



# TROOP 314 NEWS

## October 2014 AD

*Halloween*

*BSA Troop 314 / Orange Frontier District  
Westminster, (Midway City) California*

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## Scoutmaster's Corner

About 4 years ago, the Troop 314 adult committee talked about offering an occasional "fun only" campout, which would be a campout without a major emphasis on advancement, merit badges, or training. It was thought that too many campouts seemed like "work" to the boys, and so were met with little enthusiasm. We just wanted to have an occasional "no pressure" campout. Somehow, this evolved into "game night", and then "movie night", which, in this Scoutmaster's opinion, are little more than sleepovers that happen to occur outdoors. They are about as far from Boy Scout camping as you can get without actually holding it indoors (which actually did happen last year).



While I'm all in favor of having pure fun events for the troop, I noticed with some dismay that last month's "quick camp" at Caspers Regional Park was attended by only 3 scouts (2 of whom are my sons), and this month's quick camp at O'Neill Park has even less participation -- looks like it's going to be my family only. I should point out that these "quick camps" are also low-pressure events; they're just not electrified. What's wrong with this picture? Camping -- of the non-electronic variety -- is a major method of scouting, and the more of it the scouts get, the better our program will be. So why are the scouts not signing up for these camps? I'm speaking to the parents as well as the scouts.

We have two camps during the year, at which we have a high expectation that every scout will attend if at all possible; Camporee and Webelos Woods. We even have the unit pay for the registration fees. We also have summer camp.

Outside of those, we have had very little camping this year, except for the Order of the Arrow camps, which Troop 314 does not organize. I will be very disappointed if I find that scouts will only willingly go to camp if (a) They are told they have to, or (b) They are offered electronic games, movies, and sugar. I need the parents to understand this as well as the boys.

One of the line items for the "Journey to Excellence" program is short-term camping. The "bronze", or lowest, level of participation is 4 short-term camps for the year. The silver level is seven, and the gold level is nine short term camps. As of this writing, I believe we have done three, and that's counting Camporee. If we want to attract more scouts, we have to offer more than this. There is a reason why this is part of the JTE program. The more short term camps we have, the more the patrols will learn about the patrol method, and the more practice the boy leaders will get in showing leadership. They also, of course, learn more about nature and camping skills. When a boy comes from a Scouting background, camping should be second nature to him. And maybe he won't be as dependent on electronics for diversion.

This is one Scoutmaster's opinion; what's yours?

**Good Scouting**  
**Richard**  
**Marubayashi,**  
**Scoutmaster,**  
**Troop 314**



## THINGS TO REMEMBER TO DO THIS MONTH:

- Go over your knot basics so we can impress and teach Webelos Scouts at Webelos Woods.
- Work with your Patrol leader to get two games together for the Troop Halloween Party on the 28th. (We are hosting Cub Scouts like last year).
- Think about a cool Halloween costume.
- Remember to let your parents know to bring some snacks and/or candies to the Halloween party.



Posting of the Colors.



The Invocation is given.

## Court of Honor September 23<sup>rd</sup>

Troop 314 may not be the largest Troop - but this summer we had 58 merit badges earned and five Scouts earned a new rank! - Good going Scouts!



Michael and Martin our Patrol Leaders. Martin gets his two year Service Pin and Michael his 4 year pin.





Merit Badges earned.



Eagle Scout, Peter Milan is recognized by Andy Timco of American Legion Post 555.



Merit Badge recognition for more Scouts



Scouts Owen M, Gabriel B. and Elijah B. Earn Star Rank.

For Professional quality pictures Mr. Fieffer sent me this link – too late for publication

[http://www.rivertoys.com/t314\\_0914\\_coh/index.html](http://www.rivertoys.com/t314_0914_coh/index.html)



And awarding even more Merit Badges earned this summer.





Jonathan F. Earns Life Rank.

