

A History of Girl Scouts of Nassau County



Since 1918/19
Celebrating the first 100 years





The Girl Scouts of Nassau County Living History Museum was established in 1986 when a request was made to our membership to donate pre-1940 adult and girl uniforms, handbooks, publications, etc. The response from the membership was overwhelming.

They first exhibited in January 1987 at the start of the 75th Anniversary of Girl Scouting celebration. The collection of council memorabilia has expanded considerably and now enables the Living History Museum to exhibit various items at our GSNC Service Center.

Carol Gorst and the Living History Committee have done a wonderful job in preserving the history of our council for future generations of Girl Scouts. They have prepared "A Living History Box," which troops/ groups may borrow from the Volunteer Resource Center (VRC). Carol even designed the Living History logo/patch and "would love to see more girls getting involved as Museum Aides." Also available for loan from the VRC are vintage uniforms in a variety of sizes, which the girls may try on.

Today's Living History members are from left, Barbara Betkowski, Chris Kani, Pat Amoroso, Martha Naples, and Carol Gorst.



It is with great honor and privilege that Girl Scouts of Nassau County presents to you 100 years of our history in Nassau County. This book, *A History of Girl Scouts of Nassau County* represents our tapestry, it illustrates who we were and who we have become. We are a council created over 100 years ago from the first Girl Scout troop in Lynbrook. As you explore this book, you will see how we have grown and changed over the years, while still staying true to our mission. Through our programs, camps, community service, Gold Award

Girl Scouts, dedicated board members and volunteers we continue to serve girls and their families in Nassau County. This book is full of our stories—stories of friendships and adventures, stories of service, and stories of achievement. We all carry our Girl Scout stories with us and on their own they only seem important to us. Together our stories show the power of the Girl Scout Movement and the history of this council.

Capturing 100 years of stories in one place is no easy feat. I would like to thank the Living History Committee, who represent some of our most dedicated volunteers for all of the time they spent collecting stories and sorting through photographs for this book. We appreciate all of the work they do to maintain our many treasures.

As we move into the next century, I ask that you take a moment to think about who we will be in the future. Girl Scouts has always remained true to its past while trying to stay current to the needs of today's girls. I wonder what tomorrow's girl will need and how we can support her as she grows and learns. I look forward to being part of that movement and sharing those stories.

Yours in Scouting,

Randell M. Bynum
Chief Executive Officer



In the Beginning ...

Sometime around 1918 a few girls in Nassau County heard about a new organization just for girls. It was started by a lady in Savannah, Georgia, by the name of Juliette Gordon Low.

The girls checked into it as something that might be fun for them to do. It seemed to offer everything. They could wear special clothes, learn new skills and use their old skills in new ways. Thus, the first Girl Scout troops were formed in Nassau County, becoming an early part of what would become a worldwide youth movement.

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The history of our Council is recounted here, to preserve the legacy of those early, pioneering troops in Nassau County.

This booklet is a labor of love compiled by a group of dedicated volunteers and is based on available information in Girl Scouts of Nassau County's archives, as well as the recollections and memories of these volunteers. If you have dates/facts/records to supplement our history, and if you have memories to share, please let us know.

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TIMELINE

1918/1919

- First troop started in Lynbrook

1924/1926

- Nassau County Council formed

1935

- North Nassau Council, Central Nassau Council, South Nassau Council formed

- Four Port Washington girls invested as Golden Eagles

1940

- Mid Island Council formed

- Radio publicity — "Play With a Purpose"

1947

- Central Nassau Council dissolves — it becomes Courthouse Council, Hub Council, Sewanhaka Council

1954

- Lady Baden-Powell, Chief Girl Guide from London, England visits

1956

- First Roundup of Senior Girl Scouts at Pontiac, Michigan, Highland Park. The four councils located in Nassau sent a total of 26 girls

1957

- 8 girls from Mid Island Council attend International Conference in honor of Lord Baden-Powell at Duck Lake, Ontario

1957/1958

- West Nassau Council chartered, composed of Hub, Courthouse, and Sewanhaka Councils

1959

- Second Roundup at Colorado Springs, 48 girls attended

1962

- Third Roundup at Button Bay, Vermont, 32 girls attended

1964

- Mid Island sent 4 girls to 4 different all-state encampments

- Manhasset sent 1 girl to Sweden as community ambassador, 2 girls to Mexico in an open-door exchange

1965

- Nassau Council of Girl Scouts formed

- Fourth roundup at Farragut, Idaho, 36 girls attended

- Mid Island sent a girl to represent American Girl Scouts at an international gathering. Svenska Scoutförbundet, Sweden

- Many councils sent delegations to meet Princess Margaret Rose of Great Britain at Girl Scout National Headquarters

- At Mid Island Council, two new groups were introduced — a chorus of girls 10-17, later named the Mid Island Minne singers, and the International Flag Corps (Cadettes and Seniors)

- Perry Como headed a fund drive

- Courier newsletter started

1966

- Mid Island Council invited to serve as "in transit" hostesses to international guests

- Mid Island sent 1 girl to all-states encampment in North Carolina, and 1 girl to Honolulu for East-West conference

