

Greater LA Scouting
San Gabriel Valley District

2024 DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION

Presented To



John Aguirre
Recreation & Human Services Director
City of Glendora

Glendora Country Club
February 22, 2024



WELCOME TO

DINNER PROGRAM

2024 Distinguished Citizen of the Year Celebration

The Distinguished Citizen Award honors prominent community leaders who have a wide influence in the business and professional community, while serving as an exemplary role model for our young people.

John Aguirre's contributions to the community and commitment to supporting youth makes him an appropriate honoree.

Proceeds from this event will benefit Scouting programs throughout the San Gabriel Valley.

Welcome
Ryan Ottosen - Master of Ceremony

Opening Ceremony
Glendora, Troop 483

Invocation
Mason Wellington - Troop 483

Flag Ceremony
Troop 483
Chartered by St. Dorothy's Catholic Church

National Anthem
Emily Tran - Eagle Scout, Troop 333

DINNER

Remarks
Bob Kurkjian - CEO/Scout Executive

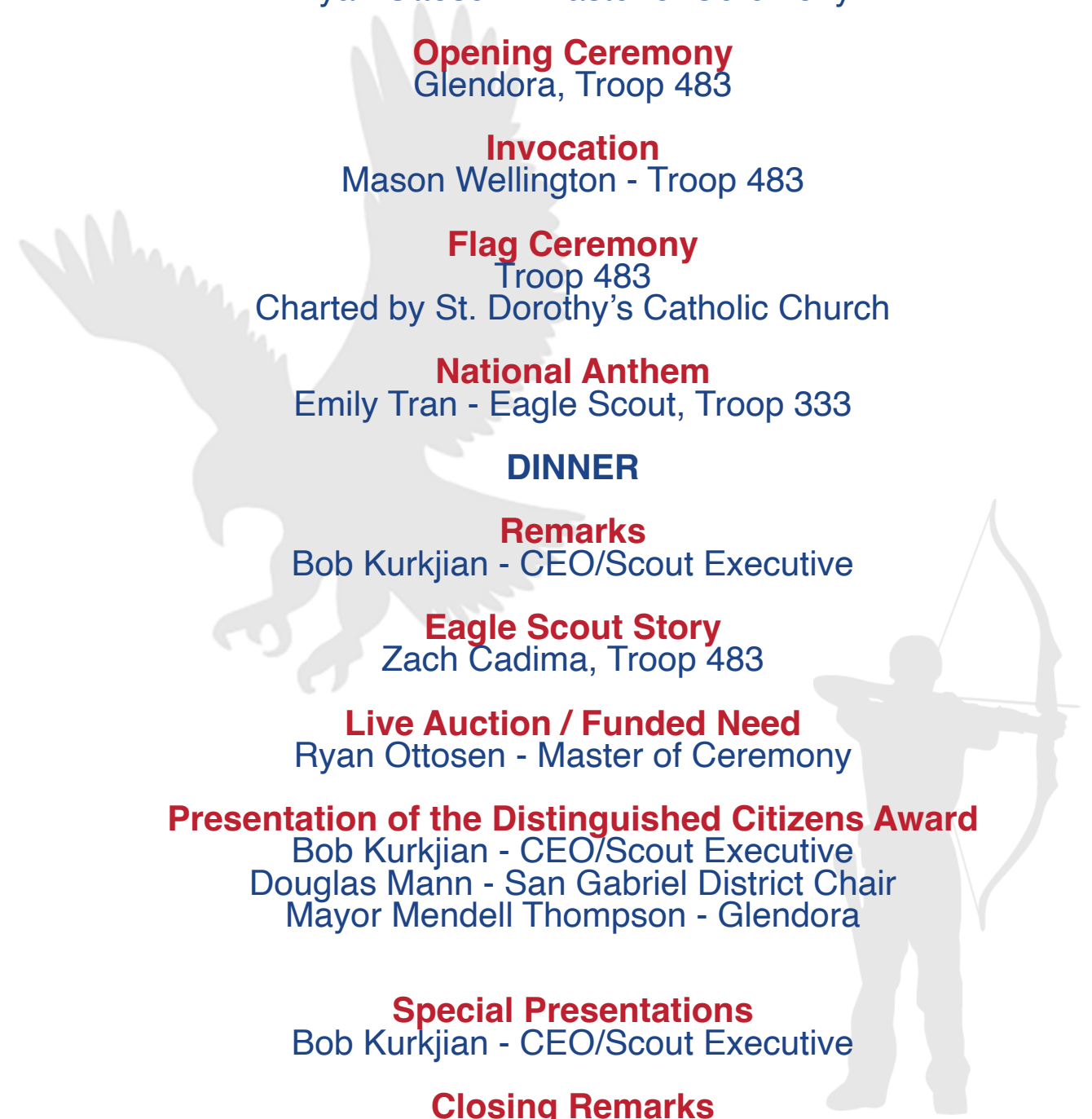
Eagle Scout Story
Zach Cadima, Troop 483

