

Community Leaders and Scout Adults Earn Awards for Volunteer Work

Boy Scouts of America (BSA)'s Catalina Council recognized many of Southern Arizona's most inspiring volunteers with the highest honorable recognitions at annual Council awards banquet



Oro Valley Mayor and Eagle Scout Joe Winfield speaking at the annual Council awards banquet.

TUCSON, ARIZ (March 14, 2023) – Community leaders, including parents and educators, received volunteer recognition for a lifetime of leadership and service at the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Catalina Council's Annual Awards Banquet, held March 3 at the Hilton El Conquistador. Keynote speaker paying tribute to the awardees was Oro Valley Mayor and Eagle Scout Joe Winfield, who is father to six sons – all Eagle Scouts, too.

The Silver Antelope Award and Silver Beaver Award, among other honors, were bestowed to Scouters (adult leaders) who have given outstanding or exceptional service to their community and Scouting in Southern Arizona.

Many awardees spent most of their lives involved in Scouting and continue to lead the organization, either as Scout Leaders or in service on the Council's Board.

Eagle Scout James (Jim) Tarleton serves as the Territory Commissioner and Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 209. This recently retired Raytheon Electrical Engineer was recognized with the Silver Antelope Award. "Scouting reminds me of the importance of duty to others and giving back the gifts given to you," said Tarleton. Outside of Scouting, he spends time with his wife, three children, and two

grandchildren; he also coaches basketball at the YMCA, leads the DeGrazia PTO board, and tutors high school and elementary students in his free time.

Silver Beaver Award recipients, Joyce Contrades and Kathy Winger, are avid volunteers and mothers who both started their Scouting journeys as Girl Scouts and became involved in BSA when their children were old enough to join Cub Scouts.

Joyce Contrades, daughter of her Engineer father and Registered Nurse mother, received the District Award of Merit in 2017 for her many years volunteering for BSA. She became the Sky Islands District Committee Chair in 2019 and, outside of Scouting, volunteers for many organizations including Project Graduation when it was brought to Ironwood Ridge High School for the first graduating class.

Kathy Winger is a member of the Council's Board of Directors and the immediate past president. She is an attorney with her own law firm practice and teaches classes at Pima Community College and the University of Arizona. She is active in other nonprofit organizations including the Southern Arizona Children's Advocacy Center where she serves as President of the Board of Directors. Her Eagle Scout son, JD, is a proud West Point graduate and now a second lieutenant in the Army.

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