



For Fortitude, Courage, Perseverance and Commitment

by Lena Wong

We are extremely honoured and very proud to present Scouts Canada's outstanding awards recipients to our membership through these pages. It is astounding to note how many truly outstanding youth and adults we count as members in Scouts Canada. They deserve all the recognition we can give them.

JACK CORNWELL AWARD

(for showing high character and courage in the face of great suffering. This decoration is awarded to youth members who have persevered through serious illness or physical challenge.)

Tyler Aboultaif (age 12, Edmonton, AB) has persevered in Scouting and life despite many challenges presented by serious illness, transplants and hospitalization. He comes through these medical difficulties with a happy disposition and a smile to cheer those who come into contact with him. Scouting is an important part of Tyler's life and he has earned the respect and admiration of his peers and leaders.

A rare and serious illness, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, affects **Tristan Knapp-Fisher** (age 9, Sidney, BC). Despite the many challenges presented by his mobility problems, Tristan participates in all the activities his Pack becomes involved in. He particularly loves camping and Kub Kar

racas and never allows his illness to become an excuse for not doing his best. His teacher sums up Tristan's attitude in his statement: "Tristan embodies what Scouting stands for: confidence, drive, compassion and team building to name a few." Tristan received his award at a special ceremony for the 1st Tarslip Cub Pack.

BRONZE CROSS

(for gallantry with moderate risk)

When **Andrea Jennae Elliott** (Brentwood Bay, BC) saw her husband fall into the water in the Saanich Inlet on a cold March day in 2004, she knew he was in great danger. With not enough time to run for help, Andrea swam to her husband's aid. It took her 15 - 20 minutes to get Richard to shore where exhaustion forced her to crawl on her hands and knees, dragging her husband behind, to a point where others could take over. The award was presented by her husband, Richard, on February 22 during a B.-P. birthday celebration.

Curtis Irwin (age 11, Kemptville, ON) acted quickly when he and his mother found a bedroom in flames late one night. He made his way down the stairs to call 911, then returned to ensure his mother made a safe escape. He had the presence of mind to pick up his cat and grab some coats to keep the family warm in the cold November night.

On his way home from school one afternoon, **Daniel Morningstar-Thomas** (age 12, Niagara Falls, ON) came across a homeless man being abused and pushed around by three teenage boys. Daniel questioned their right to bother the man and was himself attacked and hit on the leg and in the head with a stick. Although he felt a little dazed, Daniel fought back and the bullies ran off. The man refused an offer to take him to a hospital but Daniel made sure the police were notified of the incident and they later reported that the man was recovering from cuts and bruises. Daniel is modest about his actions that day. In a

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◀ *Tristan Knapp-Fisher (age 9, Sidney, BC) received the Jack Cornwall Award at a special ceremony for the 1st Tarslip Cub Pack.*



▲ *Andrea Jennae Elliott of Brentwood Bay, BC was presented the Bronze Cross award by her husband, Richard, on February 22 during a B.-P. birthday celebration.*

quote from the Niagara Falls Review Daniel says: "I'm not a hero. I think anyone with a true heart would have done the same thing."

Shawn Stauffer (age 7, Cameron, ON) acted quickly when he discovered his friend in trouble while they were playing in and around a swimming pool. Shawn put on a flotation device, jumped in the water and, using his feet raised his friend to the surface. He then got him to the edge of the pool where adults took over the rescue operation. Tragically, the victim succumbed to his injuries at the hospital. Shawn is very modest about his intervention in this tragedy – in the eyes of all who know him, his community and the Scouting community, he is a hero. The medal was awarded to Shawn in Council Chambers at City Hall where he also received a Certificate of Commendation.

CERTIFICATE FOR GALLANTRY

(for gallantry with slight risk worthy of commendation)

During another pool party, **Fabrizio Corso** (age 10, Montreal, QC) quickly realized that one of the other children was choking on something. Fabrizio calmly applied the Heimlich maneuver that he had learned at Scout camp and cleared his friend's airway. As a result, an 11 year old boy was saved from a potentially life-threatening situation.

MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS CONDUCT

(for especially meritorious conduct not involving heroism or loss of life)

Robert Holmgren (Powell River, BC) was in the right place at the right time

when an 83 year old parishioner collapsed with a heart attack during a church service. Robert quickly established that the elderly man had stopped breathing and there was no heart beat. He started CPR until breathing and heart rate was restored. The patient spent a couple of days in hospital before returning home.



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During a wedding celebration a young guest was overcome, lost consciousness and stopped breathing. **Dustin Lafleur** (age 18, St. Albert, AB) stepped in using the first aid training he had received through Scouting. He was able to re-start breathing using artificial respiration. Dustin provided the necessary details to paramedics and the young lady recovered successfully in hospital.

SILVER FOX

(for service of the most exceptional character to Scouting in the international field, performed by persons who are not members of Scouts Canada.)

Fawzi Farghali (Cairo, Egypt) was the Director for the World Scout Bureau's Arab Region Office for many years before his retirement in September 2005. During his time in the region, numerous projects to improve the lives of children in Arab countries were undertaken under Fawzi's leadership. In recent years he has been involved in re-establishing Scouting in Iraq and in Southern Sudan he initiated the development of Scouting in the Darfur Region. Several Canadian Rovers have had the experience of attending the International Youth Gathering for Cultural Exchange that takes place in Egypt every second year (see page 28). This is another of Fawzi's initiatives undertaken to further understanding between young people from different cultural backgrounds. The award was presented during the World Scout Conference in Tunisia in September 2005.

