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- February 22** World Thinking Day
- March 12** GSUSA Anniversary!
- March 13** Adult Recognitions Awards Ceremony
DeMatteis Center, Greenvale, NY
- April 15** Cookie Program Ends
- April 22** Leader Appreciation Day



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In Memory of:

Ruth Ann Williams -
(Mother of Emily Hartman)
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In Honor of:

Bonnie and Reilly Porzio -
Morgan Porzio

Congratulations:

Catherine Mottola "Catho" -
(on completing 10 years as
Camp Director) 2010 Camp
Blue Bay Staff and Carol Mottola

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ninety-nine
years ...

and counting!



On March 12, 2011, Girl Scouts will celebrate its 99th Birthday!
Wow! Who knew the impact of that historic telephone call from Juliette Gordon Low to her cousin? When she said "I've got something for the girls of Savannah, and all of America, and all the world, and we're going to start it tonight!" She meant it! Over the past 99 years the Girl Scout Leadership Experience has blossomed and grown from the original 18 girls to 3.7 million members, and has influenced more than 50 million girls, women and men who have belonged to the movement. During the next few months we hope you will celebrate this milestone with us and help us launch the celebration of our 100th Anniversary!

Some exciting events are planned for 2011 as the launch to our 100th Anniversary. On April 11, 2011, we will hold a Girl Scout Cookie Baking Contest as part of our Alumnae Celebrations. June is the month to participate in the "Girls Go the Distance Walkathon" and in September we will plant "100 Trees for 100 Years" at Camp Blue Bay. In 2012, Camp Blue Bay will also celebrate its 65th Anniversary, another big milestone for GSNC. On October 29, 2011, the "TR and Daisy's Birthday Bash on the Bay" will honor Juliette Gordon Low and Theodore Roosevelt's Birthdays at Sagamore Hill. Don't forget to submit your recipes and/or artwork for our 100th Anniversary Cookbook. We are going to need your help to make these events a success. So keep a look-out for volunteer opportunities and ways to participate.

These activities and events are just the start of our celebration. Plans are under way for even more events in 2012. It is going to be a very exciting year for Girl Scouting and GSNC. Stay tuned for more information about a joint celebration of 100 Years of Girl Scouting with our sister Girl Scouts.

Registration has begun for
**Girls Go the Distance
Walkathon and Activity Fair**

Join us on Sunday, June 5, 2011 at SUNY College at Old Westbury for the second annual Girls Go the Distance Walkathon and Activity Fair. Girls Go the Distance is a walkathon, activity fair and fundraiser that brings together families, Troops, communities and local corporations to support GSNC's Healthy Living Initiative. Join the walk, and enjoy entertainment and activities--all centered around a Healthy Living theme.



Register your Troop by going to gsnc.kintera.org/walk. Everyone who raises \$35 or more will receive a fun incentive pack that includes an event t-shirt, patch and more. Please contact Sherry McGrath at 516.741.2550 ext. 240 with questions.

Congratulations to our Create-A-Patch contest winner Grace Y. of Troop 1299, Floral Park/Bellerose/Stewart Manor Association



NEW for 2011: Council Event - Girl Scout Baking Contest

We are looking for Troops to make a dessert using our Girl Scout Cookies. GSNC's Fund Development Department will host a Cookie Baking Contest at the 2011 Alumni Celebration on April 11th. Any Brownie or Junior Troop can participate. Go to www.gsnc.org for more information on how to register or call Antoinette Agosta at 516.741.2550 ext. 216 or agostaa@gsnc.org.

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a new opportunity for Girls 14 and Above

Girls 14 and above can now be elected to serve a 1-year term as a delegate for their Association, giving them a hands-on experience with the democratic process. As we begin the 100th year of Girl Scouting, girls WILL be part of the voting body. A special evening has been set up to give girls an overview of what governance is all about. Girls will discover how women in government are making a difference; they will participate in a mock delegate meeting-- and receive a FREE Go Girl, Govern patch! Girl Scouts of Nassau County Delegates and Board Members will share how you can make an impact within our Council and your local Association. Visit the Governance page of our website for more information about the event and/or becoming a delegate.



- When:** March 3, 2011, 7:00 – 8:30pm
- Where:** Girl Scout Service Center, 110 Ring Road West, Garden City
- Register:** www.gsnc.org Click on "Girls" then Register for Program
- Cost:** FREE
- Questions:** Call/email Joyce Wagner, 516.742.2550 ext. 225, wagnerj@gsnc.org
- Important:** Maximum is 50 people, No Tag-Alongs

Girl Scout Leadership Institute and 52nd GSUSA National Convention

Houston, TX, Nov 10-13, 2011

Girl Scouts of Nassau County is seeking to form a delegation of 6 girls (age 14-18) and 1 adult chaperone to connect with over 1500 girls from across the country at the Girl Scout Leadership Institute (GSLI). This unique Nov 10, 2011 event will allow girls to meet and discuss issues that are personally relevant to them and the growth of the Girl Scout movement. Following the Girl Scout Leadership Institute, our girl delegation will attend the Girl Scouts of the USA National Convention as official visitors. Participants will be responsible for their own airfare.

