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Dinner

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Troop 53

Report of Scouting

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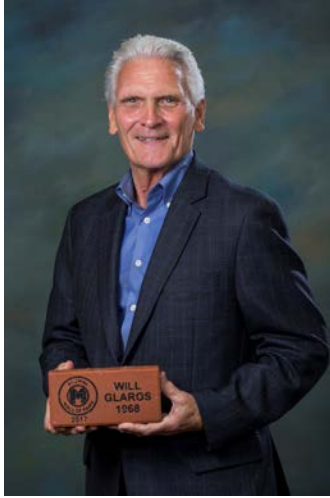
Honoree Impact Video

Recipient’s Remarks

Willis H. Glaros
RHU, CACAP

Closing

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Willis H. Glaros, RHU, CACAP

Will Glaros has dedicated his career to helping individuals and organizations secure their futures through innovative insurance solutions, while simultaneously inspiring others especially children to believe in their potential and pursue their dreams. With over four decades of experience in the insurance industry, Will's legacy is one of both professional success and personal commitment to the well-being of his community.

A graduate of Indiana University with a B.S. in Business Economics, Will began his career as an agent with Prudential Insurance before founding his own firm, Willis H. Glaros Insurance, in 1975. In 1978, he shifted the firm's focus to Employee Benefit plans, rebranding the company as Employer Benefit Systems (EBS). As president of EBS from 1977 until 2014, Will led the company through tremendous growth, culminating in its merger with The Meyers Glaros Group. In June 2024, the company will be integrated under the umbrella of HUB International, the sixth-largest insurance and brokerage firm in the U.S.

Over the years, Will has been a prominent figure in the healthcare and wellness sectors. He has served as president of the Northwest Indiana Wellness Council and the NWI chapter of the National Association of Health Underwriters (NAHU), as well as holding advisory roles with the Indiana Department of Insurance. He has

also spoken at national and local events about trends in healthcare and has been a featured expert on local news outlets. Will's work has been widely recognized. He was named 2014 National Benefit Advisor of the Year by Employee Benefit Advisor, awarded Wellness Champion by the NWI Wellness Council, and inducted into the Munster High School Hall of Fame in 2017. He has also received numerous honors, including the Dr. Richard Hug "Cherish the Child Award" and the St. Joseph the Worker Award from Calumet College. In 2024, Will was honored as a recipient of the Times Business and Community Hall of Fame.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Will is deeply involved in philanthropy. He has served as president of Habitat for Humanity and on the boards of several organizations, including the Girl Scouts of America, the American Red Cross, and the American Heart Association, where he led a campaign that raised over \$500,000. Additionally, he has supported Mental Health America of Lake County and co-chaired the Strosacker Early Learning Fellows, an initiative focused on enhancing early childhood education to improve student outcomes and workforce readiness.

A passionate advocate for personal development, Will promotes seminars and speakers for both children and adults in Northwest Indiana, including notable figures like Zig Ziglar, Joe Theismann, and Rudy Ruettiger. He also speaks regularly to organizations such as the Purdue Northwest baseball team, Valparaiso University, and the Munster High School speech and debate team. Through his work with local schools, Will helps foster leadership, life skills, and work ethics in the next generation.

An inventor and entrepreneur at heart, Will holds patents for the Reader Ruler, a tool designed to improve reading skills in children, and the Cool Head Hat, which gained attention in Runner's World Magazine in the late 1970s. He also hosts two radio programs, The Winners Circle and Winners Circle, Young Leaders, where he highlights local success stories and provides inspiration to listeners. Will's life's work is a reflection of his two guiding passions: securing the future of others through insurance and helping people, particularly children, realize they can achieve anything they set their minds to.

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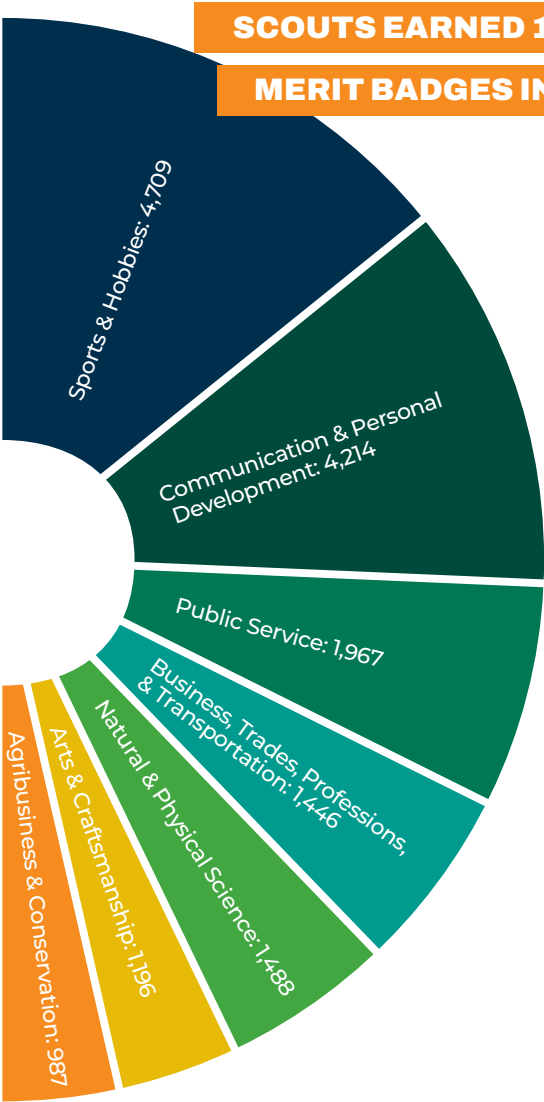
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With 135 merit badges to choose from - each one unlocks real-life skills like first aid, engineering, personal management, aviation, and environmental science - to name a few! Through hands-on learning, Scouts gain valuable experience while igniting curiosity and inspiring ambitions, equipping them for leadership and professional success.

 Robotics: 90	 Chemistry: 136	 Metalwork: 161
 Engineering: 178	 Fire Safety: 99	 Communication: 374
 Railroading: 131	 Environmental Science: 474	 Electricity: 49
 Architecture: 32	 Model Design & Building: 47	 Aviation: 124
 Welding: 65	 Personal Management: 382	 Sustainability: 45
 Composite Materials: 13	 Salesmanship: 55	 Wood Carving: 228
 Space Exploration: 150	 Weather: 129	 Digital Technology: 66



Merit badges give Scouts the opportunity to learn about sports, crafts, science, trades, business, finance and future careers. There are 135 merit badges! At the end of 2023, over 16,000 merit badges were completed by PTAC Scouts!

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2005	Bishop Dale Melczek
2006	Drs. Dennis & Leslie Rittenmeyer
2007	Joseph & Sandy Morrow
2008	Andy & Sarah Brennan
2009	Mark & Christine Maassel
2011	David & Ann Bochnowski
2012	Tim & Frankie Fesko
2013	Bill Masterson, Jr.
2014	Mike & Jill Schrage
2015	Mamon & Cynthia Powers Jr.
2016	Tom & Sylvia Collins
2017	Tom Sourlis & Susan Eleuterio
2018	Jeff Strack
2019	Don Fesko
2021	William A. Hasse III
2022	The Halpern Family
2023	Terry McMahon



Willis H. Glaros
RHU, CACAP

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