- Girl Scout Week: Girls were on the Ray Heatherton Breakfast Show broadcast from Mid Island Plaza, Hicksville

1967

- First Daisy Ball at the New York Hilton, "black tie"

1968

- Daisy Ball in March at The Garden City Hotel

- Daisy Ball at Terrace on the Park

- Nassau Council Girls Scouts appear in film *We're Going Troop Camping*

- ELLM Community Brownies featured in March Girl Scout calendar

1975

- Green Circle program started

1976

- "Yankee Doodle Jamboree" held for the U.S.A. Bicentennial

- New office building purchased in April 1976

1977

- January— New office building dedicated and Open House held

- Cookbook published. *Nassau Cooks*

- September— Mid Island and Nassau Councils began operating as one council

1982

- "Gift of Water"— Nassau Council water conservation project for the 70th anniversary. Girls attend special ceremony at UN announcing "Gift of Water"

- June— first Gold Award ceremony

- Kathy Lee Johnson (Gifford) and David Hartman *Good Morning America* interview council members

1984

- First "Go for the Green" golf tournament at Brookville Country Club

1986

- Nassau Council Girl Scouts become Girl Scouts of Nassau County, Inc. (GSNC)

1987

- GSNC girls featured on Girl Scout Cookie boxes

1988

- Chorus began with Marion Dreyfus
- Anniversary Corporate Luncheon at The Garden City Hotel

- New Girl Scout Chorus made its debut

- Friendship Tree introduced

1989

- Newly renovated office building dedicated, Barbara White, President

1992

- GSNC girls featured in Girl Scout video by GSUSA *Girls Only, All Girls*

1993

- Girls presented flags at the dedication of GSUSA new headquarters

- Girls star in new fitness video *Be Your Best*

1997

- Circle of Friends initiated by Ann Butera, Pat Motschmann, Jackie Hennelly, Marianne Templeton, Henrietta Tuthill and Barbara White (past presidents)

1998

- Council website started

1999

- Living History Museum dedicated

2000

- GSNC contributes to the County Time Capsule

2001

- Ceremonial Unit formed

2002

- 10,000 Girl Scouts celebrated GSUSA's 90th Anniversary at "Sing Out For America" at Madison Square Garden.

2005

- GSNC hosts the fifth Annual National Latina Conference

- 46 girls go to Space Camp in Huntsville, AL

- Ambassadors on Call became Media Girls

2006

- GSNC Chorus records "True Colors" for the background of Dove's Super Bowl Commercial

2008

- Girlfest is held at Broadway Mall

- Sending boxes of cookies to the soldiers overseas "A Taste of Home"

- Helped supply meals with collected food donations delivered to Island Harvest

- First Lego League— "Energy Resources— meeting the global demand." Put together a presentation for the competition

- GSNC implemented GSUSA's new Girl Scout Leadership experience by encouraging girls to discover themselves, connect with others, and take action to make the world a better place

- Ambassador level added to Girl Scouts

2009

- GSNC expanded digital presence— Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Blog, 3G and 4G portable devices.

2010

- *Guinness Book of World Records*— Cookie Tower

2011

- Birthday Bash on the Bay

2012

- 100th Anniversary of GSUSA

2013

- Gala celebrating GSUSA's centennial

- GSNC Girl Scouts appear on Girl Scout Cookie Boxes

2016

- Gold Award Anniversary (100th Anniversary of Highest Award)

- Council office renovation begins

2017

- 100th anniversary of Girl Scouts selling cookies

- Council office renovation finished

2018/19

- 100th Anniversary of Girl Scouting in Nassau County

Did you know?



1912

18 members were registered in the first Girl Scout troop in Savannah (today Girl Scouts of Nassau County has almost 17,000 registered girls and over 5,000 adult members)

1914

First official uniform available from the national organization (blue or khaki skirt and blouse, black kerchief tied four-in hand, wide brimmed campaign hat)

1915

National membership dues were 25 cents.

1916

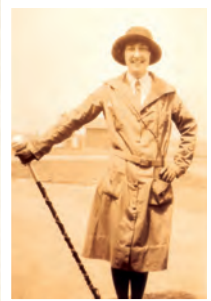
First handbook, *How Girls Can Help Their Country* was introduced. Now books are available for all levels dealing with a variety of topics in science and technology, business and financial literacy, and outdoor and environmental awareness.

Girl Scouting provides girls with opportunities for fun and friendship while fostering the development of leadership skills and self-esteem.



A BRIEF HISTORY

There is some question as to exactly where the first troop in Nassau County was started, but it occurred approximately 1918/1919 and most likely in Lynbrook. Records show that Mrs. Howard Whitney of Glen Cove led the first group of adult volunteers.



Mrs. W.E. Thomas of Garden City (Mary was her first name but women were identified by their husband's name in those days) was appointed the National Organizer in Nassau County in November 1923. In lieu of a salary,

Mary was to receive gasoline and tires for her car from the \$1300 allotted to the Girl Scouts by the Nassau County Welfare Board. She also received 25 sheets of notepaper and envelopes, some literature and 12 Troop Committee forms. In 1926, Mary had become the County Director and was actively "working on the formation of the Nassau Council." She wrote to Mrs. Cosgrove in Sea Cliff, "Don't forget, I am still counting on you to find a man for our council, preferably someone to go on the finance committee." By that November, the new council was serving 32 troops and had a quota of \$320 toward the National budget.

