GREATER LOS ANGELES AREA COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

2020 ANNUAL COUNCIL DINNER

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January 29, 2020
Dear Scouters,

WELCOME TO OUR 2020 COUNCIL ANNUAL DINNER!

On behalf of the Greater Los Angeles Area Council, Executive Board, we would like to THANK YOU for all you do to help deliver the promise of Scouting in our community. We are grateful to our more than 8,800 volunteers who serve as mentors to 30,000 youth in our Packs, Troops, and Posts. This is an exciting time for Scouting and our future is bright.

Tonight, we pause to recognize our 2019 CLASS OF SILVER BEAVERS and their extraordinary leadership, teamwork, and unwavering commitment to the values of Scouting. We proudly salute all of those who are being honored this evening.

Thank you again for being part of this important evening and for the leadership you provide to the Greater Los Angeles Area Council and our movement. We look forward to seeing you on the Scouting trail in 2020!

There are 12 principles we live by which is the SCOUT LAW. “A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.”

There is a promise we live by that is called the 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.”

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The Silver Beaver Award

The Silver Beaver Award is the highest honor that can be bestowed on a Scouter by a local Council. The Selection Committee takes into consideration the nominee’s references, tenure in Scouting, service to the community outside of Scouting, and the lasting impression he or she has had on the Council by participation in our character building programs.

Our dedicated volunteers have kept our meaningful Scouting program strong and growing in the lives of young people. The Greater Los Angeles Area Council currently has over 8,800 adult volunteers who make Scouting programs possible for our thousands of Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturers and Explorers.

THE CLASS OF 2019
SILVER BEAVER AWARD RECIPIENTS

Mario Alvarez – Pio Pico District
Cissie Holmes Andrews – Rose Bowl District
Alison Crompton – Pacifica District
J. Dominic Femino, M.D. – Rose Bowl District
Anthony A. Ferguson – Board of Directors
Stuart A. Goss – San Gabriel Valley District
Nancy Hodgkiss – Pacifica District
Sergio Huidor – Rose Bowl District
Kris Kitchen – Pacifica District
Pat Moss – Board of Directors
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Karen G. Thompson – Metropolitan District
Kathy O. Thompson – Metropolitan District
John Waldron – Rose Bowl District

Mario Alvarez
Pio Pico District
Silver Beaver Recipient

In 2007, Mario Alvarez and his son Nicholas (7 yrs) were going to Lowe’s in Pico Rivera. They were approached by Mary Gaither, who was a Cubmaster of Pack 890. She had a booth set up in front of the store and ask if they were interested in joining Scouts. They said “yes,” and that is when their incredible Scouting adventure began.... While Mario’s son started his journey in Scouts, so did he. Mario became a Wolf, Bear, and Webelos leader until his son earned his Arrow of Light. In time, Mario also put my three daughters in Girl Scouts in Troop 15491.

He participated in the meetings, events and even built a bridge for their Bridging Ceremonies for the girls. After Cub Scouts, Mario and his son joined Troop 330 in Montebello. This is where Nicholas worked very hard to earn his merit badges. At that time, Mario became an Assistant Scoutmaster while taking all the required training, which included from Baloo, Outdoor leader, Woodbadge. He also got involved in being on staff for NYLT and Woodbadge as a Troop Guide. became an Assistant Scoutmaster while taking all the required training, which included from Baloo, Outdoor leader, Woodbadge. He also got involved in being on staff for NYLT and Woodbadge as a Troop Guide.

While being in the Troop, Mario was asked to assist in helping 7 Scouts do their Eagle Project for them to get their Eagle Rank.

On March 29, 2018, his one and only son, Nicholas, achieved his Eagle Rank. Mario could not have been prouder of Nicholas. Even though his son has now aged out of Scouting, Mario still keeps volunteering his time to the Scouts, which includes helping the Training Staff for Pio Pico District in Baloo, Camporee, and University of Scouting. Plus, Mario still attends every Tuesday meeting for Troop 330 as an Assistant Scoutmaster with the Scoutmaster, David Limon.

Mario expresses his sincere thanks to the support of his beautiful wife and five kids - Nicholas (19), Tabatha (17), Valerie (15), Amanda (12) and Alexandria (8).
Cissie Holmes Andrews

Cissie Holmes Andrews started her scouting career as a Brownie scout back in 1977. This began her love of the great outdoors and her cookie career! She also watched her two brothers earn their Eagle rank from Troop 509. Cissie’s father was a merit badge counselor for many years, which taught her about service. Fast Forward to 2008, when Cissie’s son, Jack, could join Cub Scouts, and she could enjoy the Scouting spirit once again.

