

# DONOR NEWSLETTER



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## IMPACT

Do you ever wonder about the impact your donation makes? Traditionally, in the Boy Scouts we think about our Friends of Scouting commitments serving a variety of purposes. These purposes can range from helping a Scout attend camp, to roundtable training for leaders, a new family joining in the fall, or even helping pay for the utility bill at a service center. While these are all worthy and necessary components of a thriving Scouting Movement, I want to share the non-traditional story of an impact we all can be very proud of.

Explorer Cynthia Garcia was one of 10 outstanding young people who delivered the 2015 Report to the Nation during the week of March 1st. Cynthia is a 19-year-old Explorer from Franklin Park, IL in Post 9706 in Pathway to Adventure Council.



The post is chartered by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection of Chicago. She has been an active member since 2012 and currently serves as a youth officer in the program with the title of Chief. She is also the National Youth Representative for Law Enforcement Exploring.

Cynthia has been awarded the Explorer of the Year award and earned the overall Female Athletic Medal. She now attends the University of Illinois at Chicago where she recently served as a squad leader for the school's ROTC program. Her goal after college is to work with and eventually lead a federal law enforcement agency to help address our nation's most pressing issues.

Her hobbies and interests include running, playing soccer and playing in musical ensembles. In high school, Cynthia participated in both cross country and soccer. Additionally, she served as a section leader in her high school's marching band, vocal ensemble and symphonic band. She was a lead mentor for a freshman studies group. Currently, at the University of Illinois at Chicago, she is seeking admittance into their debate and mock trial team.

Outside of school, Cynthia aides her community in their Meals on Wheels program, assists in coaching youth soccer, is instrumental in school productions and takes part in marathons for various causes. She is also a manager at a local movie theater.

Cynthia is a tremendous example of the opportunities and adventures that are only created when all of us put our treasures towards worthwhile missions. Not only has Cynthia made the most of the last four years in Exploring but it seems as though we will see greatness throughout her adult life with her aspirations to serve and protect America's citizens.

## SCOUTING DONOR RECEPTION



During the reception, Jim Poueymirou was awarded with the James E. West Fellowship Award for his dedication and support of the Scouting program. "I encourage every member of this audience to participate in the Friends of Scouting Campaign. Scouting needs your continued support!" -Jim Poueymirou

On March 9th, 2016 Pathway to Adventure Council held its inaugural Scouting Donor reception. A night to honor and thank donors of the newly formed council. The premise of the night was to bring together like-minded people from all areas of the council, have fellowship and celebrate how far we have come and what is in store for the future of the council.

The first of four events being held in March 2016 proved to be a great night! Our volunteer Vice President of Development Dave Shepard emceed the night and shared his background with the audience and the reasons he supports Scouting. Caleb Sturghill spoke of his experiences in the program as a youth and now a professional Scouter. The group enjoyed a night of fellowship with Scouting supporters whom they may not have met otherwise.

These receptions help recognize that with the continued support of our donors, Scouting can keep making a positive difference in the lives of the youth in the program. A prime example of that positive impact is Explorer Cynthia Garcia (mentioned above) who will share her story tonight, March 15th, at the second Scouting Donor Reception.