Live Auction / Funded Need
Ryan Ottosen - Master of Ceremony

Presentation of the Distinguished Citizens Award
Bob Kurkjian - CEO/Scout Executive
Douglas Mann - San Gabriel District Chair
Mayor Mendell Thompson - Glendora

Special Presentations
Bob Kurkjian - CEO/Scout Executive

Closing Remarks
Ryan Ottosen - Master of Ceremony



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David Fredendall - Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmember

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San Gabriel Valley District

Douglas Mann - District Chairman

Susan Kimball - District Commissioner

Event Committee

Dan Arrighi

Melissa Bueno

Estela Chicas

David Fredendall

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We would like to express our deepest appreciation to our sponsors for generously supporting this fundraiser event.

Your invaluable contribution not only helped make the event a success but also directly impacted the lives of our Scouts, enabling them to participate in enriching Scouting activities and programs.

Eagle Scout Level

Athens Services

Life Scout Level

Supervisor Kathryn Barger - 5th District of Los Angeles

Greater LA Scouting Vision

Scouting LA is the leading provider of the most rewarding, positive, exciting, and safe leadership and outdoor experiences in Southern California.

OUR HONOREE

JOHN ALFRED AGUIRRE

John Alfred Aguirre

Recreation & Human Services Director City of Glendora



John Aguirre is a devoted individual with a deep commitment to community well-being. He is the proud son of Fred and Lillian Aguirre and is among five siblings. John currently holds the esteemed positions of Recreation and Human Services Director, a loving husband, and a proud father of three, with the added joy of being a grandfather and anticipating the arrival of another grandchild.

Born on December 12, 1964, in Glendora, CA, John's educational journey began at Roosevelt Elementary School and continued through Sandburg Middle School, a place that holds a special significance for him. He graduated from

Glendora High School in 1983, where his love for sports blossomed, leading him to participate in baseball, basketball, football, and track and field. This passion for sports extended into his college years at Cal Lutheran in Thousand Oaks, where he played basketball.

John's educational path included Roosevelt Elementary, Sandburg Middle School, and Glendora High School. He graduated in 1983 and pursued higher education at Cal Lutheran, earning a BA in Administration.

Returning home during college breaks, John worked as a rec leader for the city of La Verne. His professional journey in Glendora began in September 1989 when he became a recreation supervisor at the age of 25. Over 35 years, he progressed to become the Recreation and Human Services Director, overseeing transformative projects such as the Skatepark in 1999, Timothy Crowther and Teen Center in 2003, and Louie Pompei Park in 2007.

Beyond his professional life, John is an avid golfer with a deep passion for sports and community building. His dedication to fostering confidence and teamwork among young individuals is evident through his 11 years of coaching high school football and basketball, as well as coaching youth softball and baseball.

John's mission revolves around promoting community and happiness through special events, classes, trips, and more. Inspired by the life lessons imparted by his father and coach, Paul Haynam, he strives to inspire others.

Quotes that resonate with John include "12, 12" and "Earn your Money." Additionally, he can often be heard singing the Sandburg Chant – "S -A-N-D a burg Sandburg Sandburg alright!"

Currently serving as the Recreation and Human Services Director, John eagerly anticipates the completion of Louie Pompei Sports Park and the continuation of the South Hills Bike Park Project, contributing to the continued growth and well-being of the Glendora community.

In addition to his professional achievements, John's family moved to Glendora in the early 1960s. His father, Fred, served as a local mail carrier, and his mother, Lillian, worked at Roosevelt and Williams Elementary School as a Bilingual aid for many years. John has been involved in various community activities, including serving as GHS kicking coach, coaching his kids at National Little League and Glendora Lassie, and serving as GHS Football Booster President. He has also been part of Kiwanis and the Christmas Parade Committee, playing an instrumental role in developing the Crowther Teen Center and working with Tim Crowther. John's childhood memories include a paper route, and he still remembers the route and who lived where.

