

# Girl Scouts of Nassau County's Board of Directors

## Officers

### **Wanda Jackson, President & Chief Volunteer Officer**



Wanda Jackson is serving her third term as President of the Board of Directors. She is the National Urban League's Senior Vice President, Human Resources and Chief Talent Officer.

Ms. Jackson plays a key role in the management of the League's national leadership development programs, and the exposure of young talent to the non-profit sector through the Urban League Summer Internship Program. She manages the League's Annual Conference Career Fair, and is responsible for the Jobs Network, an electronic job board. She led a team in the research and publication of the groundbreaking study "Diversity Practices That Work: The American Worker Speaks."

An active community volunteer, Ms. Jackson is a member of the Nassau County Community College Board of Trustees. Her volunteer service was recognized by the National Association of African Americans in Human Resources, the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs and the Urban League of Long Island.

She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., The Links, Inc., and Jack and Jill of America where she served as a past Regional Parliamentarian and President of the Queens, NY Chapter.

Wanda is a graduate of Boston University's College of Communication, received an M.S. in Human Resources Management from the New School for Social Research, and holds a Senior Professional in Human Resources credential from the Human Resources Certification Institute.

### **Anthony J. Edelman, Executive Vice President**



Anthony J. Edelman is serving a second term as the Executive Vice President of the Board of Directors. He served three consecutive terms as a Member-at-Large. An active member since 2001 Mr. Edelman has served as Cookie Manager for his wife and daughter's Girl Scout Troop, and continues to volunteer for many different assignments in the Hicksville Association. He is the recipient of the Girl Scout Appreciation and Honor Pins.

Mr. Edelman served as a trustee and President of the Hicksville Union Free School District Board of Education and as an elected member of the Nassau Suffolk School Board Association Executive Committee. He is a Past President and Director of National Affairs for National Association of Purchasing Managers – Long Island, and remains very active in community, church, professional and charitable organizations.

A graduate of the University of Phoenix with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Mr. Edelman is an Assistant Vice President of Bethpage Federal Credit Union, a community-based, full service financial institution, committed to providing their members with extraordinary value and service, anytime, anywhere. The Edelman family resides in Hicksville.

**Christopher Pendergast,  
Vice President**



Christopher Pendergast is serving a two-year term as a Vice President of the Board of Directors after serving six years as a Member-at-Large. He previously served as a member of the Council Nominating Committee. Mr. Pendergast is proud to be a part of such a wonderful organization, and is very excited to have the opportunity to contribute. The father of a Gold Award Recipient and spouse of a Girl Scout Delegate Chair, Cookie Manager, Troop Leader and Troop Consultant, Mr. Pendergast is very familiar with the positive influence Girl Scouting can have on girls and young women. Mr. Pendergast is a Chief Technology Officer for VSP Global. At Hofstra University's Continuing Education program, Mr. Pendergast has developed and taught professional development programs in Information Technology for more than 20 years.

Mr. Pendergast is committed to youth programs and up until 2010 was an active member of the Farmingdale Soccer Club. Since 1994, he has volunteered as a coach and manager for both girls and boys teams. A Trustee of St. James Church in Seaford, Mr. Pendergast has served on the Pastoral Council, Finance Committee, Fundraising Committee, and as a Lector and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

Mr. Pendergast resides in Farmingdale with his wife Ursula and their two children. His daughter Lauren is a Gold Award recipient and Lifetime member. Mr. Pendergast is a graduate of Hofstra University and holds both a B.B.A and M.B.A. degree.

**Deborah Schiff,  
Vice President**



Deborah Schiff is the Executive Director & Senior Vice President for Strategy and Business Development for the Northwell Health Ambulatory Network. In this role, Mrs. Schiff is responsible for building the ambulatory network through physician alignment, IPA development and ambulatory site development. Currently, there are over 3,500 physicians employed in the Northwell Health Physician Partners which is now among the largest medical groups in the country. The health system operates over 500 ambulatory sites in the region.

With more than 25 years of experience developing and implementing strategies to facilitate service line growth and development as well as physician alignment, she remains focused on building a network of providers and ambulatory facilities to manage the health of more than 12 million people in the health system's coverage area. A cornerstone of the ambulatory network has been strengthening and expanding relationships with the approximately 10,000 affiliated physicians serving different populations throughout the region enhancing access and improving health outcomes.

