
Wayzata Boy Scout Troop 283 celebrates 90th anniversary

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The last time there was not a chartered Boy Scout troop in Wayzata, the cost of a first-class postage stamp was 2 cents, the United States had not yet entered World War I, and Woodrow Wilson was president.

It has been over 90 years since a Boy Scout troop was first chartered in Wayzata in November 1915. And not once has the charter lapsed, making it the oldest chartered troop in the state.

The troop recently re-chartered 52 scouts and 31 adult leaders along with its charter organization, Wayzata Community Church, which has served as the chartering organization for the troop since 1958.

To celebrate that long-running partnership, the troop held a celebration March 19 at the church to honor its past, present and future. Past scout masters and Eagle Scouts were shared stories, photos and memories, and all past and present scouts were honored for their dedication to improving the community.

"Besides weekly meetings and monthly camp-outs, the troop has a large emphasis on community service," Troop 283 Committee Chair Donna Larson said in an e-mail announcing the anniversary celebration.

"Many boys are working on the presidents' volunteer service award," Larson said. "The boys raised over \$1,000 for the [Interfaith Outreach and Community Partners] sleep out effort in November. Approximately 10 Eagle projects have been completed in the local community over the last two years."

In addition to the 10 Eagle Scout projects in the last two years, the troop has over 100 scouts who have completed requirements for Eagle Scout rank. That number ranks as one of the highest in the state.- Compiled by Jared Huizenga