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Girl Scouts Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month



In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month the Girl Scouts of Nassau County Hispanic/Latino Task Force and Girl Scouts of Suffolk County attended Ballet Long Island's Spanish and Latin Dance Extravaganza. They took us on a trip to Spain and Latin America and experienced the relationship between Classical Ballet, Latin and Spanish dances such as the Flamenco, Tango and Salsa.

dates to remember

- December 24 to January 2** Girl Scout Service Center and Shop closed for holidays
- January 3-6** Shop Closed for Inventory
- January 7** Cookie Program Begins—Cookie Kick-Off at Local Malls
- January 13** Referrals due for Nominating Committee
- February 7** Camp Lottery Date
- February 22** World Thinking Day
- March 12** Happy 100th Anniversary GSUSA!
- March 18** Adult Recognitions Ceremony Hofstra University Student Center Theatre
- March 31** Cookie Program Ends
- April 22** Leader Appreciation Day
- May 21** Annual Meeting, DeMatteis Center, Greenvale, NY

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In Memory of:

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The "Birthday Bash on the Bay" was "Dee-lightful!" in the words of our host, President Theodore Roosevelt.

The Party Begins!



Over 1300 Girl Scouts and their leaders enjoyed a beautiful day at Sagamore Hill. The weather was crisp, the cupcakes were sweet and the girls had a great time. A special treat of the day was meeting our birthday girl, Juliette Gordon Low who made time to chat and visit with all her guests.



Special thanks to Thomas Ross, Sherry Justus and the staff of Sagamore Hill National Historic Site for all their help! Check out our Flickr and YouTube pages to see pictures and videos of the day.



Spotlight Item

New! Official 100th Anniversary Pin with "Girl Scouts' 1912-2012" stamped on back (\$3.00) is available at our Girl Scout Council Shop and online store.

Wouldn't you love to have Juliette Gordon Low at your Troop or Association 100th Anniversary Celebration? Contact Stgeorg1@optonline.net for details.





The 5 Skills in Action: How Cookies Funded Their Fun

When the ELLM Association's Senior Troop 2458 of Lynbrook decided they wanted to go to Italy, the girls knew they would have to work hard to fund their fun.

The Goal: An April, 2012 trip to Florence and Rome.

Decision Making: They started selling cookies last year and will continue through this cookie season. Last year, the Troop had 4 big booth sales and sold cookies after church and at local sporting events. They made almost \$1200 in cookie money!

Money Management: The 9 girls in the Troop are hoping to raise 1/3 of the cost of the trip for each girl through cookies and other fundraising activities.

Business Ethics and People Skills:

The girls' Leader Joanne Matassa said she is so proud of the girls and the great efforts they have made. "The girls are excited to be celebrating Girl Scouts 100th Anniversary with their sister Girl Guides in Italy. They purchased 100th Anniversary tins from the recent Mags&Munchies sale to bring as presents to the Girl Guides they will be meeting in Italy."

Now that's what we call being a sister to every Girl Scout!
Arrivederci!



WHAT CAN A GIRL SCOUT COOKIE DO?

It can help girls learn more about:

- Goal Setting
- Decision Making
- Money Management
- People Skills
- Business Ethics

The Girl Scout Cookie® Program is a key part of your girl's experience in Girl Scouting. Much more than a way to raise money, the Cookie Program is a hands-on leadership and entrepreneurial opportunity. These are skills that last far beyond the Cookie Season.

Proceeds can bring clean water to people in Africa, document the history of your local town, bring girls to international destinations, build a Habitat for Humanity house, feed the hungry, clothe the homeless and fund your Troop's activities for the year!

When you support the Girl Scout Cookie® Program, you're supporting a better world!

All of the proceeds from the Cookie program stay in Nassau County to fund council and Troop activities.



Cookie News for 2012

We'll be continuing to sell six varieties of Girl Scout Cookies for our 100th Anniversary. In addition to Thin Mints, Samoas, Tagalongs, Do-si-dos and Trefoils, this year we're adding Savannah Smiles, a crisp lemon cookie dusted with powdered sugar.