Mrs. Schiff is actively involved in the community serving on the Board of Directors of the Girl Scouts of Nassau County, the Health and Welfare Council of Long Island, and the Energeia Partnership, an organization that focuses on building regional stewardship.

Ms. Schiff is serving a third term as Vice President of the Board of Directors of Girl Scouts of Nassau County.

In addition, Mrs. Schiff has worked with the Nassau County Department of Health to address health care disparities in the community. Mrs. Schiff is a registered nurse and holds clinical and administrative degrees including a nursing diploma from Queens Hospital Center School of Nursing and a bachelor's degree in health administration from St. Joseph's College.

**Joanne Antun,  
Vice President**



Joanne Antun is serving as Vice President of the Board of Directors after serving as a Member-at-Large. She came to GSNC with a background rich in both public and private sector experience. Her career in financial services spanned almost 40 years and included a variety of roles in operations, risk control and project management. For 16 of those years, she did double duty also serving the residents of the Incorporated Village of Valley Stream as trustee, deputy mayor and mayor.

Ms. Antun is now retired and considers it a privilege to lend her time and talent to the nonprofit community. In addition to her work with the Girl Scouts, Joanne is Secretary to the Board of Charles J. Monica Senior Village, a senior housing complex in the heart of Valley Stream. She also serves on the Board of the Valley Stream Chamber of Commerce, which is dedicated to helping its members build their businesses. Joanne additionally supports the Event Committee of LifeWay Network, an organization that works to confront human trafficking through safe housing and education. She is an eight-year breast cancer survivor and avid supporter of the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer campaign. In addition, she belongs to various civic and fraternal organizations including the League of Women Voters, the Valley Stream Lions and the BPOE (Elks) NY Lodge #1.

Ms. Antun is passionate about social justice, human rights and the empowerment of women. Women and girls now represent almost 51% of this nation's population and Joanne believes that an investment in their lives is a direct investment in our country's future.

**Erica Rice  
Treasurer**



Erica Rice is serving a second term as Treasurer of the Board of Directors. Ms. Rice is an audit manager at Berdon Accountants and Advisors, LLP with nearly 15 years of professional experience. Her particular expertise is in auditing and accounting for single and multiemployer employee benefit plans, labor unions, and nonprofit organizations. She works closely with clients to help ensure that they fulfill government compliance requirements, limit exposure to penalties, and leverage ways to increase efficiency. Ms. Rice has also developed audit education programs for her firm, and regularly trains staff on the intricacies surrounding employee benefit plan auditing processes. Additionally, as a manager for the firm, Ms. Rice partakes in mentoring junior team members. Ms. Rice is

excited about being a part of an organization that empowers girls and enhances their lives on a daily basis. Ms. Rice is a certified public accountant in New York and a member of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants. She graduated from the University of Albany with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting.

**Christine Bonczyk  
Secretary**



Christine Bonczyk, a resident of Hicksville, is serving as an Alternate National Council Delegate to the National Convention in Columbus Ohio in 2017 in addition to her service on the Board. Ms. Bonczyk is retired from The County Comptroller's office as the Health Benefits Administrator for Nassau County Employees.

Ms. Bonczyk is spending her time giving back to her community. She started her career in Scouting as a Girl Scout Junior and has served on the Girl Scouts Adult Recognition Committee, Walkathon Committee, Critical Issues Committee, Community Relations Committee and Human Resources Committee. She is also a member of the Nassau Financial Credit Union Supervisory Committee and

Nominating Committee and volunteers with AARP doing taxes at libraries in Nassau County.

Ms. Bonczyk received her Masters in Public Administration from Long Island University at CW Post, and describes herself as a pro-active, honest person who gets things done.

**Donna Ceravolo**  
**Executive Director/CEO**



Donna Ceravolo is Executive Director/CEO of Girl Scouts of Nassau County, where she is responsible for the direction of 20,000 girls, 7,000 adult volunteers, and the management of a staff of 54. Prior to becoming a professional Girl Scout, Ms. Ceravolo was chief executive officer of the YWCA of Brooklyn, an organization committed to the empowerment of women and the elimination of racism. She was honored as a Woman of Distinction by the YWCA of Brooklyn, where she also received the Sojourner Truth Award for Racial Justice in 2000. In 2005 she accepted a Women of Valor Award from the Sisterhood of Temple Emanu-El in Long Beach.