RYAN OTTOSEN

Master of Ceremony

DCA Event



Since 2005, real estate has been Ryan's professional focus.

As a broker with expertise in investment and property management, Ryan closed more than 150 REO properties between 2009-2012, managed hundreds of rental units, orchestrated 100+ investment projects from start to finish and has been a guest speaker at numerous California Association of REALTOR (C.A.R.) events.

With an education in entrepreneurship from Purdue University and the University of Southern California, Ryan has combined his experience and leadership strength to move the Kingdom Forward through Capital & Influence, his real estate brokerage as well through his property management company, Ottosen & Co.

Before founding Ottosen & Co and Capital & Influence, Ryan served his hometown of Lake Havasu City as a patrolman for the Lake Havasu City Police Department. Ryan also served his country as a Sergeant in the Marine Corps, serving in Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Silverwake.

Ryan's favorite thing to do is spend time with his wife, Traci, his children, Tristin, Trevor, and Mackenzie in their hometown of Glendora, California - Pride of the Foothills. When he's not working, you can find Ryan serving one of his two favorite ministries For Freedom Outreach or Leadership or you just might find him speaking at a local church event.

MAYOR MENDELL THOMPSON

City of Glendora

District 5



Mendell Thompson and his wife Reanna are 36-year residents of Glendora. They have two children, Jana and Darren, who both graduated from Glendora High School. Mendell and Reanna are the proud grandparents of four.

Mendell graduated cum laude in 1976 with a bachelor's degree in History/Business from Point Loma Nazarene University, and is also a graduate of both the Western CUNA Management School and Stanford University's Executive Development Program.

Before his retirement in March 2020, Mendell served as President and CEO of America's Christian Credit Union in Glendora, a position he has held since 1986. He held a variety of positions at the Credit Union before being promoted to President/CEO. Currently, he serves as a Trustee and director on the Point Loma Nazarene University Board of Trustees and Foundation Board. Mendell has also served as a director of the NASCUS Credit Union Executive Council, WesCorp FCU, and Chairman of WesCorp's Supervisory Committee. He has been a director of the CU Deposit Network, the Financial Marketing Association, and the Southern California CU Executives Society Council.

Mendell and Reanna, deeply rooted in their faith, enjoy their family passion for academics, children, and serving others.

BOB KURKJIAN

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER & SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Greater LA Scouting



Bob Kurkjian is the Chief Executive Officer and Scout Executive for Greater Los Angeles Scouting, one of the largest Scout Councils in the country, and the largest, by membership and budget, in the Southwest United States. A firm believer in the power of Scouting, Bob is committed to creating an unequaled experiential leadership development and outdoor program for the youth of Greater LA. He previously spent 11 years in senior executive roles at the United Service Organizations (USO), where he most recently served as President of USO West, leading all operations and fund development across nine Western States. In the past, Bob has worked for the Mayor of Los Angeles, A Navy Reserve officer, Bob currently commands a battalion of 340 expeditionary logisticians whose mission is to re-arm, refuel and resupply forward-deployed military units operating in contested environments.

He was mobilized for most of 2019, serving as the commander of the Defense Logistics Agency Afghanistan, where he led a team of 100+ personnel who managed strategic logistics for U.S. and coalition troops. Three previous deployments have included tours in Iraq, Bahrain, and afloat, aboard the flagship of the international counter-piracy task force. Bob previously commanded a Pacific Fleet Reserve Operational Logistics unit and the reserve Pearl Harbor Fleet Logistics Center unit. A two-time graduate of the University of Southern California, Bob also graduated, with distinction, from the master's program at the United States Naval War College, where he focused on East Asia. In addition, he spent a summer at Sichuan Union University in Chengdu, China, where he studied Chinese history and language. Bob served a four-year term as a board member for Goodwill Orange County, one of the largest Goodwill operations in the world, and has previously served on the board of Academy of Hope, an adult education and charter school organization in Washington, D.C. He is a current member of the Board of Counselors for USC's Marshall School of Business Masters in Business for Veterans program and an emeritus member of the USC Alumni Association Board of Governors. A licensed (but inactive) CPA in the Commonwealth of Virginia and an avid traveler, Bob has spent at least one night in 70 countries and counting. He is an Eagle Scout. Along with being the Greater LA Scouting CEO, Bob is a Cub Scout Leader for his son's WEBELOS den, where he quickly discovered that wrangling fourth-graders shares many similarities with logistics operations in war zones.

