

San Diego-Imperial Council **Boy Scouts of America**

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SCOUTING GALA TO PAY TRIBUTE TO FATHER JOE CARROLL, AND HONOR DIANNE L. BASHOR AND DAVID MALCOLM ON SEPT. 18

CHAMPIONS OF SCOUTING CELEBRATION ABOARD USS MIDWAY MUSEUM TO FEATURE BRIAN WILSON PERFORMING THE BEACH BOYS' GREATEST HITS

SAN DIEGO – Three community service leaders will be honored at the 2021 Champions of Scouting Celebration on the USS Midway Museum on September 18. The centerpiece of this year's event will be a tribute to Father Joe Carroll for his decades of service to the community and to scouting.

The annual San Diego-Imperial Council Boy Scouts of America (SDIC) Champions of Scouting event honors San Diego community leaders who recognize and support the positive impacts resulting from its youth leadership and community service programs. SDIC selected this year's honorees in March and has been coordinating with Diane L. Bashor, David Malcolm and Father Joe prior to his passing.

"Father Joe touched and improved the lives of thousands in San Diego. His life illustrates the power and joy that servant-leadership embodies," Sean Roy, SDIC Director said. "We are grateful for the decades Father Joe energized our scouting community. He mentored scouts, inspired leaders and recommended service projects for Eagle Scouts. He saw scouting as a way for youth to develop leadership skills while creating positive impacts in San Diego."

For the past decade, Father Joe avoided the spotlight when others sought to honor him. For SDIC and for scouting, he graciously agreed earlier this year to be recognized as a Champion of Scouting.

"We were thrilled that Father Joe enthusiastically agreed to share the Champions of Scouting spotlight with Mrs. Bashor and Mr. Malcom to bring a positive focus on the programs he supported for decades," Roy said. "During our planning, Father Joe fully expected to be at the event. We are humbled that, even as his health failed in the days before his passing, Father Joe insisted the event go on as planned.

"And we are pleased to recognize the major contributions of Mrs. Bashor and Mr. Malcolm, as well as feature a headline performance by Brian Wilson, co-founder of the Beach Boys, with special guests Al Jardine and Blondie Chaplin," he added. "All net proceeds will benefit scouting, and the youth we serve."

The event will also celebrate the first-ever female Eagle Scouts in San Diego who completed their Eagle Scout rank in 2021. In addition to these trailblazing female Eagle Scouts, SDIC inducts more than 400 Eagle Scouts annually. For information, please visit www.championsofscouting.org.

Born in the Bronx, Joseph Carroll grew up across the street from St. Joseph Church. He moved from the Bronx to Southern California in 1963, where he entered the seminary. In 1974, he was ordained a

Catholic priest and devoted the next eight years to parish work. When Bishop Leo Maher sought someone to take over St. Vincent de Paul Center, he is said to have asked, “Who is the biggest hustler in the diocese?” One name came up often: Father Joe.

Five years after taking the helm, Father Joe opened the \$12 million Joan Kroc Center. The Joan Kroc Center was followed by the Bishop Maher Center in 1989 and the Paul Mirabile Center in 1994. He retired in 2011 and passed away July 10, 2021.

Throughout his career, Father Joe was an ardent supporter of the Boy Scouts and its life-enhancing opportunities. He served as the National Scout Chaplain, originating and several times leading the All-Hands Mass at the National Jamboree with around 9,000 scouts in attendance. Locally, he served as the San Diego Scout Chaplain for more than 40 years, while serving as the contingent leader for numerous National Jamborees.

Dianne Bashor and her late husband, businessman Jim Bashor, are known for their significant gifts to many local institutions including the San Diego Zoo, San Diego State University, UCLA, USC and the San Diego Imperial Council Boy Scouts of America. In September 2019, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors proclaimed Dianne Bashor Day for her generosity and dedication to the community.

Mrs. Bashor made the lead gift of \$1 million for Camp Bashor at Otay Lakes County Park, which will be available for Scouts and other local not-for-profit organizations. It is the first scouting facility in the South Bay area.

David Malcolm is a San Diego-based entrepreneur, real estate expert, and community leader. Besides a successful career in real estate, he has been dedicated to community and public service. Malcolm was the first appointee to the California Judicial Performance Commission after its creation by a 1994, as well as a Chula Vista Redevelopment Commissioner and the longest-serving California Coastal Commissioner in history. He has served as a board member of numerous public and private entities, including San Diego Christian College, American Cancer Society, St. Vincent de Paul (for 31 years), and San Diego History Center.

The San Diego-Imperial Council’s mission is to instill the values found in the Scout Oath and Law in young people and to prepare them to make ethical choices during their lifetimes, to take leadership roles as adults, and to become productive and responsible citizens. We accomplish our mission in partnership with chartered organizations and chosen, well-trained leaders as we:

- *Create a Scouting environment that attracts and develops the finest volunteer and professional leadership.*
- *Connect with the communities we serve to build strong neighborhoods through Scouting families.*
- *Develop strong units using innovative programs and outreach efforts that affect youth positively.*
- *Provide hands-on experiences for our youth through Scouting programs that help them become competent people with a sense of self-worth.*

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