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words to live by™

OBEDIENT CHEERFUL THRIFTY BRAVE CLEAN REVERENT

## Troop 314 Historian's Report

The summer had ended, and the scouts returned to school as well as to the mode of scouting in September. Mr. Marubayashi who was the Cycling Merit Badge Counselor held two cycling rides at Peter's Landing Marina in Huntington Beach on September 14th and 21st. The participants were Mitchell L. Owen M., Michael M., Ian M., John M., Mr. Marubayashi, Mr. Le, and Mr. Milan. Besides Mr. Marubayashi lead the boys in cycling ride, he and few scouts also attended a quick camp at Caspers Wilderness from September 27th to 28th. That same weekend, Viet T. and Martin L. went to Order of Arrow Ordeal Camp at OSO Lake from September 26th to 27th. Viet and Martin performed their services at the camp and earned their OA sash. Now they are officially a member of OA – Santee Chapter. Congratulations and good job to Martin and Viet!

Finally, there was T314 Court of Honor held on September 23rd. Blue Phoenix Patrol brought the appetizers and Autobots Patrol brought the desserts. As the special event happened, Diego M. earned his Scout Rank; Elijah B., Gabriel B., and Owen M. earned their Star Rank; and lastly, Jonathan F. earned his Life Rank. Then there were special awards presented to Long T. and Gabriel B. for earning World Conservation Award, Martin L. for earning Two Years Service, and Michael M. for earning Four Years Service Star. Least but not last, there were 58 Merit Badges earned by T314 scouts. Wow! That was amazing! Congratulations and what an awesome job to all scouts!

*Your Troop Historian, Viet T.*

## Troop 314 Service Projects:

The Troop has an open position for an Adult Service Project coordinator –

Parents - If you can help out to plan and file a tour activity plan, please let Mr. Hilton know!

*Help Wanted*

## NewsLetter Editor's Note:

*Plenty of Busy weekends in September - but not much in the way of pictures of the great outdoors.*

*Maybe we need to pitch in and get our Scoutmaster a new camera!*





## Order of the Arrow Wiatava Lodge (#39) Santee Chapter News



The activities for the Order of the Arrow: Oct 10-12 Conclave at Rosemead High School

Oct 16<sup>th</sup> OA Santee Chapter Meeting - Chapter Meetings are held on every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm at Holy Cross Lutheran Church

**Steven Y. the OA, Representative T314**

## Troop 314 Scribe – Junior Leadership Committee (JLC) Minutes for Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 2014 AD

Leaders in attendance:

Martin Lee, Ian Marubayashi, Owen Marubayashi, Michael Milan, Robert Pearson, Viet Tran, Mr. Bess, Mrs. Hight, Mr. Marubayashi, Mrs. Tran, Mrs. Lee, Mr. Milan and Mr. Pearson

Viet T. acted as Troop Scribe at this meeting.

Events:

The theme of the month of October are Halloween and fishing.



Oct. 12th – Patrol Meeting

Oct. 14th – Everyone – opening/set up  
Blue Phoenix- game  
Autobots- No Skill - have talk on Fishing

Oct. 21st - Everyone- opening/set up  
Autobots – game  
Blue Phoenix- Skill (Fishing)

Oct. 28th – Everyone – opening/set up  
Halloween Party and Fest!

Oct. 5th, 12th, & 19th - Cycling MB Ride

Oct. 24th – Oct. 26th – Webelos Woods Camp at El Dorado. Scouts will teach knots tying to Webelos scouts.

Nov. 8th – Movie night at Caspers Wilderness Park  
Nov. 16th – Robert Pearson's Eagle Project

**Long T., Troop Scribe**



## BIRTHDAY BEST WISHES for September 2014:

**Martin L. 14 Years Old**

**Noel J. 16 years Old**



Have a Great Birthday, Scouts!

## “Collateral Benefits of Sport Climbing”

The act of climbing is enjoyable and worthy of pursuit in its own right, enough so that people spend long hours in sweaty, chalk dusted climbing gyms. But when you make the journey to great outdoor crags, you start reaping a host of collateral benefits—one of which is time.