Ms. Ceravolo is a National Delegate and served as a member of the Core Business Strategy Team for Girl Scouts of the USA, a group charged with devising new and relevant direction for the Girl Scout Movement in the 21st Century. She is also a member of United Way of Long Island's Agency Executives Council.

Donna Ceravolo is an outspoken advocate for girls and frequently speaks to community groups on the critical issues facing girls today. Donna resides in Freeport along with her husband and son.

**Members-at-Large**

**Austin Cannon, Jr.**



Austin Cannon, Jr. is being nominated to serve his second term as a Member-at-Large of the Board of Directors. Mr. Cannon has a long association with the Board of Directors, having served previously as Vice President from 2003-2005 and Member-at-Large from 1992-1998 and 2005-2011. He served as a member of the Council Nominating Committee from 2011-2013, 2006-2008, 2000-2002 and for two-years beginning in 1994. A proud recipient of the Girl Scout Thanks Badge, Mr. Cannon is a former National Delegate and currently serves as Chairman of the Human Resources Committee.

A resident of North Bellmore with a long history of volunteerism with Boy Scouts and the Knights of Columbus, Mr. Cannon, an Eagle Scout, is currently the Scouting Program Coordinator for the Diocese of Rockville Centre Office of Youth Ministry. Mr. Cannon has recently been presented with the Silver Saint George Emblem of the National Catholic Committee, a national honor given for exceptional service to Catholic youth in Scouting on a national level. He currently serves as National Vice Chairman of the National Catholic Committee.

**Elizabeth Choi**



Elizabeth Choi is a vice-president and district manager for Long Island's eastern region at Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. A ten-year financial services industry veteran, Ms. Choi enjoys helping customers succeed financially. She oversees community bank operations throughout the region, leading nearly 60 team members and delivering a world class customer experience at each branch.

A lifelong resident of Nassau County, Ms. Choi is a graduate of Hofstra University and Carle Place High School. She is also the proud mother of two daughters, ages 10 and 12, who attend school in the Carle Place district.

Ms. Choi is an active community presence throughout Long Island. She joined the Community Development Corporation of Long Island, Inc., in 2015, and has been an active member of the Korean American Association since 2007. She is also fluent in Korean.

### **Andrea Elder-Howell**



Currently the Commercial Counsel for PSEG Long Island, Andrea Elder-Howell has over twenty-five years of experience working on sophisticated energy matters. Prior to joining PSEG Long Island, Andrea also served as a commercial transaction attorney for RBS Sempra Commodities and KeySpan Energy/National Grid.

Ms. Elder-Howell is a graduate of Queens College with a BA in Accounting. She also holds a Juris Doctor from Rutgers University School of Law and a Masters of Law (LLM) in Taxation from New York University School of Law. She is the Chair of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountant's Career Opportunities in the Accounting

Profession (COAP) program at Adelphi University, responsible for exposing hundreds of high school juniors to careers in the accounting profession. She serves on the Board for Girl Scouts of Nassau County and Jack & Jill of America, Inc., Nassau County; Member of the New York State Bar Association and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated.

Andrea resides in Freeport with her husband, John Howell, a CPA and former Ernst & Young partner, and their two sons, Jonathan and Evan.

### **Mark Florio**



Mark Florio served as a Member-at-Large from 2005 – 2009, as Secretary of the Board from 2009- 2011, as Vice President of the Board from 2011 – 2015, and has served on the Council Nominating Committee where he became familiar with the governance structure of our Council. Mr. Florio was elected in 2005 to serve as an Alternate National Delegate and attended the National Convention in Atlanta. We are happy to have him back as a Member-at-Large of the Board.

An Eagle Scout, he has volunteered extensively with Boy Scouts in the past and has transferred this enthusiasm for volunteerism to Girl Scouts of Nassau County. Mr.

Florio is a graduate of Lehigh University with a B.S. in Finance and holds an M.B.A. in Finance from Adelphi University. He is a Vice President of Barclays, a multinational banking group. Mr. Florio, his wife and three young daughters (one Junior Scout, one Daisy Scout, and one former Cadette Scout) reside in North Bellmore.

