



Scouting Footprints

"Preparing today's youth to be tomorrow's leaders"

Scouting Volunteer Malia Lusia Saulala recipient of the 2017 City of Oakland Mother of the Year Award.

Written by: Fydra Muck, Scout Leader

Oakland community leader Malia Lusia Saulala was honored by the City of Oakland with the Mother of the Year 2017 on Saturday May 13, 2017. Malia has been a scout leader since 1978. She started as Cubmaster in a pack chartered by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and has continued to grow in her role. She is now a leader at the stake for eight different units throughout the East Bay. It was inspiring to hear how she has impacted youth throughout her life and continues to do so. Many speakers at the ceremony cited her hard work and dedication not only to her faith but to the Scouting program.

In 2001, Malia was recognized for her volunteer service with the prestigious Silver Beaver award, the highest award a local BSA council can bestow on adult members.

I believe Malia receiving the award for Mother of the Year for the City of Oakland is very fitting. Not only has she been a wonderful mother to her own children but also to those boys in Scouting she has adopted along the way helping them become better sons, fathers and leaders in our community.



To read more:

<http://www.eastbaytimes.com/2017/05/18/oakland-kindest-person-is-named-citys-mother-of-year/>



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Through the eyes of a Scout

By: Tauahere Muck, Age 16

Troop 801, chartered by the First United Methodist Church of Hayward, has a long tradition of placing flags on Castro Valley Boulevard on Memorial Day and the Fourth of July. The Scouts work in partnership with local businesses that expressed the desire to display a flag on the holiday. We post the flags on poles, stand at attention and salute each one. It may seem like a small gesture but it is important to us.

One reason we continue placing the flags is because we have family members in our troop who have served in the military. Flag placement is a small way of honoring those who serve our country. Not only does this project serve as a reminder to the community those who served, it reminds us of the importance of community service and following the Scout Oath.

Over the years, the boys have grown from this experience and continue to develop their leadership skills through community service. When my son first came into the troop he did it because he was asked. Now he does it willing because he respects the flag, and understands the importance of it. And because they are still boys, the Scouts have fun doing it. They have a race to see who can place the most flags. Even so, they never fail to be respectful by saluting each flag before moving on to place the next one. My son said he likes to place flags because it is a reminder to everyone that many have sacrificed for us to be able to live in freedom in the United States.



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