While part of Cub Pack 136 in Monrovia, Cissie served as Fundraising Chair, Charter Organization Representative, and as a den assistant leader for son Walker’s time in the pack. Cissie attended Woodbadge in 2014, which opened many other scouting opportunities. She has served on Woodbadge staff eight times before serving at the Centennial Course Director

Cissie’s sons, Jack & Walker, are active members of Troop 509. She serves as the Fundraising Chair and the hospitality chair for the Troop. The family has enjoyed many trips with 509. Favorites have included Joshua Tree and Camp Iron Chef, where Cissie is the grub master for adults and sibling patrol. Jack and Walker are also active members of Ships 116 and 549 in Sea Scouts. This has been a great addition to Cissie’s scouting experiences.

Cissie’s daughter, Ella, is an active Girl Scout in Troop 6371, where Cissie serves as the Cadette leader, Fall product, and Cookie chairwoman. Recently, Cissie was allowed to serve as the chair for transitioning girls into Scout BSA. She is extremely impressed with these young ladies and their dedication and enthusiasm! It will be fabulous to watch this program grow and thrive. Cissie’s husband, Tom, has been a constant supporter of the families scouting activities. He has enjoyed countless adventures and looks forward to continuing his high adventure treks with Walker. Cissie looks forward to continuing her Scout service for many years to come!

Alison Crompton

Alison’s first experiences with the Scouting movement came in her native England, where she was a Brownie Guide, Girl Guide, and Ranger Guide. She earned Guiding’s highest award, the Queen’s Guide, in 1982.

In 2007, her two sons joined Pack 788 in Redondo Beach. Within a year, she became a den leader and also served as webmaster and Membership Chair for the Pack, a den leader, and registrar for Pacifica’s Cub Scout Day Camp. As the boys bridged into Troop 788, so did she, where she still serves as an assistant Scoutmaster and merit badge counselor and is in her ninth year as the troop’s Summer Camp Chair.

At the district and council level, she has served as a University of Scouting lecturer, Cub Scout Day Camp volunteer, District Pinewood Derby registrar, and Pacifica’s Webelos Woods Chair for four years.

Alison earned her Wood Badge beads in 2015 and has since served twice on the Wood Badge staff. She received the District Award of Merit in 2016.

In her non-Scouting life, Alison is a middle school library/media technician and has served for over 15 years as a school, council and district PTA volunteer, receiving the PTA’s Honorary Service Award in 2008 and Continuing Service Award in 2012. She has been happily married to Phil, a technology consulting business owner, for the last 26 years, and they are the proud parents of two Eagle Scouts: Stephen, 21, and Robert, 19.

Alison continues to enjoy Scouting because “you get to meet some of the nicest, most cheerful, helpful and inspirational people around – both youth and adult.” She also believes it offers an excellent opportunity to stretch and improve yourself while simultaneously exploring wild and beautiful places (preferably ones with inadequate cellphone coverage).
Dom Femino currently is an assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 5 (boy troop) and Troop 55 (all-girl troop) in the Rose Bowl District. Both Troops are chartered to the Polytechnic School in Pasadena, and provide vigorous Scouting programs to the boy and girl troop members, which keeps Dom busy with outdoor adventures and Scouting instruction.

Dom earned the Eagle Scout rank in 1979 as a youth member of Troop 5 and also was a member of Rose Parade Troop 81. As a Scouter, he was on the camp staff a Cherry Valley for two summers, teaching in the field sports area (archery, orienteering and fishing merit badges) and leading the weekly Silver Peak hikes. Camp Cherry Valley continues to hold a special place in his heart as a premier summer camp for youth development and Scouting experiences.

One highlight of Dom’s Scouting background was serving as an assistant Scoutmaster for BSA Contingent Troop 633 from the San Gabriel Valley Council at the XV World Scout Jamboree in Alberta, Canada. Dom also was an assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 121 in the Connecticut Yankee Council from 1983-1987. He has continued to volunteer in various other Scouting leadership roles, including assistant Cubmaster of Pack 5, Merit Badge Counselor, Assistant Scoutmaster and Scoutmaster of Troop 5.