### **Lisa M. Gardner**



Lisa M. Gardner is a senior associate attorney at Wisselman, Harounian & Associates, P.C. located in Great Neck, New York, where she focuses her practice on family law matters. Ms. Gardner earned her law degree at Hofstra University School of Law, with a concentration in Child and Family Advocacy, and her undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan.

Ms. Gardner has many wonderful memories of her years as a Girl Scout in her hometown of Okemos, Michigan. Her time as a Girl Scout taught her the importance of community involvement and friendship with other women. Ms. Gardner is serving as a Member-at-

Large of the Board of Directors.

As a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority, in college at the University of Michigan, Ms. Gardner held a vice president position on the executive board for the Theta Chapter. She was integral in the Chapter's fundraising for the sorority's national philanthropic cause, domestic violence awareness. At Hofstra Law School, Ms. Gardner participated in the Child Advocacy Clinic, aiding in the representation of children in Family Court. She also volunteered for the Courtroom Advocates Project, assisting victims of domestic violence. Ms. Gardner currently donates her time as a pro bono attorney for The Safe Center, Long Island. She also hosts complimentary legal support groups at her firm, focused on family law issues, which are open to the community.

Ms. Gardner has recently been recognized for her work as an attorney. In 2015 she was awarded Long Island Business News "Top 50 Most Influential Women in Business," New York Metro Super Lawyers Top Female Attorney and New York Metro Super Lawyers Rising Star an award she received in 2014. She has also been nominated for the 2016 Bethpage Best of Long Island in the categories "Best Divorce Attorney" and "Best Attorney."

## **Melissa Gebbia**



Melissa Gebbia is a Professor of Psychology at Molloy College, Rockville Centre, NY. Dr. Gebbia is a graduate of Adelphi University, Baruch College, and earned her doctorate from the Graduate Center of the City University of New York. Prior to her current position on the faculty at Molloy College, Dr. Gebbia taught at Hofstra University and consulted for a variety of organizations and nonprofits as an Industrial/Organizational Psychologist. Dr. Gebbia has published articles in the areas of assessment and relational aggression, and co-authored a chapter on learner developmental outcomes and intellectual styles for *The Handbook on Intellectual Styles*.

Dr. Gebbia has been active in Girl Scouts since 2000 as a Troop leader, association recruiter, and STEM advisory committee member. She has had the pleasure of doing research for GSNC critical issues programs over the past decade and has received both the Girl Scout Appreciation and Honor pins.

She is a longtime resident of Nassau County with a history of volunteerism in the Lynbrook Parent Teacher Association and the St. Raymond's Religious Education program. As the parent of a Gold Award recipient, Dr. Gebbia is personally aware and extremely proud of the tremendous impact Girl Scouting has on young women and their communities. Dr. Gebbia is serving as a Member-at-Large of the Board of Directors.

## **Elizabeth (Betsy) Hill**



Elizabeth (Betsy) Hill is serving as a Member-at-Large for the Board of Directors a position she previously held from 2003 to 2005. Ms. Hill was a Girl Scout in her youth in Illinois and was a Girl Scout Leader in Manhasset for 13 years. Ms. Hill has two adult daughters; one earned her Gold Award and the other her Silver Award.

Ms. Hill is the CEO of Bright Bay Advisors, LLP, a consulting firm whose clients include organizations involved in public finance such as portfolio managers, financial advisors, rating agencies, state and local governments and other organizations. Bright Bay Advisors provides its clients with assistance in credit analysis, portfolio analysis, distressed credit workouts, operational improvements and credit training. Bright Bay Advisors has been certified by the State of New York as a Women-Business-Enterprise (WBE).

Ms. Hill has over 30 years of experience in senior management of municipal credit analysis, surveillance and investment management with bond insurers, a rating agency and Bloomberg, covering the full spectrum of municipal bond sectors on a nationwide basis, including healthcare, higher education, charter schools, student loans and housing. As Chairman of the Committee on Risk Management for the Association of Financial Guarantee Insurers (AFGI), Ms. Hill managed AFGI relations with the Katrina-affected issuers. Ms. Hill is currently on the management board of the Municipal Analyst Group of NY (MAGNY) and on the Financial Reporting Task Force of the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

Ms. Hill holds a Master's Degree from the Robert Wagner Graduate School of Public Administration at New York University and a Bachelor's Degree in Education from Illinois State University. Ms. Hill developed and taught a course in "Risk Management in the Public Sector" for New York University's Wagner School.

