Girl Scout Troop 4613 and Boy Scout Troop 613

On a rainy autumn day in October, Girl Scouts from Troop 4613, with cheery smiles on their faces, fundraised for their troop and Richmond organization Connor’s Heroes.

Connor’s Heroes is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization made up of volunteers, parents of children with cancer, and other caring individuals and companies who want to conquer childhood cancer through direct assistance, awareness, and research.

Customers were motivated to stop by the girls’ continuous smiling dispositions despite the chill and rain. They were complimented numerous times because they came out in this weather.

As a reward for their great scout attitude, the girls were able to donate about 40 boxes of assorted nuts and chocolates to Connor’s Heroes. A volunteer representative came at closing to pick up the donated treats, which will go to children undergoing cancer treatments and their families.

Troop 4613 has helped Connor’s Heroes before and reached their goal contributing over 200 boxes of assorted treats during cookie season.

The girls will use their share of money raised to help pay for their camp out in November. At the camp out, the girls will learn fire building and knot tying, and will use those skills building makeshift tools, such as a dish-drying rack made of branches and ropes.

In Boy Scout news, two of Troop 613’s Boy Scouts (Noam and Shachar) are blazing their way to Eagle. Recently returned from Jamboree in West Virginia, they have just passed their Scoutmaster’s Conference for the rank of Star and are ready for their Board of Review.

There is much more excitement happening in both the Girl Scout troop and Boy Scout troop, but you’ll have to read the Reflector to find out!

To take advantage of all that Scouting offers, contact KBI, the Scouts’ Sponsor Organization, at (804) 288-7953 or KBI@kbirichmond.com.

Rabbi Dovid Asher appointed to governor’s new commission

On August 24, Gov. Terry McAuliffe signed Executive Order number 69 to establish The Commonwealth Commission on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

The commission is chaired by Rabbi Jack Moline, executive director of Interfaith Alliance, and Chief Deputy Attorney General Cynthia Hudson.

The membership of the commission represents the broad diversity of Virginia and includes community religious leaders, minority leaders, elected officials, and educators from across the state.

Rabbi Dovid Asher serves on the subcommittee for racial healing led by Jonathan Zur, CEO and president of Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities.

In the aftermath of the events in Charlottesville, the governor sought to confront hatred, bigotry, and intolerance in Virginia and replace them with diversity, equity, and inclusion.”

The commission is charged with identifying intolerant laws, identifying partnerships to promote a culture of diversity, and hosting events to promote public dialogue. In addition, the commission is to explore reasons behind extremism, recommend best practices for identifying extremists, and collecting best practices on assisting individuals who have already succumbed to extremist groups. The final report is due to be submitted to the Governor by Nov. 15, 2018.

Other subcommittees include racial narrative, separation, and the law. The Kellogg Foundation will be assisting in the facilitation of these meetings and outcomes.

The first meeting took place on October 10. At that time, in his video remarks, the governor encouraged the commission to be results-driven and critical in its work; hopefully Virginia will be at the forefront of inclusion.