

## *Punta Gorda's Scouting Legacy*

Dan Beard is considered by most as the founder of the Boy Scouts of America. He was a friend of Barron Collier and wintered at the Hotel Punta Gorda. When in town he would visit the Troop 5 scouts. Urban legends surrounding his visits are still popular stories in the local scouting community.



"Uncle Dan" (Daniel Carter) Beard, a founder of the Boy Scouts of America, wintered at the Hotel Punta Gorda for several seasons. He is shown here with members of the Punta Gorda Kiwanis Club and two Boy Scouts from Troop 5. From left to right, first row: John Gerald, W.R. DeLoach, scout Jay Duggar, "Uncle Dan" Beard (standing at center), scout Albert Quednau, William Persons. Second row: Scoutmaster Visinukes, Harry B. Mullins, L.V. Desquin, Dr. D.A. Rouner, G.C. Persons, Edwin M. Parker, Charles Cerny. Back row: Philip B. Huguenin, C.H. MacConnell, Clarence O. Coleman, R.S. Maxwell, Dr. M.J. Alexander, Frank Cox, Fred B. King, Byron L. Rhode.



"Uncle Dan" (Daniel Carter) Beard, a founder and national commissioner of the Boy Scouts of America, wintered at the Hotel Punta Gorda. He is shown here, at left, with Roger Lyman, Scoutmaster of Troop 5.