## **Debra Ieraci**



Debra Ieraci serving as an Alternate National Council Delegate for the 2017 National Council Session and 54th Annual Convention in Columbus, Ohio in addition to her duties as a Board Member. Previously a member of the Board of Directors for 12 years, Ms. Ieraci also served on the Council Nominating Committee twice. A former National Delegate, she served for several years as Chair of the Delegate Communications Committee and is currently a member of the Fund Development Committee, the Girls Go the Distance Walk-a-thon Committee and the Gold Award Conference Corporate Committee.

Ms. Ieraci is employed as a Field Collector with PSEG Long Island and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from SUNY Old Westbury. Ms. Ieraci is a member of the Gold Award Alliance and a Girl Scout Leader in the Glen Cove Association where she resides with her husband, Frank, and daughter Amanda, a Girl Scout Senior. Ms. Ieraci volunteers in her local community.

## Christina Mendoza



Christina Mendoza is currently a freshman at Cornell University, planning on majoring in Biological Sciences. She has been a member of Girl Scouts for 14 years. As a girl, Ms. Mendoza was a member of the GSNC Media Girls, GSNC Chorus, GSNC Asian Task Force, GSNC National Delegates, and Girl Scouts Bishop's Troop of Rockville Centre. In 2006, she was part of the GSNC Chorus that sang for a Dove commercial about self-esteem, which aired during Super Bowl XL. Ms. Mendoza is also on the Samoas Girl Scout Cookie box, which was changed in 2012 for the 100th Anniversary of Girl Scouts.

Outside of Girl Scouts, Ms. Mendoza works as an Administrative Assistant at the Emerging Markets Institute at the Johnson Graduate School of Management at Cornell University, and as a Head Usher/ Box Office Representative at Bailey Hall at Cornell. Ms. Mendoza is also a member of Cornell's Biology Scholars Program (BSP), the Cornell Bowling Club, the Cornell Badminton Club, and the Cornell Filipino Association. In her free time, she also conducts science research at the Mukai Lab in Cornell, working with the CRISPR/Cas9 system and studying Endocrine Disrupting Compounds.

When she was a sophomore in high school, Ms. Mendoza earned her Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouting. For part of her project she started a program called "Cranes for Cancer," which helped pediatric cancer patients make 1,000 cranes so that they could remain hopeful during a difficult time in their lives. Ms. Mendoza feels that Girl Scouts is a wonderful organization that has provided her with so many life-changing experiences, and as a Board member, she wants to make sure that every girl has their own unique experience with Girl Scouts.

## Seema Rahman



Seema Rahman is being nominated to serve as a Member at Large for the Board of Directors for Girl Scouts of Nassau County. In 2005 Ms. Rahman started Troops for each Girl Scout level at the Islamic Center of Long Island in Westbury and is still actively involved with them. She serves as the Treasurer for the Carle Place/Westbury Association and she is camp trained. Ms. Rahman's adult daughter, Sofia, completed Girl Scouts with a Bronze Award and was inspired to become a Girl Scout Leader as well. In 2013 Seema was honored with the GSUSA Appreciation Pin.

Ms. Rahman has worked for Northwell Health in Manhasset since 1989 in various roles of medical assistant, medical secretary, surgical coordinator and office manager.

Ms. Rahman's focus has been volunteering to further youth involvement as well as bridge interfaith paths. Embracing the various PTA activities she had volunteered for at the elementary, middle school and High School levels, Seema was nominated to the Executive Board of the PTSA of East Meadow High School for two separate terms. In addition, Seema was honored by Assemblyman Thomas McKeivitt in 2012 at the sixth Annual "Women of Distinction Award" ceremony.

Ms. Rahman helped to start a Youth Leadership Group for teenagers at the Islamic Center of Long Island. Her work at ICLI was recognized and she was nominated for the position of Vice President of the Executive Board at the Center from 2012- 2014. She Co-Chaired the Fundraising Committee which helps organize an Annual Gala at the Garden City Hotel for over 400 guests. Since 2015, Ms. Rahman serves on the Board of Trustees for the Islamic Center on various committees including Fundraising, Interfaith and Youth. She was awarded in 2015 by ICLI "Honoring Muslim Women Pioneers".