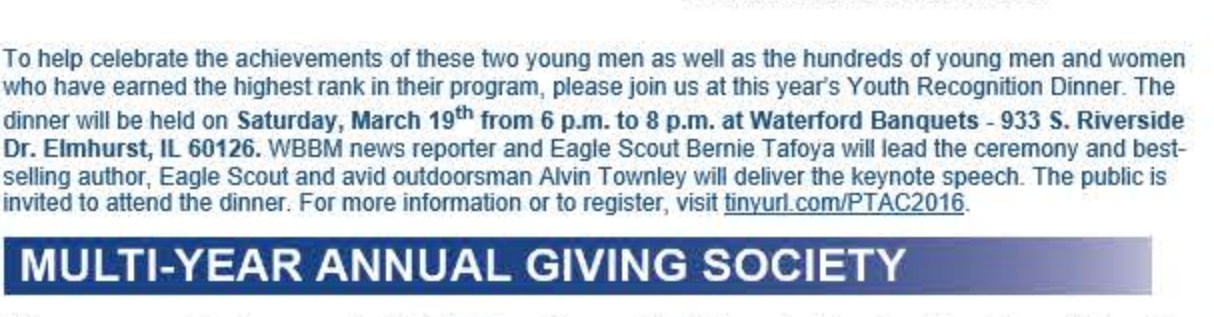
For any questions or to find out more about the receptions, contact Anna Villarreal at [Anna.Villarreal@Scouting.org](mailto:Anna.Villarreal@Scouting.org) or 630-796-4227 and visit [PathwayToAdventure.org/ThankYou](http://PathwayToAdventure.org/ThankYou).

## DONOR IMPACT

Because of you, Scouting's programs and outdoor adventures prepare young people for a lifetime of good character and leadership. One of the ways to show leadership is by earning the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scout program. Since its introduction in 1911 more than two million young men have earned this rank. In 2015, 467 young men earned the rank of Eagle Scout in Pathway to Adventure Council. With 467 Eagle Scouts came 467 community service projects that benefited communities in Northern Illinois and Northwest Indiana.

In 2009, the National Eagle Scout Association established the Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award to recognize valuable service of an exceptional nature by a Scout to a religious institution, a school, community, or other entity. Pathway to Adventure Council's recipients of the 2015 Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award are two exceptional young men: Daniel Strebar of Naperville, IL, and K'Von Anthony Jackson of Chicago.

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To help celebrate the achievements of these two young men as well as the hundreds of young men and women who have earned the highest rank in their program, please join us at this year's Youth Recognition Dinner. The dinner will be held on **Saturday, March 19th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Waterford Banquets - 933 S. Riverside Dr. Elmhurst, IL 60126**. WBBM news reporter and Eagle Scout Bernie Tafoya will lead the ceremony and best-selling author, Eagle Scout and avid outdoorsman Alvin Townley will deliver the keynote speech. The public is invited to attend the dinner. For more information or to register, visit [tinyurl.com/PTAC2016](http://tinyurl.com/PTAC2016).

## MULTI-YEAR ANNUAL GIVING SOCIETY

With your generosity, the approximately 23,000 youth served by Pathway to Adventure Council are able to strive for excellence and continue to learn the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law. The Boy Scouts of America has established a Multi-year Annual Giving Society that extends donors the opportunity to pledge a multi-year commitment to the Scouting mission. The Annual Giving Society recognizes those donors who make a conscious decision to support Scouting at a high monetary level while committing to multiple years of support. This is a national recognition program awarded at the council level. The recognition will be made to donors who are able to make a five-year commitment for an unrestricted operating gift at the following levels:



Contributors will be recognized with a distinctive lapel pin (shown above) and a handsome certificate. For more information on this program or on annual giving contact Anna Villarreal at [Anna.Villarreal@Scouting.org](mailto:Anna.Villarreal@Scouting.org) or 630-796-4227.

## ARCELORMITTAL



Back in the early '70s the presidents of local steel mills decided it was important to provide for Scouting's future. Recognizing that Scouting was a common thread between many of them, they had the foresight to know that the industry needed young people to keep discovering the steel business. The merit badge system and Scouting's values and lessons have connected us ever since.

The **Metals Industry Dinner** started as a luncheon, became a gala, and is now the steel industry's most important social gathering in North America. It attracts attendees from all around the world. The reason for its strength and popularity is primarily due to the passion and efforts of the committee that runs it. ArcelorMittal, previously known as Bethlehem Steel, has two representatives that serve on the committee.