Dom has been recognized by the Rose Bowl District with the Baden Powell Award in 2018 and the Unit Leader Award of Merit in 2019. Scouting spirit and outdoor skills have helped Dom in other volunteer capacities, including as a founding co-leader of the Freshman Outdoor Orientation Trips at Yale University, team physician for the Polytechnic School football program in Pasadena for 15 years, and as a leader for YMCA Adventure Guides.

Dom has been married to his wife Beth for 19 years. They have a daughter, Caroline, who is a First-Class Scout in Troop 55 and a son, James, who is a Life Scout in Troop 5. When not participating in Scouting activities, Dom works as an orthopedic oncologist and Chief of Orthopaedic Surgery at City of Hope Medical Center in Duarte, CA.

For Anthony Ferguson, Scouting has always been a part of his life. His father, Jim, was an Eagle Scout, and both his mother and father were active leaders in his pack, Troop, district, and council. Anthony began as a Cub Scout in Pack #163, where he earned the Arrow of Light and continued his youth participation in Troop 156 in the former Great Western Council, where he obtained the rank of Life Scout and was a member of the Order of the Arrow.

During his youth participation, one of Anthony’s memorable experiences was participating in the National Jamboree. His son, Ethan, is an Eagle Scout with Troop #860 in Hermosa Beach, where he too was also able to participate in the National Jamboree. Anthony’s wife, Ronda, was the adult leader of Girl Scout Troop #8894. His daughter, Ella, is a member of Girl Scout Troop #12345, has earned her Bronze and Silver Awards, and is working on completing her Gold Award.

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Stuart Goss

Stuart Goss spent 12 years in the Scouting program as a youth culminating with the rank of Eagle Scout in Troop 888 in the City Of Covina. Stuart is a Vigil Member of the Order of the Arrow and now serves as an Asst. Scoutmaster for Troop 888, where he started.

In 2003 before serving as an Assistant Scoutmaster, Stuart had served as a Volunteer Member of the Los Angeles Maritime Institute where he helped provide programs for youth who came from South Los Angeles. Stuart not worked on teaching youth leadership, but oceanography and sailing. When Stuart was not Sailing, you could catch him Covina Methodist Church, where he assisted with various projects, helped with Girl Scout Troop 78394, and various shooting sports with the local Girl Scout Council.

2011 saw Stuart come back as a Scoutmaster for Troop 888, and since then, he has served on the district committee, been an OA Chapter Advisor, and Venture Crew Leader. Stuart has also been active in supporting the council camps at Firestone, Cherry Valley, and Holcomb Valley. Whether as a Ranger, Keyman, or camporee director Stuart can be counted on to help out whenever there is an event at our camps. Stuart thanks all those who helped him along the way and is very supportive of the time that people put into his Scouting experience and now wants to give it back.

Nancy Hodgkiss

Nancy Hodgkiss serves as District Commissioner for Pacifica District and Unit Training Chair for Troop 788.

Nancy started Scouting at the age of 10, in the Troop led by her mom. In high school, she crewed on the schooner Adventuress and earned the Girl Scout Gold Leadership Award and the Girl Scout Silver Award. After college, she became as a Troop Leader and served on the training teams in multiple Councils, thanks to moving around the country during her Air Force career.

Now married to an Eagle Scout, she started her Boy Scout journey when their son joined Tiger Cubs. She thoroughly enjoyed being a Den Leader in Pack 665 and has many fond memories of Day Camp at Cabrillo. After a long search, the family chose to join Troop 788 in North Redondo Beach upon bridging in 2012.

The Troop’s informal motto, “real food for real adventures,” has been an excellent fit for Nancy, who is an avid outdoor cook. Working as a Merit Badge Counselor gives her an opportunity to share her interests with Scouts, and she looks forward to accompanying her Troop on their weekend and summer camp adventures when she can. Her son, a third-generation Scout in Nancy’s family line, earned his Eagle rank this past summer.

She began her service to Pacifica District in 2014 as a Webelos Woods staff member, joined the Council Training Team, and eventually was offered the opportunity to join the Commissioner Corps. She loves visiting units and working with the fabulous Scouters of the District. She was honored to receive the District Award of Merit in 2016.

Over her lifetime commitment to the Spirit of Scouting and improving the world around her, Nancy has earned volunteerism awards from the California State PTA and Los Angeles Air Force Base. She is President and CEO of the LA Military Charitable Fund, a non-profit that provides college scholarships to children of military families.
Sergio Huidor
Rose Bowl District
Silver Beaver Recipient

Sergio Huidor, having never been a Scout himself, became involved in Scouting when his son entered the first grade and decided that he wanted to join Cub Scout Pack 48 so he could wear the neat uniform.