The average amount of time a tourist spends actually looking at the Grand Canyon is a mere 17 minutes, and that's for the greatest scenic vista in the world. When you go sport climbing you hike to a cliff and you spend all day sitting there, looking out at your surroundings. Sure you climb, but every attempt only takes 10-15 minutes and you have up to an hour of rest between every attempt. By default, you have a lot of time to soak up your surroundings and really experience a place. Not only do you have time to gaze out at big vistas, you're able to notice the little things: an iridescent beetle that lands on your rope bag, the lichens on the rock, or the tiny bones in an owl pellet.

The actual act of climbing becomes a bonus, even though it's the reason you journeyed to the place to begin with.

## BSA Climbing Resources URL

<https://sites.google.com/site/bsaclimbinstclass/materials>



## American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year Scholarship

Download: [The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year 2015 Application](#)



The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year will receive a \$10,000 scholarship. Three runner-up scholarship awards will be granted in the amount of \$2,500 each. The scholarship recipients will be eligible to receive their scholarship immediately upon graduation from high school (public, parochial, military, private, or home school) and must utilize the total award within four (4) years of their graduation date, excluding active military duty or religious mission. Additionally, The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year will join the Youth Champion delegation and participate in the Legion's Annual National Convention. For eligibility requirements, please review the [application](#).



## Troop 314 Leadership

- Senior Patrol Leader: Ian M.
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader: Own M.
- Blue Phoenix (RTFC) Patrol Leader: Martin L.
- Scorpion Patrol Leader: Michael M.
- Bull Sharks Patrol Leader: Michael M.
- Scribe: Long T.
- Quartermaster: Gabe B.
- Librarian: Elijah B.
- OA Representative: Steven Y..
- Chaplain's Aide: Robert P.
- Historian: Viet T.
- Web Master: Owen M.
- Den Chief: Christian –THANKS Chris!



## Open Positions in Leadership

- Troop Guide



## Patrol Advisors

Patrol Advisors help the Patrol Leader guide the patrol and improve their leadership skills.



The patrol leader should check with their advisor to plan patrol meetings and activities. If possible, the advisor should be present at patrol breakouts during the meeting to help plans go smoothly, and to oversee menus and other scout planning events.

### Blue Phoenix Patrol / Road To First Class (RTFC)

– Mr. Bess / Mrs. Hight



### Scorpions and Bull Sharks (Now AUTOBOTS)

- Mr. Hallman / Mr. Feiffer

## Meeting Night Patrols

Skill Patrol Leaders remember when you are planning the skills for the meeting, make sure that two levels of Skills should be worked out and that they are appropriate to the Troop Program Features Theme. It is best that everyone is (and can be) involved. When possible – see if a competition or game & competition can be made out of your skills.

The patrol that has flag ceremony /setup / cleanup should show up by 6:45pm (earlier if it's a court of honor). It's the patrol leader's responsibility to make sure they do.

***This means picking up the phone to confirm communication received and understood.***

Email or text are OK, but are not a substitute for direct bi-directional **voice** communication – a confirmed Phone message – read back of message might be good idea too.

No one in the patrol should leave until everything is cleaned up and put away, or the patrol leader releases them.

Dutch Oven Cooking is only done during specified meetings. For example, Hot dogs and cooking are usually done when we have Webelos visit.



## The Outdoor Code

*As an American,  
I will do my best to -*

*Be clean in my outdoor manners.*

*Be careful with fire.*

*Be considerate in the outdoors.  
and*

*Be conservation minded*

## Scout Oath

*On my honor, I will do my best  
To do my duty to God and my  
country and to obey the Scout Law;*

*To help other people at all times;*

*To keep myself physically strong,  
mentally awake and morally  
straight.*



## Troop 314 is Camping Green

Personal Mess kits are used on 99.889 % of Troop campouts – If in doubt, buy one and bring yours!



## TROOP WEBSITE:

The Troop 314 website, URL is:

<http://www.troop314ocbsa.scoutlander.com>

*“It’s the spirit within, not  
the veneer without, that  
makes a man.”*



## The Troop can help you do something you always wanted to do!

**Scouts – You have the Power to  
make some serious fun happen!**

Just talk to Mr. Fieffer to get the ball rolling on one of these great activities, and while you are at it - step up to be Scout in Charge. The Troop Committee will hook you up with the parents and resources to get it done!

