

The Newsletter of Packs 162 & 47

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December Pack Meeting – We have a great Christmas Party Pack Meeting in store for our scouts. There will be a Cubmaster Induction Ceremony for **Dean Manfredonia**. Advancements will be awarded to some scouts. Also, we will have a special visit from Santa Claus – rumor has it that Santa was a scout and has something special for each scout in our Pack.

Note to Parents: if you wish to have your scout's sibling receive a package from Santa, we ask that you leave it with Santa's helper at the door when you come to the Pack meeting. Please wrap it and include child's name on tag.

The following people signed up to bring refreshments and snacks to the December Pack meeting: **Pam Vera (drink)**, **Franee San Pascual (snack)**, **George Febles (snack)**, **Noreen Radice (snack)**, **Maryellen Antonio (drink)**, **Lisa Vazquez (snack)**, and **Angela Rico (drink)** – this is a fantastic response! Thank you for helping out with this important part of our meeting – the scouts certainly appreciate it.



Pack Food Drive – This year's Pack Food Drive will be on Saturday, December 13th. It will start at 10am in front of the Big Deal Supermarket at the corner of Morris Park Ave and Paulding Ave. Scouts should wear their Class A uniform. The Annual Pack Food Drive is organized by **Angela and Rob Rico** and all food donations are delivered to the 49th Precinct for needy families in the community. It is a great opportunity for cub scouts to earn a citizenship belt loop for service in their community. A sign-up will be available at the den meeting on December 12th.



Congratulations Corner – Webelos Scout **Guilio Priore** was awarded Student of the Month for November at St. Francis Xavier School. Keep up the great work Guilio!

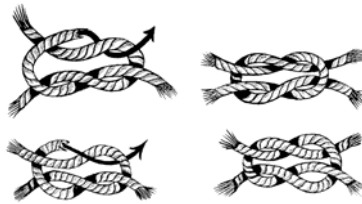


Upcoming Calendar – always check Pack website www.bsa162.com for the latest updates:

- Friday, December 12 – Den Meeting at 7:30pm
- Saturday, December 13 – Pack Food Drive
- Friday, December 19 – Pack Meeting at 7:30pm in SFX Cafeteria
- Friday, December 26 – No Meeting – Merry Christmas To All!
- Friday, January 2 – No Meeting – Happy New Year!
- Friday, January 9 – Den Meeting at 7:30pm
- Friday, January 16 – Den Meeting at 7:30pm
- Friday, January 23 – Den Meeting at 7:30pm – Klondike Prep Meeting for Webelos!
NOTE: coincides with SFX Boy’s Night (6pm – 9pm)
- Saturday, January 24 – Klondike at Camp Alpine (Webelos Only)
- Friday, January 30 – Pack Meeting – Pinewood Derby at 7:30pm in SFX Cafeteria

Know your Knots Korner

Knot of the Month: The Square Knot



The square knot is also known as the joining knot because it can join two ropes. It has many uses: from securing bundles, packages, and the sails of ships to tying the ends of bandages.

To tie a square knot, hold one rope end in each hand. Pass the right end over and under the rope in your left hand and pull it snug. Next, pass the rope now in your left hand over and under the one now in your right, and pull it snug.

*Remember, **right over left, left over right.***



Grandma Pies Fundraiser Update - Our Pack budget greatly relies on the results of our fundraiser and we are happy to report that the Grandma Pies Fundraiser was a huge success – it is obvious that our scouts have great sales tactics. The Pack sold a total of 282 pies with **Angela Rico** selling the most pies at 39 (rumor has it she even got a bakery to buy some pies!). The

following scouts sold the most from the Pack:

Brian and Aiden Manfredonia	28 pies
Giulio Priore	26 pies
Brandon and Justin Vazquez	22 pies

The top-selling pies were:

Chocolate Cream (38), Grandma's Apple (35), Apple Crumb (34)

The lowest selling-pies were:

Swiss Chocolate Almond (12), Strawberry Rhubarb (12)

Also, a big thanks to **Lisa Vazquez** and **Angela Rico** for collecting the order forms and money at the November Pack meeting – no small feat. We would also like to thank **David Giancaspro**, an Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 162, for organizing this event – David's hard work made this a very successful fundraiser for the Pack and Troop.



