



MCCS NEWS

MEMBERS OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST FOR SCOUTING

AHG CONFERENCE ATTENDEES LEARN ABOUT MCCS



MCCS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KENT BARNETT WITH AHG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATTI GARIBAY AT THE AHG NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE IN JUNE

The last week of June, Kent Barnett participated in the American Heritage Girls (AHG) National Leadership Conference held at Centreville, VA near Washington D.C. Kent manned the MCCS exhibit and networked with AHG leaders from around the country. His wife, Denise, visited with attendees at the booth when Kent was involved in sessions. Over 400 AHG leaders attended the four day event.

Kent was able to meet Church of Christ troop leaders that he had been in contact with in person allowing both to put a face with a name. Kent presented information about the Servant Leadership program during three of the breakout sessions. During these sessions, as well as during conversation at the booth, Kent encouraged leaders who were not members of the Church of Christ to have their troop girls earn the MCCS religious awards in addition to earning the other Protestant awards. Many were not aware that this was possible and were appreciative of the advice. Curricula were emailed to all those who signed up at the exhibit. "I'm looking forward to hearing that many youth have completed the curriculum as a result of these contacts," said Kent.

In addition to Kent, Connie Thomas, MCCS trustee and officer from the Louisville, KY, area and her husband Keith, attended the conference. Connie serves as a Troop Coordinator for an AHG troop chartered by the Watterson Trail Church of Christ in Louisville, and Keith is the troop's treasurer. Kent and his wife, Denise, enjoyed learning more about American Heritage Girls while dining several times with the Thomases. Kent considered the trip a huge success as old friendships were rekindled, new friendships made, and more people were made aware of the MCCS curriculum and its benefits. A highlight of the trip was being able to visit with dear friend Patti Garibay, Founder and Executive Director of AHG.

MCCS REPRESENTED DURING TRAIL LIFE USA TRAINING

MCCS was invited to participate in training sessions for the newly established Trail Life USA. Kent Barnett manned the MCCS exhibit at Trail Leader Training (TLT) in Waco, TX, in August and in Olathe, KS, near Kansas City during a September TLT Training. Over 350 Trail Leaders attended the Waco regional event and 115 participated in the Olathe conference. The Waco TLT drew the largest attendance over the eight TLTs held between April and September across the country.

During the TLT sessions, Barnett shared information about

the MCCS Servant Leadership curricula with Trail leaders and how the series could be implemented in their programs. He stressed that the scriptural basis for the MCCS curricula complements the 15 core values and Christian foundations on which Trail Life was established.

MCCS is excited to have a presence in Trail Life USA and is grateful to exhibit at TLT trainings. It is hoped that MCCS and TLUSA will establish a longtime relationship which will allow many youth to further develop spiritually while participating in the Servant Leadership series.



2014 is rapidly coming to an end! It has been a busy year and the time since our last newsletter has been no exception. In the newsletter, you will read about the events I have attended to share the MCCS mission. While meeting and greeting at these events, I have been encouraged as families have shared their own stories about completing one of the Servant Leadership series with their children. **I am always excited when I share the MCCS mission with those who may not have heard about the program.**

a note from Kent

In today's world, many parents are hungry to find ways to help young people grow spiritually and feel that the MCCS series provides both challenge and reward for their children. As more young people participate in the program, we feel that we are fulfilling our mission and goal to provide our Servant Leadership Bible study curricula to all youth involved in Boy Scouts, American Heritage Girls, Trail Life USA, Girl Scouts, and to those churches who wish to use the program in their Bible classes. We are here for the youth!

I am asking for your financial help during November and December. This is historically the period when many folks increase their charitable giving and we hope you will consider the MCCS ministry a worthy recipient. We are counting on you to continue with your end of year gift, or to start a new tradition of annual giving to MCCS. If you have given before, but it has been a couple of years, I hope you'll consider renewing your giving.

MISSION POSSIBLE!

How does your gift help? It allows us to send the curricula to youth without a mandatory fee. We are also able to subsidize the cost of the medals, patches, and pins allowing more youth to order and to proudly display a medal on their uniforms. In addition, we are able to have a physical presence at events sponsored by the different youth organizations where we make even more people aware of the MCCS Servant Leadership Award curricula.