### Activities:

#### Archery

**Deep Sea Fishing** - Commercial ½ day Boat

**Ocean fishing** – Pier trip / Surf fishing – San Clemente has a good pier.

#### Beach party

#### Annual Homework Burn

#### Bonfire (June)

#### Bowling

#### Go Cart Racing (Family)

#### Hiking Trip

**Backpacking** - Hike in camp in wilderness of Orange County or our mountain backcountry

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**Snow Day** – Grassy Hollow  
Visitors Center – Out of  
Wrightwood.

**Ski / Snowboard Trip**

**Lazer Tag (Family)**

**Air Soft Games (Family)**

**Paint Ball (Family)**

**Shooting Range** Could be a family  
or scout event depending what guns we  
want to shoot.

**BLM land / Desert Shoot** – High  
powered Rifle / Pistol / Shotgun  
shoot (Family event)

**Rock climbing** - Indoor  
Rock walls or natural climbs all  
work as we have 4 BSA Climb  
Instructors in this troop and our  
own climb gear/rope!



**Angel's Baseball Game**

**Gold Prospecting**

**Swim** – Pool or Summer Beach  
Trip

**Scuba Instruction**

**Snorkeling / Beach Trip**

**White water rafting**

**Canoe River Trip**

**Annual Mistletoe Trip**

**Annual Homework Burn!**

**Kayaking**

**Picnic / BBQ**



***Bring on the  
Adventure!***

***Mr. Fieffer, Activities Chair***

**Get out your Calendars  
and mark these dates!**

## **TROOP 314 EVENTS FOR October 2014:**

**3<sup>rd</sup> (first) Friday night dinner at  
Post 555 **Martin, Michael , Ian and  
Owen** volunteered to help.**

**6<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Meeting at  
Cypress Public Library at 7PM to  
8:45.**

**7<sup>th</sup> Junior Leadership Council  
(JLC) Meeting held at AL Post 555  
at 6:30 PM.**

**9<sup>th</sup> Orange Frontier  
District Roundtable 7 PM.  
LDS Church 4000 Orange Ave.,  
Anaheim (2nd Thursday of each  
month)**



**11<sup>th</sup> Quick Camp at O'Neil Park  
Trabuco Canyon, CA**

**11<sup>th</sup> Popcorn Sales at Stater  
Brothers 6501 East Spring Street.  
8-Noon.**

**12th Cycling Merit Badge Ride**

**12<sup>th</sup> Popcorn Sales at Stater  
Brothers 11-3 PM.**



**14<sup>th</sup> Troop 314 Meeting**  
**American Legion Post 555 starting**  
**at 7PM**

**Talk on Fishing and the Fishing**  
**Merit Badge by Jerry Lewicki**  
**(Eagle/ASM/Sea-Scout/Sea Base**  
**Counselor)**

**Set up, Flag and Oath - Everyone**  
**Blue Phoenix – Game if time**  
**Autobots – No Skill – talk on**  
**Fishing.**

**17<sup>th</sup> Selling popcorn at Post 555 at**  
**dinner 6-7:30.**

**19<sup>th</sup> Cycling Merit Badge Ride**

**21<sup>st</sup> Troop 314 Meeting**  
**American Legion Post 555 starting**  
**at 7PM**

**Everyone Setup, Flag and Oath**  
**Blue Phoenix have Skill**  
**Autobots have Game**

**POPCORN ORDERS ARE DUE**  
**TONIGHT the 21st - so Mr.**  
**Milan can order your popcorn**  
**for your customers.**

**28<sup>th</sup> Troop Halloween party / fall**  
**celebration**  
**American Legion Post 555 starting**  
**at 6:30 PM.**

**Halloween Party SETUP IS AT**  
**6:00PM sharp.**

- **Patrols please have your**  
**games ready**  
**to setup and**  
**remember to**  
**bring snacks**  
**for this party.**