Ms. Rahman's zeal to be a part of our children's lives and help them be the best that they can be is apparent. Seema's mantra is we must play an active role to help guide the children of today to be the leaders of the future.

## Carol Ransom



Carol Ransom is a face very familiar to Girl Scouts of Nassau County and she is serving as a Member-at-Large of the Board of Directors. Ms. Ransom previously served on the Board as Vice President from 2001-2003 and as a Member-at-Large from 1994-2000. Ms. Ransom was Chair of the 2005-2006 Council Nominating Committee and served as Chair of the Human Resources Committee for three years. She is currently Chair of the Community Relations Committee. She is a past National Delegate, representing GSNC at the 2011 National Council Meeting and served as Chair of our delegation to the 2002 National Council Meeting.

In 2005, Ms. Ransom received the coveted Thanks Badge for her outstanding service to Girl Scouting. Ms. Ransom retired from the Town of Hempstead Housing Authority and currently resides in Hempstead.

## **Brandon V. Ray**



Brandon V. Ray is the Regional Director of External Affairs (Long Island) for AT&T. Mr. Ray serves as AT&T's representative to local government and local community organizations. In this capacity he leads and implements the company's local governmental public policy initiatives by developing and executing strategic legislative and public affairs tactics and strategies.

Mr. Ray attended Howard University in Washington, D.C. where he earned his Bachelor of Business Administration-Management in May of 2004. Chosen as one of a select group of promising leaders, he was accepted into the National Urban Fellows Inc. fellowship program and in 2007 Mr. Ray earned a Masters Degree in Public Administration from CUNY- Baruch College School of Public Affairs as a National Urban Fellow. Mr. Ray also had the privilege of interning in the office of the President of the National Urban League, the Hon. Marc H. Morial, in New York City.

Mr. Ray is a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated Kappa Xi Lambda Chapter, Urban League of Long Island Young Professionals, Howard University Alumni Association and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated's MLK Memorial Internal Fundraising Committee.

Mr. Ray is a member of Union Baptist Church in Hempstead, NY where he serves as a member of the Board of Trustees. As a member of Mentor New York's Leadership Council he continues to develop his leadership skills on behalf of his community and aspires to continue making a difference in the public policy arena. Mr. Ray believes in Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s philosophy that "everyone can be great because everyone can serve." Mr. Ray resides in Williston Park, NY and with his wife Alicia.

## **Kelly Ann Poole Reed**



Kelly Ann Poole Reed is the directing partner of foreclosure operations firm-wide with Rosicki, Rosicki & Associates, P.C., a leading mortgage banking firm in New York. She has been with the firm since 1996. Ms. Reed is a graduate of Touro Law School and has been practicing since 1992. She received her undergraduate degree from St. John's University. Ms. Reed is admitted to practice in New York, Connecticut, and District of Columbia. Ms. Reed is an active member of the legal community as a member of the New York State and Nassau County Bar Associations Real Property Committees, invited member of the New York City Foreclosure Task Force, Board Member of the USFN, past member of the US Treasury Department Task Force – Bankruptcy/Loss Mitigation Sub-Committee, the MBA Commercial and Mortgage Servicing Planning Committees and Loan Administration Committee. She has been a panelist on numerous industry wide educational programs.

Ms. Reed is very active in the community at large. She serves as a mentor in the student-alumni mentor program at Touro Law School, as well as a member of the Touro Dean's Alumni Advisory Council. For the past several years she has been an active committee member of several GSNC fundraising events. Ms. Reed is a Co-Leader of a Brownie and Daisy Troop.

## **Eric Rogers**



Eric Rogers is serving as a Member-at-Large of the Board of Directors. Eric previously served as the Treasurer of the Board of Directors from 2009 - 2015. He is also a member of the Finance Committee. Mr. Rogers and his entire family are committed to Girl Scouts of Nassau County. His wife, a former Troop Leader and his three daughters are Girl Scouts in the Carle Place/Westbury Association. Mr. Rogers served as a Board Champion on a GSNC's Strategic Learning Team. Mr. Rogers has served as community liaison on Carle Place School Board's Facility, Finance and Scholarship Committees, he has also served on several committees of the New York State Society of CPAs and American Institute of CPA's.

