



**Boy Scouts of America  
Connecticut Yankee Council Greater Stamford  
16th Annual Good Scout Tribute Dinner**

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**VALERIE A. COOPER TO BE HONORED AT ANNUAL BOY SCOUT DINNER**

STAMFORD (11/3/2010) – **Valerie A. Cooper**, entrepreneur, community volunteer and founder of *Picture That, LLC*, a fine art consulting firm based in Stamford, will be honored as a “Good Scout” by the **Boy Scouts of America** for her outstanding service and leadership to the community on Wednesday, December 8, 2010 at the **16th Annual Greater Stamford Good Scout Tribute Dinner** to be held at the Stamford Marriott Hotel & Spa. The event begins at 6 PM with a social hour, followed by dinner and awards at 7 PM.

Recently named "2010 Outstanding Entrepreneur of the Year" by the National Association of Female Executives (NAFE), Ms. Cooper demonstrates tireless commitment to enrich the Stamford community and beyond. In addition to her service on many local boards—the Norwalk Community College Foundation, Cultural Art Alliance of Fairfield County, and the Stamford Old Town Hall Museum, Valerie volunteers as Director of Curatorial Services for the Stamford Center for the Arts, Palace Sackler Gallery.

Ms. Cooper’s impressive background includes fifteen years on Wall Street with Goldman, Sachs & Co. She earned a Master of Business Administration from Columbia University Business School, an Appraisal Studies in Fine and Decorative Arts Certificate from New York University, and a Bachelor of Science from Morgan State University. Valerie was recently made an Associate of the Appraisers Association of America (AAA).

Recipients of the Good Scout Award are chosen for their outstanding community service as evidenced by the leadership given to many worthwhile organizations, as well as for the earned respect and esteem of their colleagues. Jeb Walker, First Selectman of New Canaan, and Greg Palmer, co-owner and manager of Palmer’s Market in Darien, will also be honored as “Good Scouts.” This year’s three honorees exemplify the ideals of the Boy Scouts of America—leadership, service, self-respect and personal discipline.

The **Good Scout Tribute Dinner** is an annual fund-raising event that helps enable over 25,000 young men and women in Fairfield, New Haven and parts of Hartford counties to participate in scouting each year. Scouting programs encourage youth to pursue their special interests, make new friends, develop leadership skills and give back to their community.

**For more information on supporting or attending this dinner, please call Tony Vogl, Director of Development & Marketing at (203) 876-6868, Ext. 259 or [tony.vogl@scouting.org](mailto:tony.vogl@scouting.org).**

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