- **Troop will**  
**provide hotdogs, buns and all**  
**the fixings.**
- **Mrs. Pearson will provide**  
**cold and hot drinks.**

**24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Webelos Woods**  
**at El Dorado Park. Teaching**  
**Webelos Scouts knot skills. Eat**  
**own dinner Friday night but food**  
**is covered the rest of weekend.**

**Looks like cannot**  
**set up our tower -**  
**so will work on a**  
**gateway and or**  
**any other lashing**  
**monster thing we**  
**can dream up to impress the**  
**WEBELOS.**



## Troop 314 Meeting Notes:

- The Second Tuesday is Scoutmaster Conferences.
- The Third Tuesday meeting includes Board of Reviews for Rank Advancement.
- Fourth Tuesday Meeting of Month is usually Parents Meeting, and Patrol meetings these days.
- No meetings are usually held on 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. These are saved for Fundraisers e.g.: Dinners.

**Court of Honors** are held 4 times a year, every three months – usually the last Scout meeting of month (except December).

In **March** and **September** Scouts are honored for their rank advancements with a candle lighting ceremony and parents are given pins. This tends to be a long ceremony, so no dinners.

In **June** and **December**, our COH does not have candles and rank advancement pins for parents, but we add a potluck dinner in June – (Optional potluck in Dec. usually kept simple due to constraints of time).

➤ **November 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sunday at 10 AM**  
**Robert P. Eagle Service Project**  
**– wood sealing.**

- If all goes well, planning the assembly of 5 benches will follow on the weekend of November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

➤ **November 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**THANKSGIVING**

➤ **Troop Recruitment: Webelos Activity Pin Day – TBD** We are moving out of September / Oct as too busy a schedule.



## UPCOMING EVENTS!

➤ **November 7<sup>th</sup> First Friday**  
**Dinner – Scout volunteers needed.**

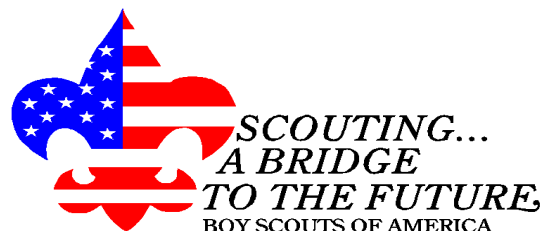
➤ **November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**Movie Night Camp at Caspers wilderness park. 2PM check in. Mrs. Hight is reserving 2 spots (4 vehicles).**



## Tour and Activity Plans – Online

Council will no longer readily accept emailed, faxed or walked in Tour and Activity Plans. They want them on line. Sign into [MyScouting.org](https://my.scouting.org).

When online, you no longer have to collect signatures. Complete the plan and certify that any missing requirements will be completed before the trip begins. When you submit the plan, an email will be sent to your council, chartered organization, committee chair, and your designated emergency contact.



# Scout Law

**A Scout is:**

*trustworthy,  
loyal,  
helpful,  
friendly,  
courteous,  
kind,  
obedient,  
cheerful,  
thrifty,  
brave,  
clean,  
and reverent.*



## Hall Use at American Legion Post 555

If you would like to have an event at the Post – from a training day, a car wash or an Eagle Court of Honor, please e-mail Mrs. Daly early! At [dalyracing@verizon.net](mailto:dalyracing@verizon.net) to confirm the hall is available and to make reservations.

Mrs. Daly is our troop Chartered Organization Rep. She is also a member of the Women's Auxiliary of Post 555. Her phone is (714) 892-8508 for any follow up that is needed.

## JOKES, JOKES, JOKES



**Have you heard this one?**

Q: Why couldn't the ghost see its dad?

A: Because his dad was trans-parent!

Q: What's a vampire's favorite fruit?

A: A neck-tarine!

Q: What do vampires take when they're sick?

A: Coffin Drops!



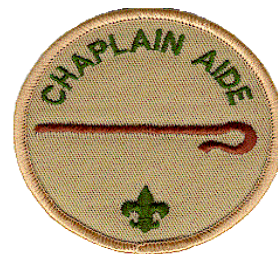
Jokes from Robert P.

## Chaplain's Aide's Inspiration of the month:

Proverbs 28:6

***“Better a poor man  
whose walk is blameless than a  
rich man whose ways are  
perverse”***

- **Robert P. Chaplin's Aide**





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■ If—

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If you can keep your head when all about you  
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,  
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,  
But make allowance for their doubting too;  
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,  
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,  
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,  
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:

If you can dream - and not make dreams your master;  
If you can think - and not make thoughts your aim;  
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster  
And treat those two impostors just the same;  
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken  
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,  
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,  
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools:

If you can make one heap of all your winnings  
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,  
And lose, and start again at your beginnings  
And never breathe a word about your loss;  
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew  
To serve your turn long after they are gone,  
And so hold on when there is nothing in you  
Except the Will which says to them: 'Hold on!'

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,  
' Or walk with Kings - nor lose the common touch,  
if neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,  
If all men count with you, but none too much;  
If you can fill the unforgiving minute  
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,  
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,  
And - which is more - you'll be a Man, my son!

BY RUDYARD KIPLING

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## Cycling Merit Badge – See links for routes

Date	Time	Miles	Meeting location	Destination	See the route
Sunday, Sept 14	8:00 AM	11	PCH/Anderson	HB Dog Bch	<a href="http://www.mappedometer.com/?maproute=332110">http://www.mappedometer.com/?maproute=332110</a>
Sunday, Sept 21	8:00 AM	13	PCH/Anderson	HB Pier	<a href="http://www.mappedometer.com/?maproute=332111">http://www.mappedometer.com/?maproute=332111</a>
Sunday, Sept 28,	8:00 AM	17	PCH/Anderson	El Dorado	<a href="http://www.mappedometer.com/?maproute=332112">http://www.mappedometer.com/?maproute=332112</a>
Sunday, Oct 05	8:00 AM	19	PCH/Anderson	SART	<a href="http://www.mappedometer.com/?maproute=332113">http://www.mappedometer.com/?maproute=332113</a>
Sunday, Oct 12	8:00 AM	26	Walmart	Bolsa Chica	<a href="http://www.mappedometer.com/?maproute=332115">http://www.mappedometer.com/?maproute=332115</a>
Sunday, Oct 19	8:00 AM	32	Walmart	HB Pier	<a href="http://www.mappedometer.com/?maproute=332116">http://www.mappedometer.com/?maproute=332116</a>

All rides are "out and back", except for the last one, which is a loop.

Key to meeting locations:

PCH/Anderson                      16390 Pacific Coast Highway  
Huntington Beach, CA 92649  
Corner of PCH and Anderson  
Park in Peter's Landing parking lot, near to Anderson

Walmart                              Long Beach Towne Center  
7250 Carson  
Blvd  
Long Beach, CA 90808  
Park near the Sam's gas station  
(NW corner of the towne center)

### SPL's CORNER – (Submission came in late – added here to avoid repagination – NLE)

Recently, my family and I have been going on "quick camps" in order to fulfill the requirements for Journey to Excellence. I say my family and I, but they are technically troop events, and have been announced at meetings/JLCs. These are campouts which consist almost entirely of sleeping. That is, we arrive there, we set up camp, we eat dinner, we go to sleep, we wake up, we eat breakfast, we break down camp, and we leave. So far, we have had two, and we need to do two more. As of the time of writing, the only one who has gone on one of these camps other than my own family is the newest boy, Christian, who has been a friend of ours for a long time. I would like to see more of the troop at these extremely short, easy-to-plan-around campouts.



Ian M. - Senior Patrol Leader

# **TROOP 314 - TOWER ABOVE THE REST!**

To contact the Newsletter Editor or  
for more information about Troop 314  
Send me a note at [T314news@live.com](mailto:T314news@live.com)  
-Thanks, Mr. Pearson