A graduate of CW Post College, Mr. Rogers is a Partner of Rogers & Co an Accounting and Business Advisory firm serving predominantly not-for-profit clients. The Rogers family resides in Westbury.



## **Barbara Murphy Schwaner**



Barbara Murphy Schwaner is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Board Certified Diplomat. Ms. Murphy graduated from the Adelphi University School of Social Work and the Child and Adolescent Psychotherapy program of the New York School for Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis. She has a private practice in Mineola. Ms. Schwaner volunteers as a Senior/Ambassador Troop Leader and Trainer of Relational Aggression for Girl Scouts of Nassau County. Her articles on Relational Aggression have been published in social work newsletters locally and nationally. As a parent, Ms. Schwaner was part of the group that wrote “Mothers and Others: Courage and Confidence in the Face of Social Bullying,” one of the many anti-bullying programs offered by GSNC. Her daughter, Marion Schwaner, earned her Girl Scout Gold Award in 2012.

## **Reema Sultan**



Reema Sultan serves as assistant general counsel at Northwell Health, working on matters related to medical staffing and bylaws, corporate ventures, and resident disciplinary hearings. Prior to her position at Northwell, Reema concentrated her practice on corporate and compliance matters for the healthcare industry as an associate in Rivkin Radler’s Health Services Practice Group, assisting clients with general business transactions, regulatory compliance issues, and corporate matters while addressing federal and state antikickback statutes, self-referral statutes, and privacy rules.

She has helped clients develop alternative models for the delivery of care, including concierge and direct primary care practices and performing provider systems under the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (“DSRIP”) Program. In addition, Ms. Sultan has counseled clients on the implications of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and helps clients implement corporate compliance programs and compliance programs under the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (“HIPAA”).

Ms. Sultan graduated from Stony Brook University with a degree in health sciences and public health. While attending Hofstra University School of Law, Reema earned a certificate in health law and was selected as the Health Law and Policy Fellow for the Class of 2014. She was selected for the Leadership Development Program of the American Health Lawyers Association (“AHLA”) and serves as a social media coordinator for the AHLA’s Business Law and Governance Group. Ms. Sultan is on the board of Hearts in the Community, a non-profit organization dedicated to charitable endeavors. Ms. Sultan joined the Board in 2016.

## **Valerie Terzano**



Valerie Terzano is serving a third term as a Member-at-Large of the Board of Directors. In addition she is a member of the Council Nominating Committee.

Starting her career as a Nursing Supervisor at Winthrop University Hospital in 1982, Valerie Terzano currently holds the position of Chief Nursing Officer, Senior Vice President since 2000. She holds a Master of Science degree in Nursing Administration from Adelphi University and is currently seeking a PhD in Nursing from Molloy College. In 2008 Ms. Terzano received the Nursing Spectrum Excellence Award for Advancing and Leading the Profession. Her professional memberships include American Organization of Nurse Executives, Sigma Theta Tau, International Honor Society of Nursing, American Nurses Association, Emergency Nurses Association, American College of Healthcare Executives, and she is certified by the American Nurses Credentialing Center as Nurse Executive, Advanced. Valerie serves as chairperson of the Nassau Suffolk Hospital Council Nurse Executive Committee, and on the Curriculum Advisory Committee for Farmingdale State College. She is also a NYS Licensed Massage Therapist. She resides in Melville with her family.

### **Dermond Thomas**



Dermond Thomas is Director of Business Development, Corporate Counsel and Assistant Secretary of MSC Industrial Supply Co. which is based in Melville, NY. Mr. Thomas is responsible for leading the business development team's initiatives to drive company growth. He also leads the legal team's efforts on corporate transactions and litigation management and performs secretarial duties related to the MSC Board of Directors and its various Committees.

He holds a BA in Economics from Amherst College, a JD from Columbia Law School and Executive Education Certificates from Harvard Law School and the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Thomas is a member of the Association of Corporate Counsel. An elected official, Mr. Thomas serves as Deputy Mayor in the Village of Valley Stream. Mr. Thomas joined the Board in 2016.