For an application and additional information visit our website at www.gsnc.org or contact Laura Bissett-Carr at BissettL@gsnc.org or 516.741.2550 ext. 233



Introducing our NEW Leadership Award

Girl Scouts of Nassau County has introduced our new Leadership Award for Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors. You can find the requirements on www.gsnc.org website: click on Resource Room, Council Patch Programs and you will see Leadership Award Pin for Senior and Ambassadors. This pin is awarded to girls in grades 9 through 12 who have worked to further build the leadership skills that Girl Scouting develops. This pin is a stand-alone award that reflects the leader in your position.



camp 2011

Be sure to check out our Summer Camp Brochure for the most up-to-date information about our Summer Camp programs.

Camp Information Nights

Drop in to meet staff and learn more about our programs

March 7 or April 14, 2011

7:30 – 8:30pm

Girl Scout Service Center

For more information, brochure and registration forms visit our website at www.gsnc.org or call Laura Bissett-Carr, Manager, Program & Outdoor Services at 516.741.2550. ext. 233.



Camp Blue Bay News & Notes

Laura Bissett-Carr, Manager, Program & Outdoor Services



Highlights

- Renovations to Port and Starboard Troop House bathrooms have been completed
- New signs were installed to help you find your way around the camp

Looking to the future

- Staff House bathroom will receive a remodel in 2011
- Tajars bathhouse will be rebuilt and ready for use for Summer 2011



Hunt down a quiet spot to tone up with a little yoga...or choose from many other activities.

When: Saturday, May 14, 2011, 10:00am – 3:30pm
Where: Briarcliffe College, 1055 Stewart Avenue, Bethpage, New York 11714
Cost: \$15 (bring brown bag lunch) or \$20 (pizza and beverage included)

Questions: Please contact Joyce Wagner at 516.741.2550 ext. 225 or wagnerj@gsnc.org.
Important: Visit www.gsnc.org for a complete workshop listing and registration information.

Girl Scouts on Stage!

The GSNC *Theatri-Gals!* invite you to our second annual performance! Theatri-Gals is a program that brings together a group of Junior and Cadette Girl Scouts who devise a theater piece based around a theme that they choose together.

This show will be performed for families, friends and fellow Girl Scouts. Come see the show and you'll be able to participate in a special patch program.

Who: All Girl Scout levels; individuals and Troops

When: Friday, March 25, 2011 and Saturday, March 26, 2011; dates subject to change

Where: To be Announced

Cost: \$6 per ticket. Check the website at <http://www.gsnc.org/onstage/> for updates and to purchase tickets.

Contact: Melanie Trainor-Gomez, Director, TrainorM@gsnc.org



Help Our Girls Earn Gold

Our Council Gold Award Committee is a group of volunteers who are dedicated to helping girls to achieve this highest award in Girl Scouting. We are looking for additional members for our group. If you can relate to high school aged girls, and have some time to devote to them, please contact Marie Rauch at rauchm@gsnc.org or 516.741.2550, ext. 217. Visit our website www.gsnc.org/volunteers to see a more detailed description of this volunteer position.



Critical Issues

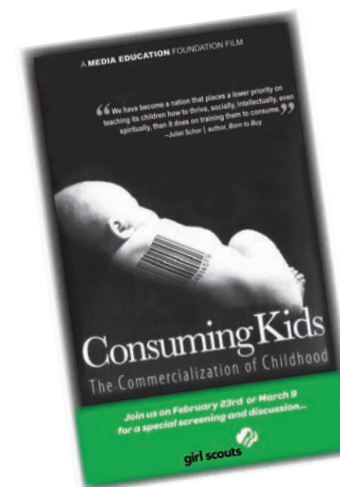
On my honor I'll be your friend, but...

- By self-report, 4th grade students were less likely than 5th grade students to tell someone they wouldn't be friends with them anymore unless that person did what they wanted them to do.
- When asked about whether or not they had told lies about someone in the past three months, more 5th graders responded they had not as opposed to the 4th graders (88% vs. 63%)

Data was analyzed by Senior Psychology Major at Molloy College, Tara Donlon under the supervision of Melissa Gebbia, Ph.D. and ELLM volunteer. The surveys were funded by the Jewish Women's Foundation of New York. Read more at www.gsnc.org/criticalissues.

It's Not Too Late!

If you are part of a Jewish school, synagogue or community center, you may be eligible to receive healthy relationship programming under a grant from the Jewish Women's Foundation of New York. Girls will receive a series of six workshops focused on bullying, cyberbullying, leadership and changing the culture of peer aggression. Funding continues to the end of June 2011, and also provides for parent and staff development workshops. For more information contact Danielle Skurnick, LMSW, Liaison to the Jewish Community at skurnickd@gsnc.org. You can also reach Danielle in the office on Tuesdays and Fridays at 516-741-2550 ext. 255.



Join us for a screening and discussion about

"Consuming Kids: The Commercialization of Childhood"

Girls and Adults ~ Please Join the Conversation and Help Us to Develop an Action Plan ...

Wednesday, February 23

or Wednesday, March 9

at 7:00pm in Room A.

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Kids are multi-tasking with media in a way their parents never did: surfing the web, watching TV, listening to their iPods, and streaming media over their smart phones. Kids are bombarded with over 3,000 commercial messages every day urging, coaxing and cajoling them to Buy More • Have More • Eat More • Want More.

R.S.V.P. to speaker@gsnc.org and tell us which session you will attend. Seating is limited.