ZACHARY WILLIAM CADIMA

Eagle Scout

Troop 483



Zachary William Cadima hails from Glendora, California, where he cultivated a rich tapestry of experiences that shaped his journey. From his spirited involvement in year-round youth sports to his dedicated service within the Boy Scouts of America, Zach embraced every opportunity to grow, learn, and lead. Achieving the esteemed Eagle award on November 14, 2019, underscored his commitment to excellence and community.

Following his graduation from Glendora High School in 2020, Zach embarked on a new chapter at the University of California, Riverside, pursuing a degree in Biology.

Alongside his academic pursuits, Zach's passion for running propelled him onto the UCR Cross Country and Track & Field teams, where he showcased his athleticism and determination. Looking ahead, Zach aspires to become a Physical Therapist, driven by a profound desire to make a positive impact in the lives of others.

With graduation on the horizon, Zach stands poised to leverage his diverse experiences and unwavering dedication to realize his aspirations and leave an enduring legacy of service and excellence.

OUR SAN GABRIEL VALLEY SCOUTS

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SAN GABRIEL VALLEY DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

MEMBERSHIP

Packs: 25 Units
 Troops: 33 Units
 Girl Troops: 11 Units
 Crews: 5 Units
TOTAL UNITS: 75

Cub Scouts: 752
 Scouts BSA: 835
 Venturing: 45
TOTAL YOUTH: 1,632

EAGLES

2023 Eagle Scouts: 98

SCOUTING IN THE CITY OF GLENDORA

Packs: 3
 Troops: 4
 Explorer Post: 1



SAN GABRIEL VALLEY DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

149 TOTAL YOUTH IN GLENDORA

Pack 0482

First Christian Church - Disciples of Christ (23 youth)

Pack 0490

Rotary Club of Glendora (23 youth)

Pack 0491

St. Dorothy Catholic Church (15 youth)

Troop 0483

St Dorothy Catholic Church (44 youth)

Troop 0486

Grace Episcopal Church Of Glendora (24 youth)

Troop 0489

Glendora Community Church (7 youth)

Troop 0491

Glendora Historical Society (7 youth)

Exploring Post 402

Glendora Police Department (6 youth)



GREATER LA SCOUTING HIGHLIGHTS

2023 Year In Review



serving our communities for
108 years

15,057 Youth Supported by 4,893 Adults

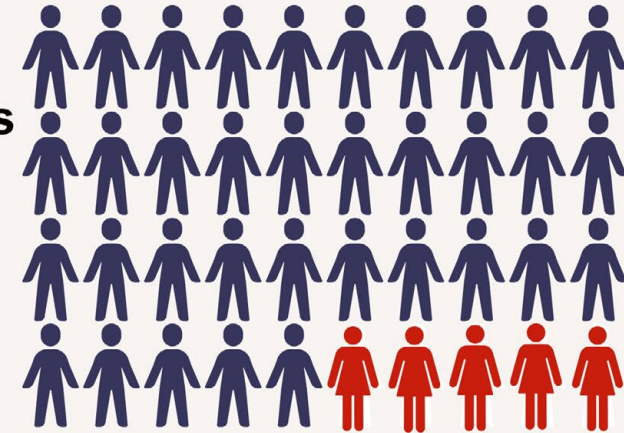
GREATER LOS ANGELES
SCOUTING

1,734

girls enrolled in programs K-12

416

Eagle Scouts



82,828

hours of community service



50

Eagle Scouts marched in the Rose Parade

215

Greater LA Scouting events hosted

7

Scholarships valued at \$24,500 awarded to Eagle Scouts

4,116

Summer Resident Campers

545

female campers at Resident Camp

14,839

Merit Badges Earned



GREATER LA SCOUTING HIGHLIGHTS

2023 Year In Review



28,050

nights camped at Camp Cherry Valley and Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation

30

Merit Badge Days offered

633

Explorers immersed in a job field

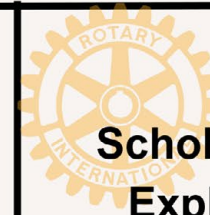


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received Scoutreach assistance with annual dues and qualified for discounted camp attendance