Miss Amy Steeb arrived on the scene in September 1928 when she was welcomed by Sara Baylis Johnson, the Council Commissioner (whom we now would refer to as President) at the Mineola railroad station and was brought to the council office on Old Country Road (the old Red Cross building.) This office

had formerly been an army barracks for Camp Mills, but soon proved to be too small for the growing council, so a new location was found on Mineola Boulevard.

Gradually, the council became seen as too large and was subdivided into four smaller units: Five Towns, North Nassau, South Nassau and Central Nassau, with Port Washington following shortly thereafter.

The council continued to develop but not without some growing pains. Mrs. Gladys Bingham recalls, "When Central Nassau broke up, Hub, Courthouse and Sewanhaka each received \$1,500, and for the want of a fairer way to divide the office furniture, they used a deck of playing cards. Courthouse Council got a large filing cabinet, Hub received a great big desk and Sewanhaka got a hat rack and a tiny desk with a chair that pinched anyone who sat on it."

Girl Scouts of Nassau County's need for office space was reflected by the growth of its membership.

As Nassau County became more residential in the 1930s, 40s, 50s, and 60s, Girl Scout troops were springing up everywhere.

In 1965 GSNC moved its council offices near Roosevelt Field. In 1976 the council, once again in the search for more space, moved to our current location at 110 Ring

Road West, Roosevelt Field, Garden City.

Over the years, as the council grew it presented many innovative programs to the girls. There was a horseback riding program and camps were sprouting up all over the Island. Camping was extremely popular and our council camps were many—starting with Camp Grey Beech at Wildwood State Park. Camp Tekawitha (named for a Native American woman) was established in 1939 with the proceeds from the Cookie Sale. In 1946 Camp Blue Bay in East Hampton and Camp Edey in Bayport were acquired.

Two years later, Camp Françoise Barstow in Miller Place was dedicated and in 1958 Camp Wenasco in Cuddebackville, NY was purchased. Westdale was acquired in the late 60s, early 70s.

The foot print of the Council changed again as the girl population in Nassau County continued to grow during the baby boomer years. During this time period, Middle Island Council and Nassau Council provided Girl Scouting in the County. This would change in 1965, when the two councils merged and began divesting itself of under-utilized camp property to help finance the work of Girl Scouts of Nassau



County. In 2006, the council sold Camp Tekawitha to the Nature Conservancy and the Town of South Hampton. Camp Blue Bay, our sleepaway camp, continues to offer today's girls an outdoor experience as part of their Girl Scout journey.

Today, Girl Scouts of Nassau County is one council made up of 35 Service Units, loosely based on the villages and school districts in Nassau County. The council continues to occupy 110 Ring Road West in Garden City and in 2017, a major renovation was completed to the building bringing it into the 21st century.

Our membership has grown to almost 17,000 girls with the support of 5,000 adult volunteers, and our programs have broadened in scope. In 2008, GSUSA revised the national program to include a series of journeys based on three overarching themes and established outcome measurements to help our parents, volunteers and supporters understand the impact of Girl Scouting on girls. Girl Scouts continues to be a place where girls learn by doing, is girl led and a safe place for all. Our program continues to evolve and is focused on building the future leaders of America. We now offer S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology Engineering and Math) based programming along with career exploration, entrepreneurial and financial literacy as well as great outdoor experiences. If girls want to build rockets, design a sustainable aquaponics system, build habitats for local wildlife, learn to fish, change a tire, develop culinary skills, learn animation, design and code a website, use sign language, sing in a chorus or advocate for the things they believe in, they can!

Today's Girl Scouts are Go-getters, Innovators, Risk-takers and Leaders who owe their legacy to the 59 million women who came before them in the Girl Scout Movement.

What does the future hold for our council? Only time will tell, but it's sure to be an exciting, fun-filled, girl-led journey! ♦

"The work of today is the history of tomorrow and we are its makers."

— JULIETTE GORDON LOW

A Tribute to Jacqueline Hennelly... Jackie... Our Dear Jackie!



As Past President of Girl Scouts of Nassau County, Jackie was able to bring the two separate Nassau County councils together, forming a larger, well working unit. GSNC is now able to accomplish so much more for the girls due to her leadership. Jackie continued to serve GSNC by participating on the Board's Finance Committee and our Living History Committee.

Our little Living History Committee worked so well together. We would follow Jackie's lead and chuckle as we worked, thanks to her sense of humor and that ever present twinkle in her eye! She always had such warmth about her and it put everyone at ease, whether it was a young Girl Scout, a teenage student from one of her classes, or even our committee mascot, one-year old Charlie, one of our member's grandsons. Charlie would crawl under our worktable to find Jackie because they made each other laugh! She spoke to him like a grown-up. Whenever her bugle came into the conversation, Jackie was ready to jump right up and give us a "fanfare for the common woman." She was the resident heart and soul of GSNC and the Living History Committee. Even though our Girl Scout motto is "Be Prepared" we were definitely NOT prepared to say goodbye to our dear friend. As a group, the Living History Committee is the lucky band of Girl Scouts that can and will carry Jacqueline Hennelly in our hearts forever!