### **Chloe Van Dorn**



Chloe Van Dorn is serving as a Member-at-Large of the Board of Directors and as a National Council Delegate for the 2017 National Council Session and 54th Annual Convention in Columbus, Ohio. Ms. Van Dorn, a Senior Girl Scout has been a Girl Scout for 10 years. Ms. Van Dorn served as a Council Delegate for the Jericho-Syosset Association of Girl Scouts of Nassau County. She also attended the Girl Scout Leadership Institute at the Girl Scout National Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah in 2014. Ms. Van Dorn earned her Girl Scout Silver Award in 2014 and will receive her Girl Scout Gold Award at the 100th Anniversary Celebration Ceremony in June 2016. For her Gold Award project, Ms. Van Dorn increased awareness and educated her community about the issue of the severe lack of sleep among teenagers today. Ms. Van

Dorn is a member of the GSNC Media Girls, attended North Shore-LIJ's "Career Exploration Camp" and other STEM programs. Ms. Van Dorn is proud to be a part of such a fantastic organization that offers girls once in a lifetime opportunities and experiences while having fun and volunteering in their community. Outside of Girl Scouts, Ms. Van Dorn is a tenth grade honors student at Syosset High School. She is currently the Vice President of the Syosset High School Robotics Club, Co-Vice President of the Syosset High School Symphony Orchestra and Assistant Officer of the Syosset High School Girls Who Code Club. Ms. Van Dorn is also an active member of the Syosset High School Mock Trial Team, a member of the Radio Club, where she hosts her own weekly radio show. In addition, Ms. Van Dorn is a founding member and Co-Captain of the Syosset High School Sailing Team. In June 2016, Ms. Van Dorn will represent Syosset Central School District as the only tenth grade student to participate in the Hugh O'Brian Youth State Leadership Conference, a three day leadership seminar for America's future leaders.

### **Irene Villacci**



Irene Villacci is serving a second term as a Member-at-Large of the Board of Directors. Ms. Villacci is currently the President of the Woman's Bar Association of the State of New York (WBASNY). Prior to this office, she served as an officer of WBASNY for four years, an active committee chair, and a Past President of the Nassau chapter. She is the sole proprietor of her law form, Irene V. Villacci, Attorney-at-Law, PLLC since 2007. Her practice concentrates on the areas of elder law, trusts and estates, guardianships and residential real estate.

Irene Villacci has a great passion for mentoring young people, especially young women. She was a Girl Scout in the original Troop established at St. Raymond's in East Rockaway. She welcomes the opportunity to continue her commitment to mentoring young women by serving on the Board of Directors of Girl Scouts of Nassau County.

## Allison Bishop White



Allison Bishop White, Director, Global Client Strategy of Bank of America Merrill Lynch is responsible for providing strategic direction to Financial Advisors. In addition, she is the Fiduciary Strategy Executive and supports the Optimal Practice Model and Goals Based Wealth Management efforts from a regulatory perspective. Ms. White focuses on strategically aligning new reforms and legal requirements with existing business initiatives; and seeks to identify specific goals, action plans and deliverables to support advisors in preparation for the new regulatory reforms.

Prior to joining Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Ms. White was employed at the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE Euronext) where she held a number of senior roles. She served as a Senior Trial Counsel and Director in the Enforcement Division, the Managing Director and Head of the Risk Assessment Group as well as the Vice President and Chief

Compliance Officer of NYSE Euronext. During her tenure at NYSE, she also served as a member of the Enforcement Disciplinary Action and Listing and Compliance Committees, Senior Advisor to NYSE Employee Resource Groups and was a member of the NYSE Euronext PAC Governing Board. Prior to joining the Financial Services Industry, she was a litigator in the New York County District Attorney's Office where she served in the Trial and Investigations Divisions.

Ms. White is a member of the New York City Bar Association, the Financial Women's Association, the New York State Medical Review Board and the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association. She also serves on the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards Public Policy Council and previously served on CFP Board's Business Model Council. She is a Trustee of the Congregational Church of South Hempstead, an Associate Member of Jack & Jill of Nassau County, a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and is a leader in the Merrill Lynch Women's Exchange and serves as a mentor. Ms. White is a graduate of Northeastern University and the Maurice A. Dean School of Law at Hofstra University. Ms. White joined the Board in 2016.