The second-year, when the pack leadership began to make plans to bridge to Boy Scouts, but unless a new committee chair was found, the Pack would fold. Sergio agreed to take on the job after learning that the role was for organizing one committee meeting per month and sending out a few e-mails.

Thanks to the help and support from several experienced Scouters, Sergio slowly learned the basics of the program. With Diana Salazar, Floyd Paton, and Phillipe Uebele (Silver Beaver recipient), Sergio helped his son and the nine other Scouts earn their Arrow of Light, along with all of the activity badges. Along the way, with the help of the other adult leaders, he organized the Pack to raise several thousand dollars per year to improve the program. Sergio also instituted annual pack campouts. As a result, the Pack grew from 35 to 65 Scouts.

After visiting a few troops in the area, Sergio and his son chose to bridge over to Troop 509 at Jet Propulsion Laboratory in La Cañada/Flintridge. Astonished at the level of organization and activity in the troop, Sergio quickly realized that this was very different from Cub Scouts and that there wasn’t that much for him to do. Sergio subsequently met with Mike Bryant, the Chair of the Rose Bowl District Committee at that time, to discuss how to help in the District and agreed to take on the position of District Finance Chair.

With the help and guidance of Travis Williams, Cicily Gardea, Stephen Kalb, Dr. Tom Hartman, and many other Scout volunteers and staff, he helped lead the fundraising efforts for the Rose Bowl District. Sergio succeeded in landing several grants that were used at Camp Trask to install new tents, picnic tables, and bear boxes, and also to make general camp improvements.

In 2018, Sergio completed his Wood Badge training and received the Rose Bowl District Award of Merit. In 2019, he assumed the position of District Committee Chair and joined the Greater Los Angeles Area Council Board of Directors. That summer, Sergio went to Philmont and broke his ankle.

Sergio has come to love Scouting – not only because of the many positive ways that it has helped his son and other Scouts develop, but also because of all the fun and exciting things that he’s gotten to do. He’s especially grateful for all of the great people that he’s come to know.

He is happily married to an exceptional Girl Scout leader and has two children. His daughter is currently working toward her Silver Award, while his son is almost done with his Star rank requirements.

Kris Kitchen
Pacifica District
Silver Beaver Recipient

Kris Kitchen is a beloved mother who has devoted the past 20 years of her life to her children. She started in Scouting in 2003 when her son joined cub Scouts. She has been the den leader for Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos, then became the committee chair of the pack. When her son became a Boy Scout, she became a merit badge counselor, the troop treasurer, Merit Badge counselor coordinator, Life to Eagle coordinator, and now is the Merit Badge Counselor Dean for Pacifica District. She spent 13 years as the Troop leader for Girl Scout Troop Service Unit Manager for the North Torrance Girl Scouts. She also became the Crew Advisor and the Committee Chair for Venture Crew 948.

Kris worked as a volunteer and eventually as the Program Director at Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center. There she and Mrs. Pam created the Girl Scout Day camp and created the program for the Cub Scout resident camp. She was also a Den Leader/volunteer for the Cub Scout Day Camp.

Throughout the years, Kris has held several official positions. But to a young boy or girl, or even a young mother or father trying to give their child positive experiences, none of the official hats she wore mattered. It was always the small things that Kris did that left an impression. It was about giving rides, shopping for goods, helping you haul tables, reminding you of meetings, opening her home so you could use her tools, being firm with the kids to provide tough love, and going above and beyond for each parent and child.

Kris Kitchen is married to her husband Will and takes care of her sister. Her son Doug earned his Eagle by building bookshelves for a kindergarten classroom. Her daughter Sarah received her Gold Award by making a vegetable garden and teaching kids about planting.
Pat Moss was a “base brat” -- of the Navy variety, and his experience as a Scout reflects that. He has been a Scout in France, Canada, and the USA. His experience as a Boy Scout ended when he was 13 years old when he switched to the 4H Club because a) they could go hunting, b) it was closer, and c) his mom told him to.

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Eric Shen began his Scouting career in 2003 when his oldest son, Dylan, became a Tiger Cub. Over the last 16 years, Eric has served as Den Leader in Pack 113; Assistant Scoutmaster, Committee Chair, and Eagle Scout Advancement Chair in Troop 125; and Advisor in Venturing Crew 1337. Eric has earned respect among Scouts and their parents and is known as a steadfast, thoughtful, and approachable leader.

