Farmingville, NY - Brookhaven Supervisor Ed Romaine and Councilwoman Jane Bonner attended the Court of Honor ceremony for seven members of Boy Scout Troop 244 in Rocky Point who have attained the rank of Eagle Scout. Scouts Thomas Luigi Lettieri, Daniel K. O'Connor, Kyle Robert Spira, Dylan Andrew Magee, Francis Luglio, Brian Michael Lounsbury and Shawn Evan Countess were all presented with the rank of Eagle, the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America.

"Eagle Scouts are the leaders of tomorrow, and from what I can tell by the achievements and community service of this group of young men, our future will be in good hands," said Supervisor Romaine. "I congratulate them and their parents on this achievement, and thank them for their service to our community."

"I applaud these outstanding young men for their commitment to make a difference in the community through scouting," said Councilwoman Bonner. "Achieving the rank of Eagle Scout is a great honor that they should all be very proud of."

To become an Eagle Scout, a scout must earn a minimum of 21 merit badges, demonstrate leadership, and perform an approved community service project. For his Eagle Project, Thomas Lettieri supervised the building, planning and installation of garden ties, weed blocker, and blue stone adjacent to the main building of the Parish Resource Center in Rocky Point. Daniel O'Connor refurbished the basketball courts at Little Flower in Wading River, while Kyle Spira coordinated the planning, purchasing, and construction of a shed to house supplies at Trinity Lutheran Church in Rocky Point.

Dylan Magee supervised the construction of an outdoor shower and new 10'x10' deck at the Sound Beach Property Owners' Beach Club, and Francis Lugio coordinated the planning, purchasing and installation of a patio for the Rose Caracappa Senior Center in Mount Sinai. Shawn Countess coordinated the planning and construction of a custom designed Torah Stand for the sanctuary of Temple Isaiah in Stony Brook, and Brian Lounsbury replaced the sign at High Cliff Beach in Rocky Point, cleared trees that were brought down during Hurricane Sandy, managed a team of volunteers to clear many cubic yards of built up sand on the pathway that leads to the beach, and replaced 30 sections of damaged picket fence and posts along the pathway.

Since the first Eagle Scout Award was presented in 1912, no more than four percent of all Scouts have attained the Eagle Scout rank.

Pictures at the Eagle Court of Honor, which was held on Saturday, May 11 at Rocky Point High School, are Supervisor