Did you know that our Cookies have...

- No High Fructose Corn Syrup
- No Hydrogenated oils in five varieties
- No artificial colors
- 100% real cocoa
- Nutritious whole grain oats and real peanut butter in Do-si-dos
- 4 nut-free Cookie varieties.

What do you do with your cookie money?

Girl Scout Junior Sophia LaScala sold 2222 boxes of cookies last season. Her original motivating factor was to sell enough to get the laptop computer. After that she wanted to be top seller for Nassau County and she wanted to go to Girl Scout Camp Blue Bay all summer (for the entire 6 weeks). With "individual accounting" and Cookie credits, she was able to pay for 3 out of the 6 weeks at camp!

Sophia figured out how many boxes she would have to sell per week to meet her goal. It was hard some weeks, but in the end she did it. She sold cookies to everyone she knew or met, family and friends. She asked store owners if they wanted to donate to the military, through Operation Cookie, or buy cookies.

"Overall, I would have to say it was easy to sell Girl Scout Cookies because they are so popular." Sophia's mom stated; "When Sophia puts her mind to something she usually accomplishes it."

Why not see what you can do...



Bring a Critical Issues Program to Your Group!

Are your girls experiencing relationship, bullying, or body image issues? Need advice on how to talk about these issues?

The Critical Issues Initiative helps girls and adults address these topics. Go to www.gsnc.org/criticalissues/programs or contact Eliza Zipper, Advocacy and Critical Issues Coordinator, at zipper@gsnc.org or 516.741.2550 ext. 254.

A Film Screening and Discussion

Killing Us Softly 4, a documentary on perceptions of females in media images

Wednesday, January 11th
Baylis Elementary School Library, 580 Woodbury Road, Plainview

Adults are invited to explore how the media reinforces unhealthy perceptions of beauty, perfection, and sexuality and how to address these concerns in your home or group.

*Troop Leaders will explore how to use the Girl Scout Journey and Girl Guide books to address these issues.

Important: This film contains some violent and sexual images, and is for adult audiences only.

Online Registration is required for this FREE program at www.gsnc.org. Click on "Program Spotlight."

For more information or to find out how to bring this program to your group, contact Eliza Zipper at zipper@gsnc.org or 516.741.2550 ext. 254.



GSNC Theatri-gals

invite you to our
third annual
performance!

Theatri-gals is a group of Girl Scout Juniors and Cadettes who develop an original theater performance based around a theme that they choose together.

And what would all this work be without a show? This show will be performed for families, friends and fellow Girl Scouts.

- Who:** All Girl Scout levels; individuals/Troops
- When:** March/April 2012
- Where:** TBA
- Cost:** \$7 per ticket in advance, \$8 at door

NEW for 2012 – a Troop/girl interactive drama program InterACT; look for information in the Spring 2012 Issue of Possibilities.

Check www.gsnc.org/onstage for updates and to purchase tickets.

Contact: Melanie Trainor-Gomez, Director, TrainorM@gsnc.org or 516.741.2550 ext. 268



Save the Date for Girls Go the Distance Sunday, April 22, 2012!

Girls Go the Distance is a walkathon and fundraiser that brings together families, Troops, community and local corporations to support GSNC's Healthy Living Initiatives. Join the walk, and enjoy entertainment, activities and education - all centered around the Healthy Living theme. Registration will begin in February 2012. Stay tuned for more information!



Girl Scouts of Nassau County Presents Empowering ME!

Saturday, January 7th, 2012
8am – 4:30pm
Briarcliffe College,
Bethpage Campus

Join us for a full day of informative, interactive workshops facilitated by experts in their field. Q&A panel to follow. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. (Representatives of Colleges and Universities will be present during the hours of 11am to 2pm). Everything you need to know about scholarships, social life, career options and more. Informative sessions for parents too!

Advance registration is required by December 15th. To register for this conference, go to www.gsnc.org/program

Questions? Call Antoinette Agosta, 516.741.2550 ext. 216 or agostaa@gsnc.org

