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San Francisco Bay Area Council Boy Scouts of America

Thomas J. Klitgaard SILVER BEAVER recipient for 2010

BIOGRAPHY

Tom joined Troop 99 in Tacoma, Washington when he was 12. He became a first class scout before coming to the Bay Area in the 1940's.

Tom has been a member of the Board or Directors of the Bay Area Council for over twenty years. He has served as Chair of its Audit Committee and is currently the Chair of the Council's Investment Committee.

Outside of Scouting, Tom has been the clerk for United States Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas and is an arbitrator and mediator for the American Arbitration Association and the Beijing Arbitration Commission. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Chinese Culture Foundation of San Francisco.

Tom is an Adjunct Professor of Asian Law at the University of San Francisco and an attorney with Dillingham & Murphy. Tom lives with his wife, Patricia, in San Francisco.

MEMORABLE SCOUTING MOMENT



My memorable scouting moment was my first camp with my troop in the forest near Tacoma, Washington. It was my first experience away from home. I learned the importance of being able to work with others, particularly my tent mate and patrol members. I had the thrill of being able to see the stars clearly at night and being able to identify the constellations. This taught me the beauty of the universe.

I also learned the importance of being on time and being helpful. I experience the joy of being able to cook something edible over an open fire!