To the parents of children who have been impacted spiritually by the MCCS program, **please consider helping other young people by giving.** As one father shared with me the joy of hearing his young son eagerly reminding him when it was time to read the Bible, you too have surely experienced similar times while working with your own child in the program. **Please help us make this program available to more youth.**

Donations can be mailed to the address listed on the newsletter coupon below. Make checks payable to MCCS. If you'd rather give online, you can do so by going to www.goodservant.org under the About Us tab. Or, save us the 2% fee and donate through your personal online bill pay plan. And remember, MCCS is a 501(c)(3) so your gift will be tax deductible. **If you are over age 70, please consider using some of your required minimum distribution (RMD) from your IRA to donate to MCCS.**

In service to youth,

Kent

Kent Barnett
MCCS National Executive Director

SUPPORT MCCS'S MINISTRIES THROUGH YOUR PRAYERS AND DONATIONS!

MCCS encourages youth to grow spiritually through the use of our Servant Leadership Series Religious Awards. We also actively work to promote all types of scouting as valuable ministries that congregations can utilize to bring youth to Christ and to reach out to unchurched youth in their communities. Your donations and prayerful support allow this ministry to thrive. Please use the coupon below or donate online through the "About Us" link at www.goodservant.org. MCCS is an IRS 501(c)(3) institution. All gifts are deductible as provided by law.

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MCCS TRUSTEES MEET IN ARLINGTON, TEXAS

by J. Houston Costolo
MCCS National Chairman

During the weekend of October 11-12, nine Trustees and the Executive Director, Kent Barnett, met to review the mission of MCCS and to develop a plan of action for moving forward with the recommendations.

The strategic planning session was held at the Pleasant Ridge Church of Christ, located in Arlington, Texas. The event was hosted by Trustee Roger Tate and Pleasant Ridge Elder, Dr. Mike Walker. Board Chairman Houston Costolo set the tone for the weekend with an opening address and then conducted a brain-storming session compiling each individual's perception of what the mission of MCCS is or should be.

The meeting was then turned over to Dr. Mike Walker who acted as the facilitator. As well as serving as an Elder, Dr. Walker is a Trustee for Oklahoma Christian University, and owner of Pain Recovery, LLC in Arlington. He discussed some aspects of the strategic planning that has taken place at OCU and addressed the issues that have moved to the forefront in maintaining a Christian university in an increasingly secular and ungodly world.

After completing a MCCS SWOT analysis (Strengths-Weaknesses-Opportunities-Threat); the items in each of the four areas were prioritized. On Saturday afternoon, the group spent time discussing several areas of concern for the future of MCCS.

On Sunday afternoon, Dr. Walker helped us define short and longer range goals that would secure the future of MCCS. The findings will be summarized in our next newsletter and the recommendations will be voted upon at our next annual trustees meeting in February 2015.

I would like to thank Roger Tate and Mike Walker for the warm hospitality of the Pleasant Ridge Church of Christ. Also, I would like to thank the following trustees who were able to attend this important planning session: Roger Tate, Nathan Williams, John McCollum, Duvan Brock, Chris Peurifoy, Carl Amend, Steve Leddy, and Dan Tullos.

It is my hope that this meeting and other events like it will help MCCS to better be prepared to face challenges while trying to reach young people and their families with our curricula. We pray that they may develop attitudes of Christ-like servant leadership which will impact our nation and world for many years to come. If you have questions about how you might use the Servant Leadership curriculum in your home congregation or with a scout unit or if you have suggestions as to how MCCS might market itself better, please email me at chair@goodservant.org.

May God bless all of us in our efforts to bring the love of Jesus Christ to a dying world.

CHAIRMAN ADDRESSES BSA RELIGIOUS RELATIONSHIPS TASK FORCE

Houston Costolo addressed the Religious Relationships Task Force of the Boy Scouts America at its Fall Meeting in Dallas, Texas. Costolo presented a proposal to require that a Scout must earn one of his faith group's Religious Emblems to show that he has satisfactorily demonstrated "Duty to God" before he can apply for the Eagle Scout Award. The proposal if adopted, would take several years to make it through the various committees on changes to advancement requirements.