Den Meeting Minute - **Angela Rico**, our Cub Den Leader, does a fantastic job keeping our Cub Scouts busy with an exciting and educational scouting program. Angela will have parents help out with den meetings occasionally and had the following help recently:

Linda Cahill ran a Cub Den Meeting on Geology/Rock Collecting on 11/14/08

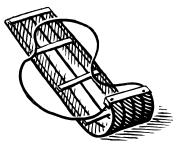
George Febles ran a Cub Den Meeting on Fitness on 12/5/08

We know we have a lot of talented parents in our Pack so if you wish to help out with a Den Meeting, please speak with Angela. Also, please consider filling out the “Talent Survey” that is attached to this newsletter and giving it to Sean Cahill.

Artie Behrendt, our Webelos Den Leader, has been working with the Webelos on the Fitness Activity Badge as well as the basics of map&compass and knots. Our Webelos need to stay mentally alert and physically fit, especially with the Klondike Derby coming up in January. Artie has had the help of **Chris Denner** and his father **Chris** – thanks, your help is appreciated!



Thanks for the Memories - The Pack wishes to thank **Guilio and Kris Priore** for the fantastic DVD that they made and gave to each scout at the November Pack meeting. The DVD shows many pictures of happy scouts and all the fun-filled activities they did during the 2007-2008 program – we think the producers might have an Oscar winner on their hands. What do you think? Extra copies of the DVD are available for a fee – they should make a great gift for Christmas. Please see Kris or Guilio if you wish to purchase a copy.



Klondike Derby News - “Klondike Pandamonium” is the theme for the 2009 Klondike Derby and will be Saturday, January 24th at Alpine Scout Camp. This is a Boy Scout event and Webelos are invited to participate. There will be an admission fee per scout. We may rent a cabin to stay overnight at the camp so that Webelos can rest their weary feet (and heads) after the event. Our Pack won the Fastest Sled award last year and this time we hope to bring that award back “home” and let's try for the North Pole award as well! The Webelos have been practicing skills for this event at each den meeting but whether they win or not at the Klondike, the competition is fun and they will certainly learn a lot by practicing for

and competing in the event. More information will be available at an upcoming den meeting so stay tuned.



Training Updates - **Joe Radice** completed New Leaders Essential Training on November 15th at Riverdale Presbyterian Church. We hope that Joe will tell the Pack something about this at an upcoming meeting. New Leader Essentials is an introductory training session that highlights the values, aims, and methods of Scouting. When leaders and parents understand the Scouting program through training, they are more effective in their roles and it makes for a quality, fun-filled program for our Pack. Please see Joe if you have any questions about the training program.



Scout-To-Scout Uniform Loan Program - the Pack will maintain a collection of uniforms and uniform accessories. Scouts that need a uniform item can borrow the item from our storage bin and return it at the end of the scouting program or until he outgrows it – whichever comes first! Any scout in our Pack can donate to the program and any scout in our Pack can borrow from it. Check out the inventory in our storage bin and please consider donating any uniform items that you can spare.



November Pack Meeting Recap –We had a great Pack meeting in November. The following scouts recited the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack and earned the Bobcat badge: **Rey Antonio, Alvaro Sanchez, Brandon Vazquez, Michael Vera, Anton Blair, Kevin Harman, Renan Sanchez, Justin Vazquez, and Luigi Broccoli**. The Bobcat badge was pinned upside down on their uniform and will be put on properly once the scouts perform a good deed – we look forward to hearing about all the good deeds that were done.

The following Webelos were awarded Activity Badges: **Thomas Maher** (Craftsman), **James Cahill** (Sportsman) and **Cameron Small** (Family Member). Let's go Webelos – start earning those activity badges!

Also, thanks also to the people who brought refreshments and snacks to the Pack meeting – it is greatly appreciated.



Pack Website – thanks to our webmaster wizard **Rob Rico**, our Pack website is chock full of important news which is only a mouse click away, please be sure to visit at least once a day! Please send all website contributions to Rob at robertjrico@aol.com



Newsletter Contributions – although we can get computers to do amazing things, the newsletter can't write itself! We need you to contribute – please tell us about something your scout has done. Also, any pictures you take during pack events are always welcome and will be included in the newsletter. Send all contributions to ***Sean Cahill*** via email at cahill@aecom.yu.edu

Pictures from November Pack Meeting

Thank you ***Joe Radice*** for providing pictures of this event:

