



Valley United Way

CHARLES H. FLYNN HUMANITARIAN AWARD

The 1982 Charles H. Flynn Humanitarian Award



In recognition of "outstanding volunteer leadership" in the Lower Naugatuck Valley

Ed Strang was a Boy Scout leader for 55 years.

He was born in Derby in 1910 - the same year Scouting was introduced to this country. He graduated from Derby High School in 1928.

After graduation he was employed by the Birmingham Iron Foundry, a forerunner of the Farrel Company. Later he went to work at the "tipshop" Adams Manufacturing Company in Shelton.

In 1933 he was hired by the Derby Gas and Electric Company now known as the United Illuminating Company.

At the time of his retirement 44 years later, Strang was a manager at the Derby office of that company.

He served in the Army during World War II . He married the former Caroline Booth of Shelton in 1944. After his marriage he went overseas, and while stationed with the Allied Control Commission, he organized a Cub Scout Pack and a Scout Troop in Hungary after the defeat of Germany.

He organized Cub Pack 3 in Derby in 1927, three years before Cub Scouting was officially introduced in this country. Cub Pack 3 is the oldest pack in the United States and Strang, with his 55 years in Scouting, holds the record for the longest continuing Cubmaster in this country and possibly the world.

He served as a Scoutmaster for Troop 3 and was the Housatonic Council vice-president and chairman of its camp development committee. He was also credited with having discovered the site for the Scout Camp Reservation in Goshen. He was a member of the council's executive board since 1953.

He was a lifelong member of the Derby United Methodist Church and served as its secretary and as a trustee. For many years he was its Sunday School superintendent.

He was a director of the Oak Cliff Cemetery and was on the Board of Directors of the Derby Veterans Memorial Community Center and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

He was a past president and charter member of the Derby-Shelton Rotary Club.

He was a founder of the Derby Little League in 1949.

He earned the Eagle Scout Award and was one of a select company of holders of the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award for men whose adult lives have shown their adherence to Scouting's ideals.

He held the Silver Beaver and the Spurgeon awards, the latter for service to Explorer Scouting. He was the first Protestant to receive the Bronze Pelican Award from the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Hartford.

He was also a past recipient of the Valley Chamber of Commerce Gold Seal Award.

He is also a member of the [Derby Hall of Fame](#).

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