Costolo stated, "The Boy Scouts of America has always endorsed that a scout should strive to do his 'Duty to God and country.' That has never changed. Recently, the Cub Scout and the Venturing programs have re-emphasized Duty to God. The Boy Scout program now requires a Scoutmaster to certify that a scout has shown that he has satisfactorily performed his 'Duty to God.' My proposal is for each young person to demonstrate that he has done his 'Duty to God' by earning his faith's religious emblem before he could apply for the Eagle Scout Award."



MCCS CHAIRMAN HOUSTON COSTOLO (R) ADDRESSES THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA RELIGIOUS RELATIONSHIPS TASK FORCE PROPOSING THAT THE BSA RE-AFFIRM ITS COMMITMENT TO 'DUTY TO GOD' BY MODIFYING THE REQUIREMENTS TO EARN THE EAGLE SCOUT AWARD. R. CHIP TURNER (L), BSA RELIGIOUS RELATIONSHIPS TASK FORCE CHAIRMAN, LOOKS ON.

MCCS AWARD RECIPIENTS



WEBELO TREORI DAVIS OF ATLANTA, GA, (PICTURED AT HIS ARROW OF LIGHT CEREMONY) WAS PRESENTED HIS JOYFUL SERVANT.



TRAIL LIFE USA TRAILMAN ETHAN HUNT OF MCKINNEY, TX, EARNED THE LOVING SERVANT.



CUB SCOUT ADAM WOLFF OF GREENWOOD, IN, EARNED THE LOVING SERVANT.



AHG SISTERS MAKENZIE (L) AND MAYA (R) DICKSON OF NASHPORT, OH, EARNED SERVANT LEADERSHIP AWARDS. MAKENZIE WAS AWARDED THE LOVING SERVANT AND MAYA RECEIVED THE JOYUL SERVANT. MAYA PREVIOUSLY EARNED THE LOVING SERVANT AWARD.



GIRL SCOUT CADETTES (L TO R) CIERRA HENRY, DAKOTA HENRY, MADELEINE BROWN, AND SHONNA SMITH OF THE GREENVILLE AVE. CHURCH OF CHRIST IN RICHARDSON, TX, EARNED THE GOOD SERVANT.



CUB SCOUT NATE LONGHENRY OF CULVER CITY, CA, EARNED THE LOVING SERVANT.



BROWNIE GIRL SCOUT MARGOT MORGAN OF GARLAND, TX, WAS AWARDED THE LOVING SERVANT.



MEMBERS OF TROOP 8 OF JACKSON, TN, WERE PRESENTED THEIR JOYFUL SERVANT AWARDS. PICTURED ARE (L TO R): JADEN BRACKEN, HAL CARTER, MATTHEW RIGGSBEE, BLAKE KING, NOAH TUBBS AND SCOUTMASTER SHAWN TUBBS. TREVOR WILSON AND WADE BAKER (NOT PICTURED) ALSO EARNED THE JOYFUL SERVANT.



JOEY BARTU OF EXETER, NE, WAS RECENTLY AWARDED THE GOOD SERVANT AWARD. JOEY ATTENDS THE 56TH AND VINE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN LINCOLN, NE, ALONG WITH HIS PARENTS DEAN AND LEESA BARTU. JOEY IS A LIFE SCOUT IN TROOP 270 OUT OF FRIEND, NE, AND A MEMBER OF CREW 1 IN LINCOLN. AS A CUB SCOUT JOEY EARNED THE LOVING SERVANT AND JOYFUL SERVANT AWARDS.



MYLES DAY OF OLATHE, KS, WAS PRESENTED HIS LOVING SERVANT AT THE 151ST STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST IN OLATHE. PICTURED WITH MYLES ARE DAD, RYAN, AND KENT BARNETT, WHO WAS ABLE TO ATTEND THE PRESENTATION ON SEPTEMBER 7TH.