ROUND-UP

by Chris Kani

Round-up was a unique Senior girl opportunity. It was offered five times, four times nationally, and once regionally. They included Michigan in 1956, Colorado in 1959, Vermont in 1962, Idaho in 1965 and the regional one in New York in 1968.

As a Senior Girl Scout in the 1950s and 60s one of the greatest highlights of your career was to be selected to attend round-up. There were many requirements to apply and very stiff competition. We were sent as a patrol of eight girls to represent our council. I jumped at the chance to apply with the anticipation of traveling to some far off place in the country. Much to my surprise I was selected to attend the round-up being offered right here in upstate New York. Oh! Well! So much for traveling the country. Round-up was an experience I will remember forever. I will treasure the girls I "camped" with from around the country and world and will always remember the look on the young soldiers' faces as we descended on the military base at Camp Drum which hosted the round-up.

PROGRAM

At Girl Scouts of Nassau County, our girls have been preparing for a lifetime of leadership, success, and adventure in a safe space designed for and by girls for the last 100 years!

How? Through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience—a collection of engaging, challenging, and fun activities like earning badges, going on awesome trips, selling cookies, exploring science, getting outdoors, and doing community service projects that make the world a better place.

Our knowledge of the early program offerings for Girl Scouts in Nassau County is limited. We know that girls were given the opportunity to earn merit badges, enjoy the wonders of the outdoors, and learn life-skills like first aid, electricity, child nurse and telegrapher to name a few.



They performed community service and were good citizens. All building blocks of our current program.

Learning was a big part of "Program." In the 1970s, there was a winter survival experience of backpacking called "Operation Ice Cube." At Old Bethpage Village Restoration, the girls learned how people lived on Long Island years ago. The Old Bethpage event was held for quite a few

years and was very popular. There was also a sports program, a Brownie Bump-off and a Junior Jump-off.

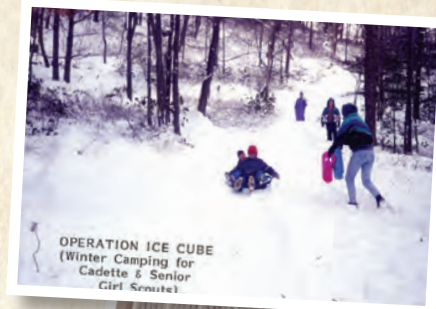
In 1973 a favorite event was "City, Sand and Surf," shared with neighboring councils. This included trips to Jones Beach, the Bronx Zoo, family picnics and sailing on Long Island Sound. Our New York Adventures included visiting our National Headquarters, the UN and the Empire State Building.

In 1976, we celebrated our country's bicentennial with a "Yankee Doodle Dandy" program. We also took part in helping others, including "Toys for Tots," which consisted of creating Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls for the Marine Corps collection.

We were environmentally conscientious in the 1980s. "Conserve-Preserve" was about conserving Long Island's waters, and clear water sailing, where the girls learned about the estuaries, pollution, and weather. We also had the "Gift of Water" project.

A Red Cross babysitting course was offered to Junior Girl Scouts by a trained instructor. They were taught the care of infants and children, from diapering a baby, to emergency first aid. A girl felt a sense of being trusted and of responsibility when handed her certificate at the end of the course.

On designated Saturdays, Westbury Music Fair was the place to be to enjoy the theater arts. Girls enjoyed learning, whether it was about the life of Harriet Tubman or the crazy antics of *Freaky Friday*.



In 1990, during "Operation Desert Shield," the girls packed "goodie" boxes for servicemen and women. Today this spirit of patriotism continues in our latest project, Operation Cookie where customers are asked to purchase boxes of cookies to send to the servicemen and women overseas. Diversity and global awareness were supported by the "World of Difference" program in 1990 and "Worldfest I" in 1998. Both these programs offered girls and volunteers the opportunity to explore

"Girl Scouting rises within you and inspires you to put forth your best."

— JULIETTE GORDON LOW



their uniqueness and communality while learning about each other.

As we moved into the next century, we continued our emphasis on understanding our diverse world while integrating the arts into "Worldfest II," with its Ticket to the Arts theme. In 2005 we hosted GSUSA's National Latina Conference bringing Latinas from across the country to Nassau County to celebrate their heritage. This led to CelebrASIAN another cultural conference for the girls to learn more about their neighbors and friends.

In 1998, GSNC went "high tech" with our first council website. Our council put together a time capsule in 2000 that was opened on the 100th National anniversary, in March, 2012.

Since 1988, Girl Scouts of Nassau County has had a chorus composed of girls ages 8 to 17 from throughout our membership. The biggest thrill for the Chorus came when our girls were asked to record the vocals for "True Colors" for a Dove commercial to be aired during the Super Bowl game in 2006. For our 95th National Anniversary in 2007, the GSNC Chorus was given the opportunity to travel to Washington, DC to sing on the Washington Mall for over 300,000 people.

One of the most attended events for girls was "GIRLFEST," where girls interacted with adults and other girls, learned more about Girl Scouting, shared what they did know,

and just had fun. The first GIRLFEST was held at the Broadway Mall in Hicksville in 2008.

