may greet guests and escort them to their tables, help with raffles, monitor the auctions, and help package and check out auction items. A meal will be provided. Volunteers are needed 4:30-11 p.m. Call (248) 648-4044, Ext. 3120 if you would like to help.

Catholic Social Services of Oakland County has eight locations where programs and services are offered to strengthen families and improve the quality of life for all Oakland County residents, from the unborn to the elderly.

Caregivers group to meet April 18

Caregivers of older adults find that some needs are tougher to tackle than others. This month, learn how to provide safe and gentle care for your loved one's special concerns, like wandering and sleeping patterns, communication, dressing and personal hygiene.

Join other caregivers and facilitator, Jill Walker for an afternoon of support, encouragement, and information about taking care of your loved ones and taking care of you.

The group meets 2 p.m. Thursday, April 18 at Southfield, Caring Place Caregiver's Group, 18310 W. 12 Mile Road (behind St. Bede Church). Admission is free, and light refreshments will be served. The Caregiver's Group is sponsored by Catholic Social Services of Oakland County. For more information, call (248) 334-9680, Ext. 3804.

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