

# IN RECOGNITION OF DIANE BRANDENBURG

## THE DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN AWARD



Diane Brandenburg and Nathan Mautino

Sherri Burke and Linda Lester and Susan Emerick and Dea Wilson

Diane Brandenburg and Angela McConnell

Paul Normandin and Lisa Normandin and Larry Stone

Diane Brandenburg and John Kennaday

On November 30, 2022, Diane Brandenburg was honored with the Distinguished Citizen Award, by the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council of Boy Scouts of America. This award, in its 48th year, is reserved for the true legends of our community in both their professional and personal dedication to others. Diane's celebration was an Artsy Party attended by over 200 guests, held at Villa Montalvo in Saratoga. "Partnering with Montalvo and having the enthusiastic support of Executive Director Angela McConnell, and their staff event coordinator, Bri Banners, was an absolute dream in fulfilling our vision", said Heather Lerner, Chief Development Officer of the local BSA Council. Both the venue and party theme truly reflect Diane's personal artistry and support of institutions throughout the decades that create a world which allows children to thrive. Guests, who were asked to dress as their favorite artists, enjoyed a wine reception, live entertainment from Duo Gadjo, silhouette portraits by Jodi Carr of Arty Party, as well as live roaming sketching by Suhita Shirodkar. Diane personally greeted each guest and at the end of the evening selected the winner of the best costume, which included Bob Ross, Frida Kahlo, Andy Warhol and Georgia O'Keefe. Dinner

was expertly crafted and served by Le Papillon. The formal presentation of Diane's award included a tribute video from friends and family, and a special presentation from Nathan Mautino, an Eagle Scout, who shared his creation of meditative respite spots along the very trail that Diane had hiked with her Scouts—the Skyline to the Sea.

Tributes to Diane came from friends that go as far back as kindergarten and from a vast distance including His Holiness the Dalai Lama, from Tibet. Diane's impact is truly global.

Diane grew up in Hayward, California, the daughter of Homer and Adelaide Struble. She attended San Jose State, where she met Lee Brandenburg. The couple wed in 1952 and raised four children, Eric, Karen, Bill and Gary. She was involved with Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Brownies and Girl Scouts and has spent many a night camping. She even climbed Mount Whitney.

Diane has been on the board of The Forgotten International since 2009. She was a key capital fundraiser for the Martin Luther King Jr. Library

and spent many years raising funds on the Library Council Board. She made it possible to build the Children's Discovery Museum, YMCA's Camp Campbell renovations, The Lucas Arts Program at Villa Montalvo, The San Jose Fire Museum and Gymnasium for the New Children's Shelter along with her husband Lee. She is an active philanthropist. An enormously talented fine artist, Diane shares this gift with others by hosting annual Girls Art Week in Pebble Beach. You can find an exhibition of Diane's work premiering this May at the Triton Museum in Santa Clara.

Across the many tributes that came in Diane's honor, prevalent recurring themes included Kindness, Selfless, Caring, Friendship, Partnership and Commitment.

Diane's celebrations continue, as she turned 90 this month and has no plans to slow down. The needs of the community are great, the inspiration through art and creativity are a necessity, and she is the perfect embodiment of a dedicated Distinguished Citizen of great impact.

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