SILVER WOLF

(for service of the most exceptional character to Scouting, normally of national importance)

Leo Bruseker (St. Albert, AB) has been involved in Scouting for more than 35 years. His Scouting career spans all levels from program Scouter to deep involvement in national and international jamborees. Leo was a major force in guiding the changes in Alberta when five regions were merged into two. As Deputy Executive Commissioner for the Western Division, he was at the forefront of



Scouting's Mission

The mission of Scouting is to contribute to the education of young people, through a value system based on the Scout Promise and Law, to help build a better world where people are self-fulfilled as individuals and play a constructive role in society.

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Le scoutisme a pour mission – en partant de valeurs énoncées dans la promesse et la Loi scoutes – de contribuer à l'éducation des jeunes afin de participer à la construction d'un monde meilleur peuplé de personnes épanouies, prêtes à jouer un rôle constructif dans la société.



the many changes that have taken place in Canadian Scouting in the last number of years. He has made his mark in Scouting and in the words of the person who initiated this application, "Leo is a most exceptional character – a man people enjoy associating with, working with, and a man I am proud to know."

Having joined Cubs in 1949, **David R. Cooper** (Markham, ON) continued through Rovers and into an adult involvement that culminated in a position on the Board of Governors from 2000 to 2003. After this position came to an end, he continued working with Scouts Canada as a member of a Task Force Committee. David also served as a member of the Greater Toronto Region Management Team, President of the Council and several other committees, and is still active in the Greater Toronto Council.

Bruce Grant (St. John's, NL) played a key role in a number of aspects of Scouting over a number of years. As Chair of the Board of Governors he provided strong leadership during a period of great change in the organization. As Chair of the Nominating Committee, Bruce continued to show strong leadership. Bruce Grant has performed many valuable services to Scouts Canada at the National level.

Many young people have experienced amazing Scouting activities under the leadership of **Emily Joyce Mullen** (Didsbury, AB) who has dedicated 60 years to Scouting. She is fondly remembered by people who knew her as Akela. Joyce has received a number of community



Emily Joyce Mullen (Didsbury, AB), who has dedicated 60 years to Scouting, received the Silver Wolf Award for her involvement.

awards for her dedication to her community and Scouting.

Mike Scott (St. Catharines, ON) has shown great leadership as Chief Commissioner and Chair of the Board of Governors through a very challenging time in Scouts Canada. He is the first volunteer to fully experience the change in structure that saw the role of National President eliminated and one person (Chief Commissioner) assuming overall responsibility for all aspects of Scouting in Canada. Mike's message encourages all members to focus on the Section Scouter as the key ingredient to the delivery of a quality program.

Former Venturers and Rovers in Vancouver will remember **David Harry Searle** (Vancouver, BC) as a dedicated advisor who led them on exciting hiking and camping experiences in British Columbia, Alaska, the Yukon, Northern Ontario and overseas. During the 1990s, David assisted in a number of training courses for Group Committees and Service Teams in Vancouver Coast. In 2000 he was elected to the Board of Governors where he used his organizational and consultative skills to assist in the transition to the new governance model for Scouts Canada. David's commitment continues as a member of the Board of Directors of the Scouts Canada Foundation.



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SILVER MAPLE LEAF

(for service to Scouting in excess of 25 years as a member of the executive staff. Awarded at retirement.)



Bob Butcher retired at the end of May 2005 after 38 years of service as a member of Scouts Canada. His professional career started in 1967 as a Field Executive and later Assistant Executive Director for the National Capital Region. This was followed by other roles as National Program Director, Communications Director and *Leader Magazine* Editor. Later Bob became Executive Director of International Relations and

Special Events and in this capacity his natural tact and diplomacy helped Scouts Canada establish and maintain positive relations with numerous other National Associations. Bob was the moving force behind several contingents to World Scout Jamborees and several Canadian National Jamborees. Scouts Canada is indebted to Bob for his many contributions to the Movement, here in Canada, and at the world level.



Garth Johnson began his professional Scouting career in September 1979 as a Provincial Field Executive in Manitoba, initially serving Brandon and surrounding communities before moving to Winnipeg. In 1983, Garth accepted the joint National Council roles of Director of Communication Services and Executive Editor – *The Canadian Leader Magazine*. Garth exercised a significant, positive influence on Scouts Canada's internal and external communications for the next 13 years, following which he returned to the Manitoba Council as their Executive Director. Garth provided leadership to the Manitoba Council until his departure from Scouts Canada in 2004.

D. Brent King joined in December 1975 as a Field Executive with Saskatchewan Provincial Council. Within five years, Brent advanced to the position of Regional Executive Director in Calgary, and subsequently applied his Scouting



David Harry Searle (Vancouver, BC) receives a congratulatory handshake after being awarded the Silver Wolf for his many years of exemplary service.



knowledge and management expertise through Executive Director roles in Greater Toronto Region (1989), and Fraser Valley Region (1994). While in Fraser Valley, Brent also assumed the responsibility of managing the administration for all of the B.C. councils, and was acting Provincial Executive Director for a nine month period. As a result of provincial reorganization in 1999,

Brent's Executive Director responsibilities expanded to include Fraser Valley, Interior and Kootenay Regional Councils. Brent left the Executive Staff in November 2003.

Correction

(December 2005 "For Service to Scouting" article.)

Scouter Bruce Carruthers of Thunder Bay, ON was inaccurately listed as having received the Bar to the Medal of Merit. This should have been listed as the Medal of Merit. Also, a mistake was made in listing Mr. Brian Pilmore Jackson as a Silver Acorn recipient.

In addition, six Scouters from Northern Ontario were inadvertently left off the list. We congratulate the following members on their awards:

Bar to the Medal of Merit
Bill (William) Taylor,
Thunder Bay, ON

Medal of Merit
David Duffy, Sudbury, ON
David Reilly, Sudbury, ON
Earl Mumford, Lively, ON
John Mayo, Thunder Bay, ON
Kim Leonard, Thunder Bay, ON

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