Centennial Events
Join us to Celebrate 100 Years

January – Kickoff Breakfast
February – Annual Eagle Dinner
March – Service Project
April – Grand Prix, and Historical Display
May – Gala Event (at LB Arena)
June – Scout-O-Rama (at LBCC)
July – Raingutter Regatta
August – Alumni Reunion (at LBYC)
September – Recruitment Events
October – Camporelli (at CSULB)
November – Scouting for Food
December - Belmont Shore Parade

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From the Desk of John Fullerton

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In contrast, the Boy Scouts of America, and our own Council, has made it part of our vision to continually adapt to cultural shifts, whether in the 1950s, 1980s or 2018. Most recently, we have removed barriers to membership and volunteerism, and now admit girls into elementary school Scout programs. We have broadened our merit badge options to include gaming, robotics and space exploration. We have introduced new physical challenges to our camps to reflect current interests.

Indeed, we should celebrate our 100th birthday! We should be proud of our continuing commitment to character, patriotism and service, and no less proud of our ability to grow and change. That is what keeps us young.

Constant renewal and adapting to cultural change is a must if an organization is to remain of value to its community and attractive to new members. America, not uniquely, has undergone dramatic cultural changes over the last several decades. We are vastly more diverse, culturally and ethnically. We no longer have to go to our home computers. While our entertainment options have multiplied, America, not uniquely, has undergone dramatic cultural changes over the last several decades. We are vastly more diverse, culturally and ethnically. We no longer have to go to our home computers. While our entertainment options have multiplied, America, not uniquely, has undergone dramatic cultural changes over the last several decades. We are vastly more diverse, culturally and ethnically. We no longer have to go to our home computers. While our entertainment options have multiplied, America, not uniquely, has undergone dramatic cultural changes over the last several decades. We are vastly more diverse, culturally and ethnically. We no longer have to go to our home computers. While our entertainment options have multiplied, America, not uniquely, has undergone dramatic cultural changes over the last several decades. We are vastly more diverse, culturally and ethnically. We no longer have to go to our home computers. While our entertainment options have multiplied, America, not uniquely, has undergone dramatic cultural changes over the last several decades. We are vastly more diverse, culturally and ethnically. We no longer have to go to our home computers. While our entertainment options have multiplied, America, not uniquely, has undergone dramatic cultural changes over the last several decades. We are vastly more diverse, culturally and ethnically. We no longer have to go to our home computers. While our entertainment options have multiplied, America, not uniquely, has undergone dramatic cultural changes over the last several decades. We are vastly more diverse, culturally and ethnically. We no longer have to go to our home computers. While our entertainment options have multiplied, America, not uniquely, has undergone dramatic cultural changes over the last several decades. We are vastly more diverse, culturally and ethnically. We no longer have to go to our home computers. While our entertainment options have multiplied, America, not uniquely, has undergone dramatic cultural changes over the last several decades. We are vastly more diverse, culturally and ethnically. We no longer have to go to our home computers. While our entertainment options have multiplied, America, not uniquely, has undergone dramatic cultural changes over the last several decades. We are vastly more diverse, culturally and ethnically. We no longer have to go to our home computers. While our entertainment options have multiplied, America, not uniquely, has undergone dramatic cultural changes over the last several decades. We are vastly more diverse, culturally and ethnically. We no longer have to go to our home computers. While our entertainment options have multiplied, America, not uniquely, has undergone dramatic cultural changes over the last several decades. We are vastly more diverse, culturally and ethnically. We no longer have to go to our home computers. While our entertainment options have multiplied, America, not uniquely, has undergone dramatic cultural changes over the last several decades. We are vastly more diverse, culturally and ethnically. We no longer have to go to our home computers. While our entertainment options have multiplied, America, not uniquely, has undergone dramatic cultural changes over the last several decades. We are vastly more diverse, culturally and ethnically. We no longer have to go to our home computers. While our entertainment options have multiplied, America, not uniquely, has undergone dramatic cultural changes over the last several decades. We are vastly more diverse, culturally and ethnically. We no longer have to go to our home computers. While our entertainment options have multiplied, America, not uniquely, has undergone dramatic cultural changes over the last several decades. We are vastly more diverse, culturally and ethnically. We no longer have to go to our home computers. While our entertainment options have multiplied, America, not uniquely, has undergone dramatic cultural changes over the last several decades. We are vastly more diverse, culturally and ethnically. We no longer have to go to our home computers. While our entertainment options have multiplied, America, not uniquely, has undergone dramatic cultural changes over the last several decades. We are vastly more diverse, culturally and ethnically. We no longer have to go to our home computers. While our entertainment options have multiplied, America, not uniquely, has undergone dramatic cultural changes over the last several decades.

I wasn’t the only person to accidentally slip up. During breakfast, the WW director was trying to get everyone’s attention and barked out “BOYS! Errr... SCOUTS!”

Throughout the weekend, the girls did everything the boys did. They hiked up and down Cardiac Hill, crossed Highway 38 down to Middle Meadow, and did all the programs offered including archery and COPE course. And, it was no big deal. Sunday morning, I told one of the girls’ dads how cool it was to have them up here. He smiled and said, “I always wanted them to join, the program is great. They REALLY enjoyed the weekend. They’re really excited.” Then he added that his daughter had said, “Dad, they keep calling us Webelos, but really we’re Webelas!”

Every child gets something different out of Scouting. Now these girls have the opportunity to get what they want out of it. More power to them.

Quite frankly, it’s about time.
Spotlight: Jim Jeffery: 1944-2018

Sadly, once again we are honoring a remarkable man on the occasion of his passing in July. Jim Jeffery, a lifelong Scout and pillar of the Council, was the personification of service. His entire life was dedicated to helping others.

After graduating from Long Beach City College, Jim devoted his career to the community as a member of the Los Angeles Fire Department where he retired as Captain. He continued his public service working with the California Office of Emergency Services as an Assistant Fire Chief until his retirement in 1997.

After retirement, Jim gave much of his time to the Long Beach Area Council in many positions. He loved working with and mentoring the Scouts, and put his career to good use assisting the Search and Rescue post. Jim served two years as Vice President of the Learning for Life Committee, and chaired the Scout-O-Rama committee for five years. In 2010, Jim earned his 50-year Scout Veteran’s pin and was elected president of the Long Beach Area Council, a post he filled with distinction.

Jim came to his love for Scouting early in life when he joined Cub Scout Pack 30 in elementary school, and earned his first rank of Bobcat in June 1952. He went on to join Boy Scouts and Explorers where his mom was the Den Mother and his dad the Scoutmaster. Childless himself, Jim’s children were the tens of thousands of Scouts and Explorers he mentored over 50 years of service. He served on Eagle Scout boards of review every month, and chaired numerous committees including Special Needs and the National Eagle Scout Association chapter. His final gift to his beloved Scouts was a substantial bequest to the Long Beach Area Council from his estate.

A lifelong member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in downtown Long Beach, Jim also gave generously of his time and resources to many other causes for which he received recognition. His illustrative career in public service and philanthropy were noted at his memorial service where both the Long Beach Fire Chief and the Long Beach Police Chief delivered eulogies. Jim Jeffery, a true public servant. We shall miss you.

From the Mountains to the Sea, Summer Camp is a Big Hit

Over 1,575 Scouts took part in this year’s summer camping season at one of three locations: Camp Tahquitz, Sea Base or one of several day camps.

Camp Tahquitz, the granddaddy of traditional outdoor summer camping, hosted 1,380 Scouts over the five-week season for week-long stays. Along with all the favorite activities of swimming, shooting, horseback riding and trailblazing, one theme emerged around adventurous sleeping arrangements.

Each week, 60 Scouts participated in an overnight stay at the Outpost Camp near Lower Meadow. Here, adult Scout Leader Robert Stradley had constructed all on his own a primitive residence/lean-to that closely resembled what early 1800’s pioneers would have called home. Listening to Scout Leader Stradley’s explanation of what it took to create it, plus the no frills accommodations, which included “no cell phones” for authenticity, gave Scouts a taste of the not-so-easy life of the State’s earliest settlers.

Camps were also treated to phenomenal opportunities with horsemanship, climbing the famous 40’-tower, shooting sports, and the challenging ropes course where only the most daring spent the night in a cocoon suspended 20 feet high from the zip line.

Meanwhile, on the water, over 590 Scouts spent their days perfecting their seamanship skills, sailing, canoeing and kayaking. Special hits included advanced water skiing and fishing. Young anglers practiced their casting and reeling skills over four days and then, on Friday, got to put them to use on the day-long fishing trip out beyond the Channel.

Sea Base Gains Impressive Fleet

We are excited to announce the addition of four new gorgeous vessels to our Long Beach Sea Base fleet:

- “Far Niente” a superbly maintained WestSail 42’ ketch sailboat donated by the Spencer Family in June 2018. Far Niente has been awarded to Sea Scout Ship 549 “Fast Mast” for their usage in teaching Sea Scouting with an emphasis on the Navy, predominantly recruiting youth from the surrounding high school cadets involved in the Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJRTOC).

- “Freedom” a beautiful Mikkelsen 42’ Sportfisher motor yacht donated by the Ellis Family in June 2018 will be the platform to begin our newest youth program, a Long Beach Sea Base Deep Sea Fishing Club open to all Sea Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venture Scouts.

- “Emma E” an immaculate Flemming 55’ luxury motor yacht donated by the Ektstrom Family. Emma E was donated directly to the Pacific Youth Boating Association, the Chartered Organization which oversees the Sea Scout Ship 564 “Conquest”. This makes the 2nd vessel for Ship 564 and will be an amazing addition to their current 49’ Navy Utility launch they freshly rejuvenated in Spring 2017.

- “Dancer” recently refurbished ketch sailboat generously donated by the O’Brien Family, for the Sea Scouts to sell and gain proceeds to begin a much needed maintenance fund ensuring these vessels remain in such pristine condition for years to come.

This makes six unbelievable yachts of 40’ or more for the Sea Scouts, including the addition of the “Maui Diamond” Custom Built 63’ Ketch Sailboat donated in August 2017 by the Miller Family. What a fleet to teach these young men and women leadership, camaraderie, self-esteem all while learning how to safely and confidently enjoy everything the ocean has to offer!

Scout Andrew Ford Hits the Bullseye

From time to time, Generations is proud to report on our Scouts’ accomplishments, and this one is really special. Fifteen-year old Andrew Ford from Long Beach Pack 67 earned a spot on Team USA at the 2018 World Archery Field Championships in Cortina, Italy taking place this September.

It’s not as though Andrew has had a lifetime to perfect his skill. Rather, he first picked up a bow and arrow as a Cub Scout in our very own Pack 67 only eight years ago at age seven. Enjoying it, and feeling that he had a knack, he kept at it. At age 10, he impressed a Webelos Weekend range master by hitting 12 targets in a row.

In 2014, encouraged and supported by his parents, Andrew joined an archery club, and competed in his first big tournament in 2016. Since then, he has been breaking records in youth competitions and pitting his skill against much older archers in adult tournaments up and down the state and across the country.

As is the case with any young person who exhibits great natural talent and the drive to compete, Andrew gave over his summer to preparing for the big Junior Olympic Archery Development event in North Carolina and practicing for the world championships in Italy which took place last month. But, he did take one week off to attend summer camp with his Troop, where, of course, he practiced archery.

Is the Tokyo Olympics in Andrew’s future? We suspect yes, but we’ll bring you that story in two years.