James Garbett (Jim), began his service on the committee in the early 2000s. He drives nearly two hours each way to make our monthly meetings which he rarely misses. He was never a Scout and when asked why he does it, he simply said, "It is my good deed for the year. I like helping people and it feels good." His partner-in-good, Jack Biegalski, has served triple duty as a member of the board for seven years and twice as a chairman for the event. The traits that the two share in common is their deep dedication to their families. They know the importance of mentors in the life of a child. Their selflessness shows it.

ArcelorMittal is a company that values the community and encourages their employees to be philanthropic. We salute the contributions and commitment of our friends at ArcelorMittal and thank Jim and Jack for the sacrifices they have made to serve.



## MODERN METALS MAGAZINE & FFJOURNAL

In 2014, we connected with Publisher and Editor in Chief Mike D'Alexander for two premier publications in the steel industry. After attending the event that year Mike was left in awe of the relationship between Scouting and the industry. Over the next year both **Modern Metals** and **FFJournal** featured human interest stories on Scouting's unique connection with steel. They were the longest features the publications have ever done on any given topic. Advertisers flocked to be a part of those editions. The result has been one of the most mutually beneficial relationships we have had with an advertiser. Please read the heartwarming stories **Modern Metals** and **FFJournal** crafted for the benefit of Scouting.

## EVENTS



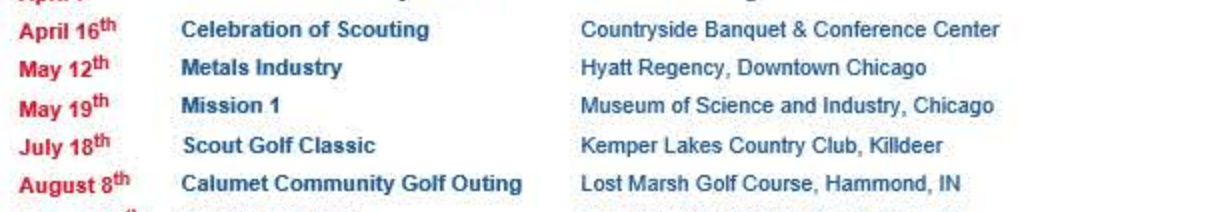
**Eagle Scout and Youth Award Recognition Dinner**  
March 19, 2016, 6 p.m. Reception: 7 p.m. Dinner  
Waterford Banquets - 933 S. Riverside Dr. Elmhurst, IL 60126

Join us for the inaugural Pathway to Adventure Youth Recognition Dinner. We will be honoring the class of 2015 Eagle Scouts, Venturing Silver, and Sea Scout Quartermaster recipients. In 2015 the Chicago Area, Northwest Suburban, Calumet and Des Plaines Valley Councils came together to better serve the over 24,000 youth in northeast Illinois and northwest Indiana forming the new Pathway to Adventure Council.

The ranks these young men and women reached took dedication and commitment. It is our honor to recognize them in a manner befitting their hard work in reaching the highest rank in their chosen program. Historically this has been the Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner, but the current NESA committee realized that youth in our other programs deserve the same recognition for their achievements. In Boy Scouts the highest rank is Eagle. In our Coed programs of Venturing and Sea Scouts it is Silver and Quartermaster respectively.

Our Keynote Speaker will be best-selling author Alvin Townley an Eagle Scout and avid outdoorsman. Alvin will be talking about his fourth book *Defiant* which reveals the amazing and untold true story of eleven American POWs. His other books are *Fly Navy* which explores the extraordinary people and enduring spirit of naval aviation; *Spirit of Adventure* introduces America to a new generation of leaders - young Eagle Scouts who are leading lives of purpose and adventure and *Legacy of Honor* which explores how Scouting has influenced American life.