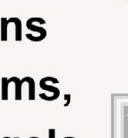
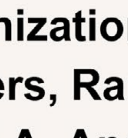
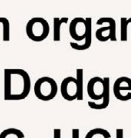
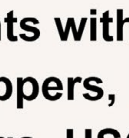
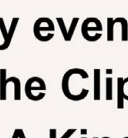
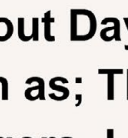
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Scholarships provided to Explorers by The LA 5 Rotary Club



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Scout Day events with organizations such as; The Clippers, Dodgers, Rams, Chargers, LA Kings, USC, UCLA, Angels, LA Galaxy, and Angel City FC



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Cities and unincorporated areas served by Greater LA Scouting

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2023 - 2024 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY DISTRICT EAGLE SCOUTS

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As of Februray 2024

Guillermo Cordoba
Willem Aponno
Vansh Aggarwal
Jonathan Ahlers
Steven Aintablian
Jonathan Alcazar
Adriana Alfaro
Alexzandria Allan
Afshin Amani
Jack Amerine
Luca Augustyn
Dante Augustyn
Luke Ballantyne
Julien Barajas
Roman Bonilla
Ethan Boulais
Matias Brobeck
Westley Carson
Christopher Casanave
Christian Casas
Raymond Cepeda-Cintron
Amanda Chang
Ethan Chau
Daniel Chen

Jeff Cheong
Abby Chu
Andrew Cullen
Michael Custodia
Jack Douglas
Ryan Douglas
Gabriel Draper
Gabriel Fierro
Abbott Fluckey
Garrett Fong
Chung-Man Fu
Isabella Garcia
Ian Gaynor
Adam Gaynor
Clarissa Gil
Christopher Gonzalez
Quinn Guerrero
Nathaniel Haas
Bill Han
Jacob Harris
Mark Harwick
Nicholas Hollanders
Alec Joseph
Arul Kolla
Nicholas Kong

Alexander Kwan
Francis Larkin
Jui Yen Lee
Samantha Lee
Jonathan Liang
Leo Lin
Daniel Lin
Toby Luu
Jasmine Lyn
Xianlong Ma
Justin Marcelo
Thomas Martinez
Quinn McDonald
Connor Moore
Nathan MsDermott
Christopher Munoz
Gene Naono
Alex Ngo
Caden Nguyen
Dillon O'Brien
Jingxuan Pei
Degas Peters
Aryan Ramaswamy
Flora Recendez
Luca Romero

Roman Savage
Ernesto Segura
Alberto Segura-Mora
John Short
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Adam Thompson
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Francium Wang
Aaron Wang
Nathaniel Ward
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Kurt Wong
Karin Wong





Our Council

Greater Los Angeles Scouting provides educational programs for over 10,000 youth and young adults to help them build character, citizenship, and personal fitness. Since our founding in 1915, Greater LA Scouting has brought its purpose and values to millions of youth. The mission of Greater LA Scouting is to empower people to live confident, capable, complete, and compassionate lives through dynamic leadership opportunities and fun outdoor adventures. Greater LA Scouting is proud to be able to provide camping experiences for our Scouts at our local camp properties. As a true Southern California based organization we offer camping experience that can take you from ocean front to the mountains in one day.



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.

Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.



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Scouting Programs

CUB SCOUTS

Cub Scouts is a year-round program where boys and girls are introduced to the basic tenets of Scouting. Cub Scouts, earn awards and patches for everything from pitching a tent to paddling a canoe to operating a computer to building and racing wood cars. They will camp, hike, make friends and learn knots. Along the way, Cubs will build confidence, discipline, leadership skills and great friendships.

SCOUT BSA

Scouting is an adventure that prepares young people for life, developing character, citizenship, and essential outdoor skills. As a Scout, they will work their way through the Scout Handbook, attend meetings with friends and go on memorable adventures, like beach camping and multiday backpacking trips. Scouts will also learn the importance and personal satisfaction of serving your community, whether that's by volunteering at the local food bank or trail work in our local mountains.



EXPLORING

Exploring is a career-based vocational experiential program for young men and women ages 14 through 20 years. Explorers are immersed in a job field, offering them opportunities for their future, and offering employers an unmatched pipeline of talent.

SCOUTREACH

Today, the Greater LA Scoutreach program focuses on creating partnerships and collaborations to enable more families to have a Scouting experience. Working with organizations like the Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation Department, LA City Housing Authority, Los Angeles Police Department CSP, Homeboy Industries and Hollenbeck Youth Center we have found ways to deliver the Scouting program to host of diverse families and to communities facing various socioeconomic barriers.