With a reputation for approaching every opportunity with a collaboration and innovation-driven perspective, Eric embraces the “Youth-Led” method throughout his tenure as ASM and Advisor. He guides Scouts to serve their communities better and gain knowledge while exploring and empowering Scouts to set goals, develop ideas, and see each one to completion. Most importantly, Eric encourages Scouts to have fun throughout their Scouting career.

When asked what his most memorable moment in Scouting is, he replies: “I had the privilege to serve as Den Leader of seven boys since Tiger Cubs and guided each to earning their Eagle Scout rank ten years later. The brotherly bonds they developed during their formative years will truly last a lifetime.”

Eric began serving as Advisor within the Tournament of Roses Scout Troop in 2015 and currently serves as the Tournament Troop 2020 Scoutmaster. His sons Dylan and Bailey, both Eagle Scouts, were selected to the Tournament Troop in 2015 and 2018, respectively. As a professional photographer, Eric has systematically documented years of activities for Scouts and their families. Dylan and Bailey also enjoy photography – as embedded troop photographers during the annual Rose Parade, they help capturing timeless images for Scouts and families.

He thrives on building trusted personal connections with parents and colleagues through shared visions, responsibilities, and successes. These attributes come naturally—Eric is an accomplished executive in the transportation industry and an Adjunct Associate Professor at USC.

Eric has received the Committee Chair of The Year Award and the District Award of Merit. Eric credits his fulfilling scouting career to his supportive wife, Jeannie, who has served as Den Leader in Pack 113, Charter Organization Representative and Advancement Chair in Troop 125, and is currently a Committee Member of Venturing Crew 561.
Karen G. Thompson


At the suggestion of Jim Hislop Karen went to a Thunderbird District Roundtable meeting – then by happenstance went to a Thunderbird District Meeting thus becoming involved on another level of Scouting; began as a Merit Badge Counselor staffing the Merit Badge Day/College at least one session a year from December 2010 to June 2018, on occasion Karen held YPT training sessions.

Karen has participated in two Eagle Boards for Thunderbird District. Being a Merit Badge Counselor laid the way for becoming/being Unit Commissioner, Roundtable Commissioner, Asst. District Commissioner for Thunderbird District and now Metropolitan District. Attended University of Scouting, GLAAC Council Meetings Commissioner’s College, as well as earning her beads from Wood Badge.

She has became a member of the Order of the Arrow in 2015, achieved Brotherhood in 2016. I am the Associate Adult Advisor for what was the Hopi Chapter for Thunderbird and the Associate Adult Advisor for the Nashoba Chapter for Metropolitan. Have attended or have staffed Ordeal/Induction weekends, OA National Leadership Seminar, Conclave, Pack 824 Blue & Gold-Bridging Ceremonies, Staffed Rocket Academy 2018. Karen has seen Jonathan earn Eagle Scout, OA Vigil, and Wood Badge Beads; he has gone from Webelo Scout to be an Asst. Scoutmaster with 927.

Kathy O. Thompson

Kathy Thompson’s journey into Scouting began on a Sunday morning standing outside of the Taekwondo were my nephew Jonathan was taking a class. Kathy and her twin sister Karen had just been talking about how hard it was to get Jonathan into Scouting when the father (Harold Simpson Jr.) of two boys in Jonathan’s class came up to us and out of the blue asked. “Do you think Jonathan would be interested in joining Boy Scouts?” They just looked at each other. He gave us the time and date of the meeting. From that first meeting, Jonathan was all-in. That was in November 2007.

Becoming a volunteer in Scouting happened the following summer at the Thunderbird District Cub Scout WEBELOS Day Camp. Kathy wasn’t sure what that was; Kathy only knew Jonathan was supposed to go it. Kathy and her sister Karen brought along two folding chairs, something to read, and a cold drink. Just as we were making ourselves comfortable, we heard a big booming voice yelling, “Twins,” they didn’t move. They listened to the sound a second-time “TWINS,” again they didn’t move. The third time they heard “TWINS,” we finally got up and walk to toward who was calling us, it was Jim Hislop. As we were making our way to him, he said: “If you are going to show up, you might as well volunteer.” On that, we became volunteers in Scouting.

