

**ORANGE CHAPTER HONORED BY CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
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In attendance with more than 350 volunteers, members of Orange Chapter were honored by the city of Garden Grove, Calif. on March 16 at the Citywide Volunteer Breakfast.

Mayor Bruce Broadwater thanked the volunteers who had contributed their time in assisting the city with community services including the Police, Fire and Public Works Departments.

Two years ago, the members of Orange Chapter had asked the city of Garden Grove for approval to clean one of the city's dirtiest parks. With the city's approval, SGI-USA members and friends went to Twin Lakes Park every month. In just a few months, Twin Lakes Park was gleaming with a clean pond and spotless lawns. Once a month, volunteers gathered bags of trash in order to restore the park to its natural beauty.

"We've made so many friends in the community," said Nanami Moore, a member of Flower Park District. "Following the guidance of our mentor, Daisaku Ikeda, we supported last year's SGI theme of involvement in the community," added Douglas Neibauer, Flower Park District leader.

Willie "Cowboy" Kelly, a member of Golden Orange East District, commented that "this community activity has brought together the members. We are the only organized group that has adopted a park in Garden Grove. The members are really proud of their efforts."