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## **James W. Saxton to Receive Distinguished Citizen Award from Pennsylvania Dutch Council, Scouting America**

**LANCASTER, PA** — The Pennsylvania Dutch Council, Scouting America, will present [James W. Saxton](#), Chairman and Co-Founder of Saxton & Stump, with its [38th Distinguished Citizen Award](#) in recognition of his leadership, philanthropy, and lasting impact across Lancaster and Lebanon Counties.

Saxton, an Eagle Scout, will be honored at the annual Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner on **Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 5:00 PM** at the **Lancaster County Convention Center**.

The Distinguished Citizen Award recognizes individuals who exemplify the values of the Scout Oath and Law through their professional achievements, community involvement, and commitment to serving others.

“Jim Saxton represents the very best of our community,” said **Keith Herr, Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner Chair**. “His leadership, generosity, and commitment to others reflect the same values we work to instill in young people through Scouting every day.”

As co-founder of Saxton & Stump, Saxton has helped lead the firm’s growth into a multi-state organization with 11 offices and a network of affiliated companies. Beyond his professional accomplishments, he has demonstrated a deep commitment to community service through leadership roles with organizations such as the Lancaster YMCA and its foundation. Alongside his wife, Sally, he has been recognized with honors including the Excellence in Philanthropy Award and Philanthropist of the Year.

This year's event will also feature **Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Fogt**, a three-time Olympian, Olympic silver medalist, Eagle Scout, and head coach of the USA Bobsled Team, as keynote speaker. Fogt's message of discipline, perseverance, and leadership reflects the same principles at the heart of the Scouting program.

The Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner serves as one of the council's premier fundraising events, supporting Scouting programs that serve more than 2,400 youth across Lancaster and Lebanon Counties. During the program, local Scouts will share their personal journeys and highlight their Eagle Scout projects, offering a firsthand look at the impact of Scouting in the community. Proceeds from the event also support initiatives such as the Jay R. Bucher Campership Fund, helping ensure all youth have access to summer camp and Scouting experiences regardless of financial circumstances.

Sponsorship opportunities and individual tickets are available, with tickets priced at \$200 per person and sponsorship levels ranging from \$1,750 to \$15,000.

For more information or to register, visit:

<https://padutchbsa.org/fundraising/events/distinguished-citizen-award-dinner/>

## **About the Pennsylvania Dutch Council, Scouting America**

The Pennsylvania Dutch Council, Scouting America delivers character-building programs to more than 2,400 youth across Lancaster and Lebanon Counties each year, preparing young people to make ethical and moral choices through leadership development, outdoor adventure, and service.

The Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner has recognized many of the region's most influential leaders, including **Peggy Steinman, Hon. Lawrence F. Stengel, Craig Roda, Tom Baldrige, Carol T. and John F. Pyfer, Jr., Philip R. Wenger, and Roger North.**

Through events like this, the council continues to invest in the next generation of leaders while celebrating those who exemplify the values of Scouting in their daily lives.