

## Pond cited for outstanding service to Boy Scout program

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The Colonial Virginia Council Boy Scouts of America celebrated another year of service to the community, state and nation in April and marked the special occasion by honoring a Suffolk businessman, Charles P. Pond III.

Because of his dedication and service to Scouting, Pond was named the "Governor Mills E. Godwin Scouter Citizen of the Year."

Council Finance Director Jim Dillion noted that this was the first year the honor has been awarded in the former Virginia governor's name.

"Governor Godwin was benevolent in allowing use of his name for this special award," said Dillion. "As a former Boy Scout from the Chuckatuck area, he realizes the importance of Scouting to our youth and the significance of support from people like Charles Pond."

Dillion added that Pond has been a consistent supporter of Scouting, and represents the spirit of the organization through his generous contributions of his time and money and his care and concerns for Scouts in the Suffolk area.

Pond's office walls and desks hold many awarded from the Colonial Virginia Council of Boy Scouts and the former Old Dominion Area Council.

Serving as finance chairman for the ODAC, Pond also received an award in 1991 for bringing the council in at budget, the first time that goal was achieved. Under his leadership, the council was 14th in the nation.

"I'm very honored that my work with Scouts has been recognized, but I'll tell you, I just don't think I deserve such an honor," said Pond.

"I've enjoyed working with Scouts, but I don't think I've done enough to earn such distinction. There are so many people out there who've done just as much as I have over the years. I am greatly honored and appreciate it, but it's just so much more than I even expected," he said.

Pond is a native of Suffolk and a graduate of Chowan College in the Class of 1962. He also is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Asheville.

He is owner of Nansemond Cold Storage and Tidewater Blanching Corporation, both located in Suffolk.

"Charles' services to his community and his colleges have been tireless," said Dillion. "He was chairman of the Chowan College Alumni Association's board of directors and he is also a member of Chowan's Board of Visitors.

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Pond's other community involvements include his support of Duck's Unlimited, the Suffolk Educational Foundation and he serves as Vice President of the International Seaman's friends House of the Lower Peninsula and he is on the board of Toys For Tots.

For the past 25 years, Pond, a former Scout, has been involved with Scouting. He is a member of the Colonial Virginia Council Executive Board and has served as the Council's Friends of Scouting chairman.

Pond has served as a Scoutmaster for Troops 16 and 6, and for all his service and dedication to Scouting and his church, he received the Good Shepherd award.

He and his wife, Anita, have two sons, Paul and Chuck, a daughter-in-law, Jennifer, and two grandchildren, Ashley and Ryan.

In Pond's honor, a Scouter Luncheon was held on April 25 with Delegate Robert Nelms, a former Boy Scout, as the keynote speaker.

"Charles has never failed to discuss with me an upcoming Scouting event, and he is well known for his fund raising ability throughout the community where Boy Scouts are concerned," said Nelms. "Charles is the perfect recipient of the prestigious Mills Godwin Scouter Citizen of the year Award."

## Alumni Happenings

Mrs. Gail Rowe Jackson ('67) has won the crown of "Miss Mariner." She was also the first "Miss Mariner" in 1956 at Ferguson High School.

Leslie V. Claud, Jr. ('70) works for Carter Manufacturing Co., Inc., in Ariton, AL, as a vice president of Environmental Recycling Systems Division.

Mrs. Barbara Harell Copeland ('73) is certified in Gerontology and is unit administrator of Community Dialysis Center of Ahoskie.

Douglas E. Trump ('75) received his bachelor's degree in 1977 from Atlantic Christian College. He married Lora Brown of Louisville, KY, in July 1980, and the couple has one child, Douglas Trump, born Dec. 6, 1981. He has been employed as a correctional officer at Southampton Correctional Center for the past 10 years.

Mrs. Barbara Leonad Dickinson ('76) has been with NationsBank and its predecessors since 1976. She is vice president in private banking in Richmond, VA, and has two sons, Will and Drew, ages 11 and 9. Her husband, Bill, is Assistant Commissioner for the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Craig S. Vosler ('77) recently started his own New Home Business (mail order), "Amen Art & Framing." For information package, design, illustration or framing, or appointments, call Craig at (804) 499-1386.

Ms. Dorothy Lynn Benjamin ('80), a PADI instructor, is teaching parttime with Carolina Divers in Charlotte. She has a fulltime position as executive administrative assistant for V. P. American Studios, baby and fashion photographers for Wal-Mart.

Mrs. Marian George Walker ('83) was married in 1987 to Joey Walker. They have a 3 year old son, Trey, and another baby due in September. Mrs. Walker has been associated with Noblett Appliance and Propane, Inc., in Kilmarnock, VA, since her graduation from Chowan in 1983.

David Coates ('91) is a graphic/sign designer for Paramount Parks, which is owned by Viacom, the parent company of MTV, Nickelodeon and five theme parks. David designs signage and graphics for the company.

## Large group attends R.I.O.T. "Lock-in"

More than 525 youths from 35 churches participated in Chowan College's "Reaching In and Out Together" (R.I.O.T.) Night Lock-in program in late April, the college's first all-night inter-denominational program for middle and high school students.

The program was directed by Tim Wilson, Chowan's campus minister. G. Bruce Moore, vice president for student development, and Laurie Bass, director of the annual giving fund, conducted several of the sessions.

"We were delighted that we had such a large group of students attending," Wilson stated, "and we had youths from churches as far away as Elizabeth City and Rocky Mount with us."

Members of various Chowan clubs and organizations also assisted with the program which began at 10 p.m. on Friday evening and ended at 7:00 a. m. the following day in Chowan's spacious Helms Physical Education Center.

In addition to the devotional periods and group session, the youths enjoyed concerts by "Sonstruck and Donna" and other musical groups. Each student attending was given a monogrammed tee shirt.

"We provided seminars and game shows," Wilson said, "and the students also enjoyed swimming in the olympic size swimming pool. Of course, we provided ample food and plenty of pizza!"

Plans are underway for another R.I.O.T. Night at Chowan. "We have already formed a steering committee of students, faculty and staff members to plan for the 1996 event."



### POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

### DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI SERVICES

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** This is a full-time position within the Office of Development.

The successful candidate will be responsible for identifying major gift prospects within the alumni and parent constituent base and calling on such prospects weekly for gifts to the college. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, organizing and promoting alumni activities through the Alumni Association and the Alumni Board of Directors and its various committees; organizing and conducting the Alumni Phonathon and Parents' Phonathon on an annual basis; disseminating alumni news, establishing alumni chapters and programs and being responsible for Homecoming preparations and promotions and coordinating other special alumni support programs either on or off the campus; maintaining, updating and keeping current addresses, telephone numbers and records for alumni, parents and friends; and organizing and staffing a Student Alumni Chapter on campus.

**REQUIREMENTS:** This position requires a minimum four-year baccalaureate degree and excellent verbal, written and interpersonal skills. The successful candidate should also have administrative and supervisory skills and the willingness to make personal calls in request of gifts to and support of Chowan College.

**REMUNERATION:** Salary and benefits commensurate with qualifications and experience.

**STARTING DATE:** Negotiable

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