The Girl Scout Cookies and Mags&Munchies... and More programs (formerly QSP program) are much more than a way to raise money. These entrepreneurial programs are important girl-driven programs which serve them well in life, as well as in business.

The skills they learn are: goal setting, decision making, money management, business ethics, and people skills.

The money earned goes to help the troop carry out their activities, as well as funding council programs for girls,

training lead-

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experience.

Both pro-

grams have a

philanthropic

component to

them (Opera-

tion Cookie and Operation Stop

Hunger), which teaches girls the value of

giving back to others.

In the last ten years, GSNC has placed an increased emphasis on the STEM program, widening girls' minds on the topics of science, technology, engineering, and math.



As part of the initiative, our girls were introduced to the Lego Robotics Program in 2008. Initially funded by a grant from Motorola it was originally aimed at girls ages 9-14. The girls worked in teams, led by a coach and were challenged to create a robot to solve a specific problem. The girls competed locally and winners could move up to state and national level competitions. The teams earned medals in categories such as Strategy, Innovation, Design, Programming and Teamwork. More importantly, they learned that science can be enjoyable and rewarding, opening up a new world of opportunities for them. We are proud of the Robotics Teams—many have gone on to earn awards in the challenges on the local level and some have gone on to compete at the national level. Since the inception of the program, it has expanded to include a Junior Lego League for girls age 6-9 and a Tech Challenge for girls in grades 9-12. Our Robotic program continues to be the foundation of our STEM work.

PROGRAM *(continued)*



Theatri-gals was a theatre series program for Junior and Cadette Girl Scouts which began in the 2010 Girl Scout year. Each yearly performance consisted of skits written by the girls on a topic of their own choosing. Besides providing girls with an introduction to theater, the program promoted team building, confidence and creativity. Among the topics covered in the skits were such relevant themes as friendship, bullying, rivalry, and accepting differences.

Girl Scout Leadership Journeys were developed by GSUSA for all age levels. These leadership Journeys focused on contemporary themes and tied to the 15 national outcomes. The Journeys help girls learn about their world and themselves, while guiding them to take

action to make the world a better place. The first Leadership Journey was released in 2008 with the theme "It's Your World—Change It!" It consisted of 12 books (a girl book

and accompanying adult guide for each grade level) on the theme of advocacy. In 2009, GSUSA released another Leadership Journey, featuring an environmental theme, called "It's Your Planet—Love It!" A third Leadership Journey, focusing on creative expression and called

"It's Your Story—Tell It!" was released in 2010.

In 2011, the iconic Girl Scout handbooks and badgebooks were updated in time for the kick-off of GSUSA's centennial year. In the *Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting*, badge activities were revamped to be more relevant to 21st-century girls and included badges on up-to-the-minute topics such as innovation, digital arts, and science and technology.

In 2017, GSNC took their content digital, and introduced GSUSA's Volunteer Toolkit (VTK).

The Volunteer Toolkit is a digital resource that supports troop leaders and co-leaders, making the process of running a troop easier and more efficient.

Through the VTK, troop leaders can:

- Plan the troop's calendar year
- Email parents with one click.

- View the troop roster, renew girls' membership, and update their contact information.
- View Daisy, Brownie, and Junior Journeys and badges to plan for troop meetings. There are three prepopulated year plans in the VTK for Daisy, Brownie, and Junior leaders, with 15 meetings each.



On the VTK, new badges and Journeys have been introduced including Engineering: Think Like an Engineer, Computer Science: Think Like a Programmer, Outdoor, Outdoor STEM: Think Like a Citizen Scientist.

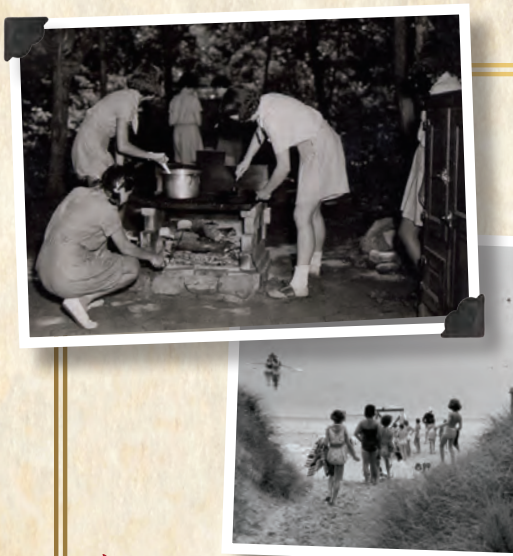
In 2009, the Healthy Living Initiative was expanded with a program in partnership with The Farm at Oyster Bay. The Girl Scout Gardeners program allows over 100 girls per year to tend the gardens and grow healthy produce which is then donated to the Free-



port Food Pantry. Between 800-1200 pounds of produce is donated each year.

An offshoot of this program is the Under Gardeners. In this program Senior and Ambassador girls lead younger troops in learning to garden. The girls gain leadership experience, confidence and a wealth of knowledge about growing food and giving back to the community.

