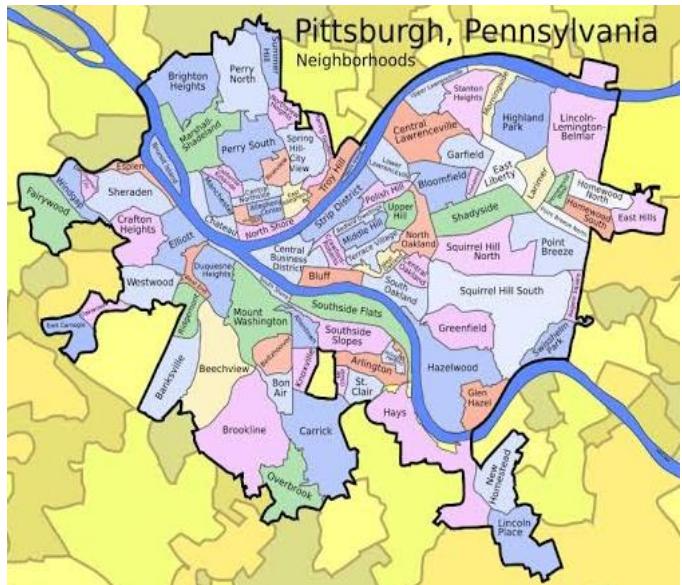




Scouter Spotlight – 22nd in a Series

Dee Goliwas

Diane "Dee" Goliwas, 50, was born and raised in the South Hills part of Pittsburgh where her parents owned a flooring business. She was the oldest of three with a brother and sister and spent much time outside playing in the "ideal" neighborhood. It was an active and fun neighborhood where kids built forts and stayed outside until they had to come in for the night, when they weren't staying overnight in a pup tent. When Dee was in charge, it was common for her to put together a local Olympics for the neighborhood kids. She put together all the events and even made homemade medals to award.



Dee was an avid reader as well and would often retreat to a favorite tree and would climb up to read. She also had an interest in art and was President of the Art Club at South Park High School where she graduated in 1982. From high school it was off to Robert Morris University where she received a B.S. in Accounting and Business Information Systems in 1986. From there it was off to

the world of work landing a job with Deloitte and Touche and then in the private corporate sector. Along the way she met Michael on a blind date to go roller skating.

Dee and Michael were married in 1989 and Dee continued to work in her chosen field until they began a family in 1999 with the arrival of Michael Jr. and Emery in 2002. Dee was home-schooling the boys, so she did not find out about cub scouting through the typical avenue of a school flyer, but instead by a neighbor. The neighbor/friend's name was Corey and it was Corey's mom who asked them to join. Dee decided to take them but Corey was a no-show. Dee was impressed by the organization of the pack and began to see very quickly how the program would be a good fit for the home-schooling family. Always one eager to get involved, Dee raised her hand to be the Tiger Den Leader – and she was off!



The Pack was 215 and her Tiger Den started with 6 boys and she took a group of 13 boys all the way through to Webelos. Along the way with both sons, she took on dual roles as Assistant Cubmaster and Cubmaster. It was in Pack 215 that she spent her first night in a tent other than in her yard as a child. She loved it! She found out about Roundtable and eventually became the Cub Scout Roundtable

Commissioner of Conestoga District and an instructor for the University of Scouting and eventually a District Trainer. When asked why she got involved with training, Dee stated: "I am hungry for knowledge and will step up to teach that to another person. I need to learn it, so I can teach it to others."

Two different Scouting opportunities came along that she gladly lent her time and talents to. First was the Special Needs Scouting committee and the other was the Cub Resident Camp committee for selecting the menu at Heritage Reservation.



In 2010 the Goliwas family moved to Greenville and Dee signed up for Twilight Camp and spent her first week of Scouting in East Carolina Council as a Den Walker. From there she began a search for the right pack and troop and found a home in Pack and Troop 176 in Greenville with some neighbors and fellow home-schoolers. Today she serves as the Troop Committee Chair and Pack Trainer and fills in as Webelos Leader for certain Activity badges when taught. In

2011 she was asked to accept the Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner position and now serves as the Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner.

This past year Dee answered the call of Pitt District to serve as the Family FOS (Friends of Scouting) Chairman and took the Pitt District FFOS campaign to 174% of goal by taking the initiative to ask each unit in the district to give one date to speak to the parents. She has also chaired the Fall Cub Fun Day and co-chaired the Boy Scout Fall Camporee. She serves as a Merit Badge Counselor as well as a STEM/NOVA counselor and recently completed her Wood Badge ticket after participating in the latest course.

Q: Why Scouting?

A: "I love what the program has done for my boys. I like to say I am a gardener with a Khaki Green Thumb to inspire others."

Q: Best Memory:

A: Random hugs from youth for a great time at an event that they loved. And, seeing her son Michael in a boat at Resident Camp with a smile on his face having been "deathly afraid" of water in the recent past.

FAMILY FOS