Thank you
Dr. Anthony Fellow

for donating this
beautiful work of art for
tonight's auction.

My sincerest thanks to the
San Gabriel Valley District of Greater L.A. Scouting
for empowering and investing in our youth!

Congratulations to John Aguirre on your well-deserved
recognition as Distinguished Citizen of the Year!



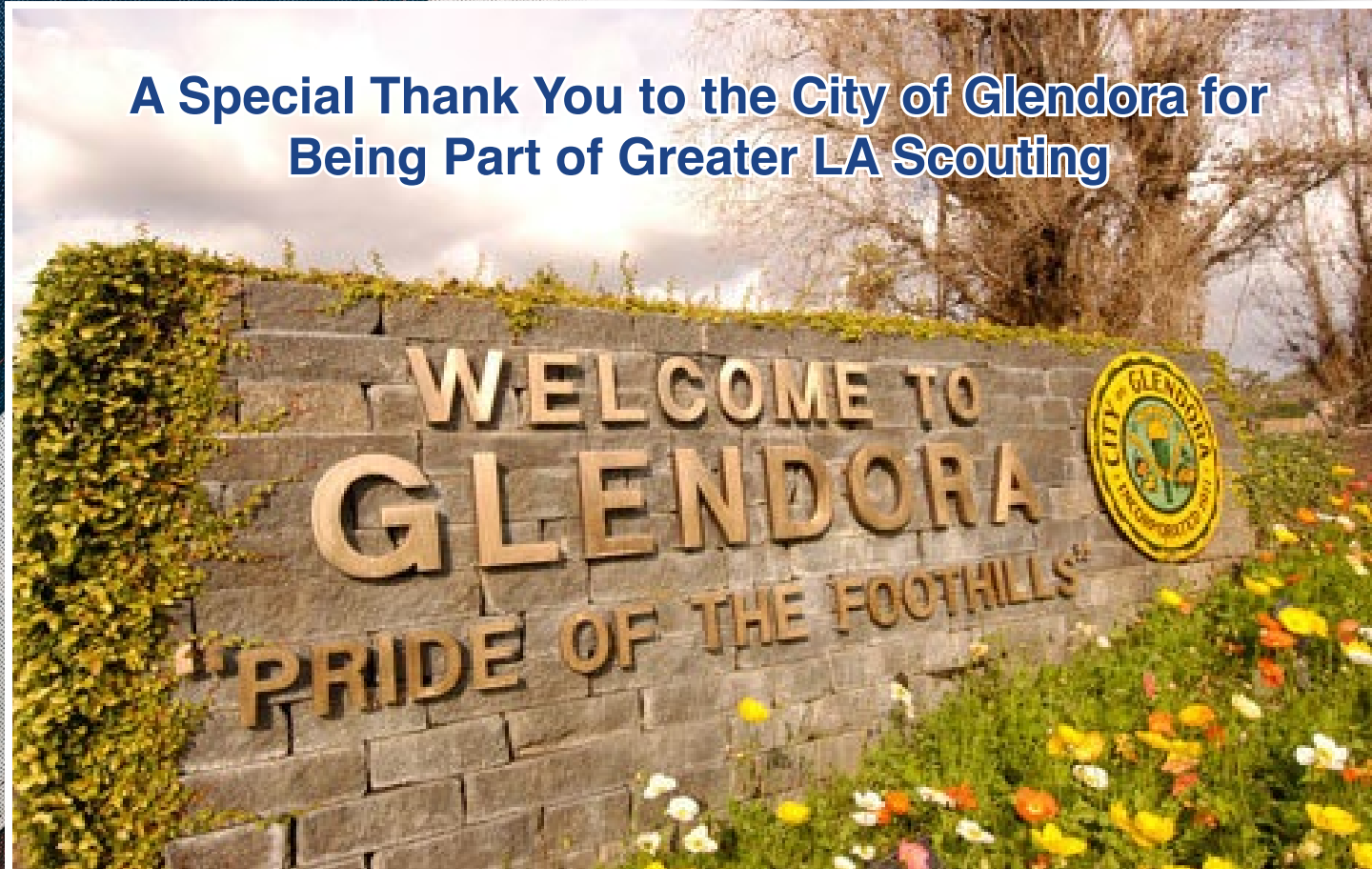
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