Girl Scouts of Nassau County instituted the Healthy Living Initiative to boost the girls' self-esteem and encourage physical well-being. Being healthy includes the whole girl, and, as such, GSNC provided over 50 programs designed to promote girls emotional and physical health, get them moving and experience the wonder of the world around them. Part of the program is an innovative fundraising event, Girls Go the Distance. Beginning in 2010, it was both a walkathon and activity fair. Girls collected pledges and enjoyed walking the course before participating in various fun activities. Funds generated by the event funded Healthy Living programs that encouraged girls to make healthy living a part of their daily lives. ♦



During its history Girl Scouts of Nassau County has operated many camps.

In 1927 **CAMP GREY BEECH** was started in what later became Wildwood State Park in Wading River and was run by Nassau Council of Girl Scouts. When the council was divided in 1935, the three councils, Central, South and North, ran the camp together. Nature, dramatics, pioneering, swimming and boating were some of the most popular programs.

There were three units:
Driftwood for 10-12 year olds
Greenwood for 12-14 year olds
Tanglewood for 14 and older

CAMP TEKAKWITHA, named for a Native American princess, was bought with cookie program revenue in 1936. It was located on 67 acres on Peconic Bay in Hampton Bays. There were stairs that led down to the beach. Early units included Sea View, Trail Blazers, Rangers, Cherokee, Cliffville, Tree-tops, Trails End, Woodydale, and Sea Hawks. It was sold in 2007 to the Town of Southampton to be held in perpetuity for use as a nature preserve.

CAMPING

From the beginning of Girl Scouting, camping was important. The 1920 handbook says "the real fun of (girl) scouting lies in the great life of out-of-doors, and the call of the woods is answered quicker by the (girl) scout than by anybody, because the (girl) scout learns just how to get the most out of all this wild, free life and how to enjoy it with the least trouble and most fun... In camp life we learn to do without so many things which while we are in houses, we think are necessary and find that we can do for ourselves many things when we used to think ourselves helpless. And before going into camp it is just as well to learn some of the things that will be most useful to you when you get there." This is still true today.

CAMP BLUE BAY In 1947 another camp was established on 187 acres on Gardiners Bay in East Hampton. Today, Camp Blue Bay remains our only actively functioning camp. It is used for resident camp and for troop camping. The original owners of the land are buried in a cemetery on the property, a theme for some good ghost stories around the fire pit. In later years canoeing, sailing and kayaking were added to the program offering. Over the years, Camp Blue Bay has hosted Oktoberfest (an adult learning weekend) and other theme events for girls. The original units were Innisfree, Tajers, Twin Hollow, Hillanders, Sky Ridge, Romany Woods, Cedars, Tally Ho, Kimbern, Wayfarers and Hilltop. The camp underwent a renovation in the 1980s and a new Activity Center and Troop houses were built. The current units are Innisfree, Hilltop, Romany Woods, Tally Ho, and Kicoomba.

CAMP FRANCOISE BARSTOW Great Neck Council opened a camp in Miller Place on the Long Island Sound in 1948. The units were Tuckasegee, Comsowague, Kikumba. It was later sold to Suffolk County in 1983 to be kept as open land.

CAMP EDEY Mid Island Council partnered with Suffolk Girl Scouts to establish Camp Edey in Bayport. Here was a chance to learn some primitive camping skills. Silliman Lodge and Maek Lodge were indoor facilities. The tent units were Pioneer, Woodsman, Prairie Schooner, Venus, Frontier, North Star, Lyra and Orion (primitive site). This camp later became the sole property of Suffolk County Girl Scouts.

CAMP WESTDALE was constructed in 1970 by Mid Island Council on Hunter Mountain. This upstate camp had a wonderful old farmhouse and offered horseback riding and had its own stables. It later became part of Girl Scouts of Nassau County. It was sold in the early 1990s.



Other bygone camps in New York included:

CAMP EM BAR EEE—1948, Rockville Centre

CAMP WENASCO—1958, Cuddebackville. It included hiking the Appalachian Trail and horseback riding as activities for girls.

CAMP ROCKY GLEN—1963 Bear Mountain

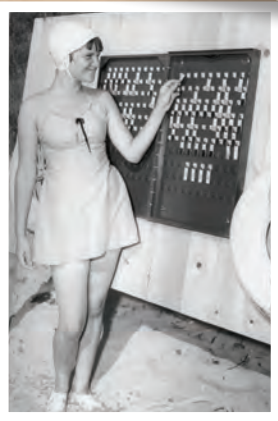
Day Camps

Hub Hollow—Hempstead, Em Bar Ee—Rockville Centre, Oke Ponokey—Roslyn, Will Chippy—Massapequa, Sagmore—Oyster Bay, Greenwood—South Nassau



CAMP MEMORIES

DAILY PROGRAM	
Saturday	July 12, 1969
7:00	Reveille
7:05	215
7:15	Personal Inspection
7:30	Breakfast
8:00	Karp Kapers
8:15	Unit & Troop Inspection
8:30	Staying
8:45-9:05	Life Giving
9:10-10:00	Second Class Nature
9:00-10:00	Climax
10:00-11:00	Second Class Signalling
11:00-11:50	Minnows and Darts 1 & 2 Goldfish
12:00	Dinner
1:15	Patrols in Council
2:00-3:00	Dark Hour
3:00-3:30	Ball
3:30-4:00	Archery
4:00-4:30	Sailing
4:30-5:10	Water Sports
5:10-5:50	Swimmer Lodge
6:00	Swimming
7:00	Nature Badges
7:15-8:00	Swimming
8:00	Handicraft
8:30	First Class Signalling
9:00	Supper
9:15-9:30	Court of Honor
9:30	Prayers and Sing
9:45	Campfire at Campwood Lodge
10:00	Tattoo
10:30	Dark



