

# MEMBERSHIP

The BSA has a year round growth plan which is designed to facilitate Scout recruitment and pack-troop relations. The South Mountain District Membership Committee supports the individual units as they implement their yearly growth plan and will offer monthly advice to units in this column to give your unit leaders some ideas and suggestions.



JUNE:

The Minsi Trails Council sponsored an informal dinner meeting hosted by Just Born, Inc of Bethlehem on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The meeting was open to any Pack representatives that wanted to learn more about the Adopt-a-School program and other topics. Future meetings will be held throughout the year. Those in attendance received a Just Born gift packet!

The Adopt a School program allows Packs, Troops and Crews to work with schools in their communities and offer volunteer service that meet the school's needs. The unit offers a one year commitment to the school. The BSA website says that, "the hope at the heart of the Adopt a School program is to build strong, sustaining relationships with schools creating thousands of lasting community partnerships across the U.S. Through committed volunteer efforts – from landscaping and clean-up outside the school building to scout's active participation in school events throughout the year-the BSA will become a defined presence in improving our nation's schools".

If you desire more information, visit the BSA website or google BSA Adopt a School. One interesting feature is that units can log their projects on line to share their experience. I found this one from Wisconsin. I bet many a teacher made a dash for the microwave at break time!



Troop 247 of Reedsburg, WI made Smore's Valentines for staff of St Peter's Elementary School in appreciation of their duties and cleaned under the school bleachers after a busy basketball season. We got the idea for the smores from Pinterest!

Let us know your successes and your challenges with youth recruitment. The district Membership Committee wants your feedback so please drop us an email with your thoughts to: Mark Firth, SMD Membership Committee Chair at: [Stee1city@verizon.net](mailto:Stee1city@verizon.net)