



Consumer Counsel Elin Swanson Katz Honored by Connecticut Yankee Council of the Boy Scouts

Consumer Counsel Elin Swanson Katz was recently presented with the 10th Annual STEM/Environmental “Good Scout” Award from the Connecticut Yankee Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The Good Scout award is presented to members of the community for outstanding community service as evidenced by the interest and leadership given to worthwhile organizations as well as the respect and esteem in which they are held by their colleagues.

In accepting the Good Scout award in an April 25, 2018 ceremony at the Fantasia Banquet Hall in North Haven, Consumer Counsel Katz first thanked the Honorable Jack Betkoski III, Vice-Chairman of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, who presented her with the award. She also thanked the members of the Office of Consumer Counsel for their hard work and support, and noted her family’s long history with scouting, including that she was a Girl Scout. She lauded the life experience provided by scouting.

She said, "I spent some time looking at the website over the last few days and talking to some former Boy Scouts, and it struck me that my experience remains at the core of scouting, both for girls and boys. Scouting isn't really about compiling merit badges per se – it's about the process, it's about the experience.

She added, "It's about the effort to be trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent," referring to the Boy Scout Law. "Life is messy, and none of us are perfect. Nonetheless, you teach kids to make an effort, to try, to persevere. And it's through that effort, in the context of the experiences that you all provide, that lives are changed."

Also accepting the Good Scout award that night were Arthur Diedrick of the White Memorial Foundation and Conservation Center in Litchfield, and Tony Marone of UIL Holdings, the parent company of the United Illuminating Company.



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