I REMEMBER...
Pitching a tent, sleeping under the stars, the smell of a campfire, the taste of campfire stew, being outside, and hearing the call of a bird or the sight of a deer—these are just a few of the many experiences I had with camping. The most important have been the adventure and the many friendships that have been formed. Camping has always been an important part of my life. I have many special memories. Memories are best shared. I hope you have many experiences from camp that you remember.

—SUE SWITZER PIERCE



CAMP WENASCO— While being at Camp Wenasco we were taught how to ride horses, walking, trotting, and eventually, galloping. By the luck of the draw I was matched with Little Joe. He was a wonderful brown and white horse but had a mind of his own and meandered the trails at his own pace. I still have one of Little Joe's horseshoes for good luck. It was a wonderful experience.

SAGAMORE DAY CAMP— Some of my favorite memories of day camp were learning to hula dance, making tie dye shirts and visiting the famous ice cream shop in Oyster Bay. We also learned to sing a song in Spanish which I still remember over 40 years later.

CAMP TEKAKWITHA— My favorite experience at camp was learning how to sail. One gusty afternoon a fellow camper Kathy and I, were paired in a sunfish race. A gust of wind came and we were "hiking out" to steady the boat and won the race. Even though I had sailed many times with my father in larger boats, this experience truly taught me how to sail. It was amazing. I also learned a simple way to tie a bowline knot which I still use today.

During the same week, a brave counselor guided several of us on a two night overnight sailing trip. I think three boats went. The wind picked up and a storm came and guided us off course. We ended up on somebody's backyard that included a large house and a boathouse. The owners graciously let us spend the night in the boat house and we were again on our way the next morning. The second night we made it to our next destination and it rained again and unfortunately our sleeping bags were placed at the bottom of a hill. We got home the next day safely but a bit soggy. All in all, a great adventure and I am thankful for being a Girl Scout.

—ANN BETKOWSKI

MY EARLIEST MEMORY of camping at Blue Bay is the very first time my mom, Sheila Bohan, took our Junior troop to camp, probably around 1964. We were in tents and it rained and was cold most of the weekend. My mom, being the leader she was, never let the rain or cold get us down. We did crafts, learned to cook, and a make a campfire. We had a "Monks Supper" for Saturday night dinner. The dinner consisted of spaghetti and meatballs, but the best part was that we didn't use forks and knives to eat— we used kitchen utensils! And no one was allowed to speak or laugh during the meal as the first five people who laughed had cleanup duty. Mom being mom, made sure that she was one of the first people to laugh and then proceeded to make sure she made a complete mess of her dinner. Her utensil was the old fashioned hand crank beater. We all had a blast and talked about doing this for years.

One of my other favorite memories of Camp Blue Bay was being a camper there for two weeks when I was about 10 years old. I was in the newest unit "Romany Wood." I remember the swimming, crafts, and boating and of course lots of songs- both in Anchorage and at our units' campfire. But my favorite activity was learning to sail. It has become a lifelong hobby for me and gives me the desire to continue to do that. My interest eventually led me to go to a sailing camp in Massachusetts and then to go to Mystic Seaport as a (Girl) Scout and continue sailing there. While a Senior Girl Scout, I was part of a wider opportunity that sailed on the ship "Brilliant" for 10 days. All because of a camping trip at Blue Bay.

—ELLEN BOHAN



Camp Training Today

When leaders comes to camp, they are taught to build fires safely. We introduce them to the basics of outdoor cooking, campfire stew, monkey bread and cinnamon buns in a box oven, s'mores, bacon and eggs in brown bags over the fire and other, more advanced culinary delights.

We encourage them to be aware of their surroundings with find your tree, making a nature trail with popsicle sticks, making seaweed pictures and candles. We explore the beach and find jingle shells, mermaids' purses, whelk egg cases, horseshoe crabs, and friendship rocks. We try to enhance their knowledge of the environment and the need for them to encourage their Girl Scouts to be good stewards of the earth and the need to be active in making sure the earth will survive. Campfires and singing, learning new skills and exploring their strength in a new situation, working together to make lasting memories—all in a weekend.



