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### SERVICE CLUBS:

#### Youth wins cadet of year honor

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**Ricky Arvizu**, a senior at Crescenta Valley High School, received the 2008 Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Cadet of the Year award from U.S. Rep. **Adam Schiff** at the annual Glendale Kiwanis Club's Flag Day awards luncheon. Joining in the award presentation was **Joylene Wagner**, president, board of trustees, Glendale Unified School District. The luncheon was on June 13 at the Glendale Elks Club.

Ricky spoke to the audience about how the ROTC has given him the motivation to succeed in high school and his plans to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs next year.

Awards were also given to the 2008 Patriotic Organization of the Year. Receiving the award was the Sons of the Revolution organization.

The Sons of the Revolution run the American Heritage Library and Museum at 600 S. Central Ave., Glendale. The museum is now open to the public Wednesday through Saturday to view the artwork and review the American historical works library books. The award was presented by **Alice Hamrajbaian**, chairwoman of the Citizenship & Patriotism Committee of the Glendale Chamber of Commerce. Accepting the Award for the organization was **Mark Denger**.

Mayor **John Drayman** then presented the 2008 Admiral Ben Bass Award to **Bill Dodson**. Bass was the leader of the group that built the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at the corner of Oceanview and Honolulu avenues in Montrose. Schiff also presented an additional plaque honoring Dodson for his work in maintaining the memorial.

The 2008 Patriot of the Year Award was given to Schiff for his extraordinary service to the country while serving the community in Congress.

The featured speaker at the luncheon was **Grant Toumasian**. Grant is a student at Glendale Community College where he is an active member of the Speech and Debate Team. Grant told of his life being born in Russia and moving with his family to the United States at a young age. He talked about the challenges of learning English and becoming a part of our great society. He was extremely insightful about this country and how motivated he is to soon become a citizen.

Glendale Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Friday at the Glendale Elks Club, 120 E. Colorado St., Glendale. For more information, call **Vic Legerton** at (818) 354-8838.

### STUDENTS RECEIVE AWARDS

The Northwest Glendale Lions Club presented scholarships of \$1,000 each to three physically challenged students from Hoover High School and Glendale Community College at the annual scholarship luncheon on June 5 at the Oakmont Country Club.

The scholarship winners included **Armen Asaduryan** from Hoover High School. Armen is a graduating senior and plans to attend Glendale College this fall. He is challenged with dyslexia.

**Tamara Boskin** and **Gretchen Grant** of Glendale College received scholarships. Tamara has a disease called osteogenesis imperfecta, which results in brittle bones causing many breaks in her lifetime. Tamara uses a wheelchair. She will continue her studies this fall at Cal State Northridge.

Gretchen has DeQuervain's syndrome, which causes tendon sheath inflammation. Gretchen graduated from Glendale Community College and will attend San Francisco State University this fall to study art therapy.

This is the 22nd year for the Northwest Glendale Lions Scholarship Program whose objective is to provide assistance to disabled students in continuing their education. The program has provided more than \$63,000 in scholarships over the past 21 years.

Northwest Glendale Lions Club meets at noon every Thursday at the Oakmont Country Club, 3100 Country Club Drive, Glendale. For more information, call Ross Adams at (818) 243-4458.

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