For more information or how you can help, please contact Joe Stocchero at (312) 421-8800 Ext. 263 or [Joseph.Stocchero@Scouting.org](mailto:Joseph.Stocchero@Scouting.org)

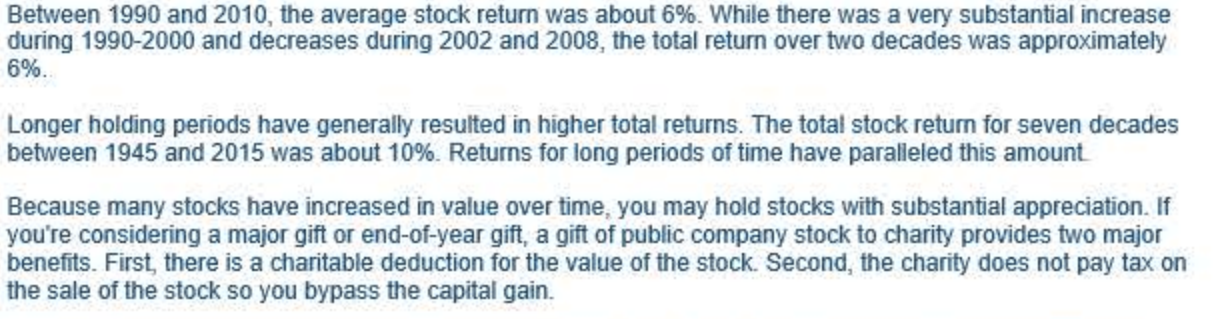


## All Upcoming Special Events

For details on the upcoming events listed below, visit our website [PathwayToAdventure.org/SpecialEvents](http://PathwayToAdventure.org/SpecialEvents)

March 19th	Eagle Scout Recognition Event	Waterford Banquets, Elmhurst
April 7th	Construction Industry Hitton	Downtown Chicago
April 16th	Celebration of Scouting	Countryside Banquet & Conference Center
May 12th	Metals Industry	Hyatt Regency, Downtown Chicago
May 19th	Mission 1	Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago
July 18th	Scout Golf Classic	Kemper Lakes Country Club, Kildeer
August 8th	Calumet Community Golf Outing	Lost Marsh Golf Course, Hammond, IN
August 28th	Shooting Sports	Deer Creek Hunt Club, Three Oaks, MI
October 18th	Distinguished Citizen Dinner	Gamba Ristorante, Merrillville, IN
November	LaSalle St. Trading Tech Awards	Chicago Board of Trade Building

## GIFTS OF STOCK



What will the market do this year? Perhaps the best answer is, it will go up and down. Stock returns vary to a significant degree each year. However, long-term stock returns have been reasonably substantial.

Between 1990 and 2010, the average stock return was about 6%. While there was a very substantial increase during 1990-2000 and decreases during 2002 and 2008, the total return over two decades was approximately 6%.

Longer holding periods have generally resulted in higher total returns. The total stock return for seven decades between 1945 and 2015 was about 10%. Returns for long periods of time have paralleled this amount.

Because many stocks have increased in value over time, you may hold stocks with substantial appreciation. If you're considering a major gift or end-of-year gift, a gift of public company stock to charity provides two major benefits. First, there is a charitable deduction for the value of the stock. Second, the charity does not pay tax on the sale of the stock so you bypass the capital gain.

Two fairly common reasons for making a good gift of stock are that you may have sold an appreciated asset with a large capital gain or you have good income. If you have a large gain or substantial income, you may want to offset that gain or income with a charitable deduction through a gift of stock. Because you receive both the charitable deduction and a bypass of capital gains tax, there is a double benefit for your gift of stock.

**How to Make a Stock Gift**

Most stock is held in an account at a brokerage firm. Relatively few people now wish to hold the actual certificates in their safety deposit box. If you hold actual certificates, you may mail the certificate and a signed stock power in separate envelopes to the charity.

Because most stock is held by the brokerage firm, the gift is transferred directly from the account at the brokerage firm to an account for the charity. For any gift more than \$250, the charity will issue a receipt. With that receipt and the information on the stock, CPA Susan and CPA Tom will include IRS Form 8283 with the tax returns for Lisa and Bill. The gift of stock will produce a large deduction that will save huge income taxes this year.

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