“TWINS,” again they didn’t move. The third time they heard “TWINS,” we finally got up and walk to toward who was calling us, it was Jim Hislop. As we were making our way to him, he said: “If you are going to show up, you might as well volunteer.” On that, we became volunteers in Scouting. In the spring of 2009, Jonathan bridge over to Troop 927, and at the first Troop meeting, Kathy looked over and saw Jim Hislop, and I knew what that meant. Before Kathy knew which way was up at the Troop, Kathy was sitting on my first Board of Review;” Kathy was off and running as a volunteer; everything stems from that moment. From there, Kathy became a Troop Committee member, Staffed Troop Fundraisers Popcorn Sales, Christmas Gift Wrapping, other troop events. Kathy was asked to attend District Roundtable Meeting, but instead, Kathy went to the District Committee Meeting, where she learned about another level of Scouting. Kathy helped out and/or attended Thunderbird District Camp-O-Rees, Whittier Narrows Scouting 100th Anniversary Camp-O-Ree Shotgun Registration, Rocket Academy-Rocket Launch Registration 2010-2017, participated in over 20 Eagle Scout Projects, Organized four Troop 927 Eagle Court of Honors.

Kathy started going to Council Coordinated Meetings, attending the University of Scouting, and Commissioner’s College. When Jonathan learned about Wood Badge and Kathy was volunteered to go along with him. They earned their beads together. Kathy became a member of the HOPI Chapter Order of the Arrow in 2015, achieved Brotherhood in the spring of 2016. Kathy supported the Arrowmen by volunteering with the OA Elections, Ceremonies, callouts, has been an Associate Advisor, and is currently the Chapter Advisor for Nashoba Chapter.
John Waldron is a third-generation legacy Scouter, was born in Pasadena, and registered in 1962 as a Cub Scout in Pack 257 San Gabriel Valley Council. He went from Bobcat to Lion to Webelo and received the Arrow of Light in 1965. In May of 1965, John became a Boy Scout with Troop 256 and attended Camp Cherry Valley summer camp that same July. He vividly remembers a 9 am swimming merit badge session in the “Very Cold” cove! As a Boy Scout, he received his “God and Country” Award in June 1970 with Jim Barger from the Reverend Cummings at Church of Our Savior, San Gabriel. Troop 256 held its first Eagle Court of Honor in 10 years in October 1971 when he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. John was part of Tournament of Roses Troop 1972 and carried the banner for the Dr. Pepper float in the Rose Parade.

John served as Junior Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 256 before attending USC in the fall of 1972. His BSA responsibilities continued while he was at USC serving on the LA Council student advisory board and trip leader for inner-city troops. His mountaineering education continued with Sierra Club and National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) courses and working with Frank Ashley and Dave Ledder as a guide. During college, John became very involved in backpacking, climbing, has trekked and climbed in the volcanoes of Mexico, Poconos, Sierras, Rockies, Cascades, Hawaii, St. Elias and Alaska.

After college, John spent over 35 years working in the aerospace industry for Northrop, Hughes, McDonnell Douglas, and Boeing. During this time, his wife Maria Elena and he raised four sons; Trevor, Roberto, John, and Michael. When Trevor began soccer at five years old, John was drawn back into youth activities based on his past sports experience, which lead to almost 25 years of soccer, football, track, and baseball coaching. John served as an AYSO coach leading up to becoming a “National Coaching Instructor” and held a “D” license for Club play. All of his 2005 High School players made a college team.

In 1999 John created a crew in OC Council and then focused on restarting Pack 476 in OCC’s Pacifica District. In 2007 John moved back to San Gabriel and joined Pack 256 and Troop 351. We became members of the Saints Felicitas and Perpetua parish, and the two younger boys attended St Francis High School while playing football, water polo, track, and working for Ranger Anthony at Camp Trask. As a Scouter, he has served as a Den Leader, Cubmaster, Asst. Cubmaster, Committee Member, Asst. Scout Master, Scout Master, Commissioner, Merit Badge Counselor, Order of the Arrow Chapter Adviser.

Currently, John is involved with Ship 711, Troop 351, Ship 1 (CCV), and support the CCV Cub camper experience. His wife split their free time with our four boys and two grandsons located in Reno, Catalina, Ogden, and Eugene. His plan to do the PCT is put off another year so he can support our Scouts attending camp this summer. Thanks to his wife, Maria, Susan, and David Hensley, Ranger Anthony Villalobos, Mark Serratt, and the parents of Troop 351 for their incredible support of his family and the Scouting program.
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