Dan Blalock receives first Good Scout award

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The Southwest Florida Council of Boy Scouts of America has honored Dan S. Blalock Jr. with its first Manatee County Distinguished Citizen Good Scout Award.

The award was presented last week during a dinner at Camp Flying Eagle that was attended by 200 family members, friends and supporters. He received a replica of "The Ideal Boy Scout" sculpted by Dr. R. Tait McKenzie, a surgeon, physical educator, artist and sculptor who was a friend of Sir Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting.

Blalock achieved the rank of Eagle Scout during high school. After graduating from Princeton University, he served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army for two years. In 1956, he joined Wyman, Green and Blalock, which his grandfather, E.P. Green, and A.F. Wyman, both of whom were mayors of Bradenton, founded in 1908. His father, Dan S. Blalock Sr., became a partner in 1927.

He has been past president of Saint Stephen's Episcopal School, Manatee County Girls Club Foundation, United Way of Manatee County, South Florida Museum and Bishop Planetarium and Bradenton Country Club. He is a past chairman of the Southeastern Guide Dogs Foundation and has been active at both Trinity United Methodist and First Presbyterian churches.
Among his other civic and business communities are Small Business Person of the Year, Manatee County, 1986; Distinguished Citizen of Manatee County, Goodwill Industries, 1987; Community Service Award, Manatee County Branch NAACP, 1990; Distinguished Citizen Award, Manatee County Fair Association, 1994; and Distinguished Alumnus of McCallie School of Chattanooga, Tenn., 1994. He was inducted as a member of the Tampa Bay Business Hall of Fame in 1995.

Blalock is married to Paddy. Their immediate family includes Bill and Pam Blalock, Susan Blalock, Laura Lee and Sam Estes and a brother, Bob.

Shred old papers

at Rotary Club event

The Rotary Club of East Manatee is partnering with ShredQuick, a local document shredding company, to host its Fall Shred-A-Thon.

The event will be from 3 to 5 p.m. Nov. 12 in the parking lot at Popi's Place IV, 3911 U.S. 301 N., Ellenton. Appointments are not needed.

While patrons watch, the massive mobile unit will shred documents, including old bills, receipts, bank statements, medical records, checks, tax information and any other papers.

Because the Rotary Club has an eco focus, its members hope the event will help keep waste out of the landfill. Shredding sensitive information also helps protect against identity theft and fraud.

The donation is $5 per box, similar in size to a banker's box or a copy paper-size box. Proceeds will be used by the Rotary Club to support its local projects.

The club meets from 7 to 8 a.m. Thursdays at Popi's Place IV. For more information, call Event Chairman Rob Hunt at 447-3706 or visit the club website at www.ecorotary.org.

'Scouting for Food'

to benefit The Food Bank

The annual "Scouting for Food" drive will begin Saturday throughout Manatee
County.

Area Boy Scout and Cub Scout troops will distribute Publix Super Markets shopping bags to homes and ask the community to fill them with nonperishable food items for The Food Bank of Manatee.

On the following Saturday, Nov. 13, Scouts will collect the bags of food from doorsteps or driveways and bring it all to The Food Bank.

In previous years, more than 250 Scouts participated and collected nearly 7,000 pounds of food. The drive is part of a national Boy Scouts of America service project and has taken place locally for more than 10 years to benefit needy people.

"This year commemorates the 100th anniversary of Boy Scouts, and we are doing more than ever to help meet the pressing needs of our community," said Mac Aldrich, coordinator for the Manatee effort, in a prepared statement.

The Food Bank looks forward to the annual drive. "It is so important for our youth to see that there is a need and to know that they can help make a difference," Food Bank Manager Cindy Sloan said.

For details about the drive, call 747-8043. For details about The Food Bank, call 747-4655.

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