I remember going to Camp Westdale for two years, starting at age 9. My mom thought I was young to go to camp, but I had a sister a year older and we went together, so there was safety in numbers! The smell of wild spice, the cold dew in the morning, the breathtaking view of the mountains, the endless stars at night, and the babbling streams—things I will never forget as it is truly a feast for senses to go to Camp Westdale. When Mid Island Council merged with Nassau Council, I remember getting this—what seemed to be—a giant catalog of camps to choose from—Wenescos, Blue Bay, Tekakwitha, and more. I learned to sail at Camp Tek and remember fondly singing songs in the dining halls after meals. I can still remember many today: *“You gotta be serious and happy too, you gotta wanna learn your skills, you gotta be full of pep and energy and always be on your toes, for every single minute of every single day they’ll be lots of work and play, so if you think you can qualify come on down to our Cliffville, let’s hear that name again, come on down to our Cliffville, rah!”* —CLARE MERTZ

CAMP MEMORIES *(continued)*

1960s When I was at Camp Blue Bay, every Senior who got off the bus had a guitar. Every night we would end up in the path between Kimbun and Tally Ho singing and playing canasta under the spotlight, while the counselors were in bed. Betty Wood would be making her rounds and stop and chat with us. —PIA HASELBACH



When I was growing up, the Girl Scouts in Rockville Centre did a lot of camping. Most girls participated in the annual competitive camping event, Tie-Up, in addition to an annual troop camping trip. Tie-Up was at a council camp—first Tek and then Barstow, but my troop usually went to non-Girl Scout sites such as Wildwood State Park or Lido Beach. We didn’t get to Camp Blue Bay until we were Cadettes. Of course, by then we were very confident in our skills and shunned the idea of maps. We couldn’t get lost in such a tame spot! Which is probably why it took us most of an hour and a visit to the sports field and every unit in camp to find our way from the Staff House to the beach. On the way back, we discovered it was the closest building to the beach and took about five minutes.

—TERESA DANKS



For eight years as the advisor of the Senior Troop in Port Washington, Sunday morning breakfast was always chocolate chip pancakes. The girls knew I didn’t like chocolate chip pancakes so they would make a few for me before they put in the chocolate chips. So for eight years I had cold pancakes on every camping trip. —JUDY KELLER



COMMUNITY SERVICE and Specialty Units ...

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Through these community-based programs, girls have benefited greatly, and some have even led to future career opportunities. Traditionally Girl Scouts service projects included collecting clothing for the needy, babysitting on Election Day, visiting the elderly and shut-ins, marching in parades, sending care packages/cookies to our troops overseas, collecting toys for tots, and helping younger troops. Activities are not restricted to those mentioned above and can be as varied as a girl’s imagination, and the needs of her community.



CEREMONIAL UNIT

This council-wide unit was started in 2001 by Joyce Nagin, Ramona Burkell, and Cathy Santoemma, as a result of interest from local organizations wanting a Girl Scout presence at their events. The group started with 10 girls ranging from 3rd to 12th grade. They learned the importance of flag etiquette, the fundamentals of Girl Scout ceremonies, and through their service have enhanced the visibility of Girl Scouts. The unit has grown to 25 girls, with new members joining every year. The Ceremonial Unit travels throughout Nassau County and conducts flag ceremonies for local community groups, sports events, and Girl Scout events, such as our Annual Meeting, Adult Recognitions, and Gold Award ceremonies.



GIRL SCOUT CHORUS

In 1988 some of our Girl Scouts happened to hear a group from Mid Island Council called the Minnesingers. Gloria Mauter and Marion Dreyfus were so impressed, they brought the idea back to Barbara White, President, and Jane Cammann, Executive Director. With their approval and support our own Girl Scout Chorus was born. With her musical background, Marion became the Chorus Director. The girls in the chorus range in Girl Scout levels from Girl Scout Brownies to Ambassadors. The first performance was held at the council’s Anniversary Luncheon in 1989. The current Chorus Director, Catherine Azzara was one of the first girls to join the chorus and stayed through

all her Girl Scout years. During her Junior and Senior year she became the Assistant Director, and when Marion retired she became the Director. The Chorus is currently comprised of 40 girls who travel throughout Nassau County and the surrounding metropolitan area. Our girls have been asked to sing at many functions, and everyone always enjoys their performance. They have sung the National Anthem at Shea Stadium, Madison Square Garden, the Nassau Coliseum and MetLife Stadium and many of our local universities including Hofstra and St John’s. They were the voices for a Dove commercial which aired during the Super Bowl in 2006. They were invited to perform at several other Girl Scout councils including Connecticut, Western New York, and Historic Georgia. They even recorded a CD which was sold in the Girl Scout shop for a limited time. They have performed holiday music on *Fox and Friends*. Their repertoire includes Girl Scout songs, patriotic standards, and holiday songs. Throughout the years girls have performed thousands and thousands of hours of service and made the world a better place.

MEDIA GIRLS

Girl Scouts is full of great stories! Girl Scouts of Nassau County found that it needed a specialized group of girls who could be called upon to be the face of Girl Scouts and share those stories. In 2005, the Ambassadors-on-Call unit was formed. Girls ages 5 to 17 were invited to participate in this new unit. The group started with 25 girls and has grown to 100 girls over the years. In preparation for their media appearances, the girls are trained to answer basic questions about themselves and their Girl Scout experience, how to do an interview and appear on camera. Since the establishment of Ambassadors-on-Call, these girls have appeared in our Annual Report, brochures, invitations and printed material. They have appeared on *Good Morning America*, *News 12 Long Island*, *Fox News*, *ABC News*, *Newsday*, *Long Island Press*, *the New York Times* and *New York Post*. They also record Public Service Announcements for the radio.

The flexibility and availability of this group of girls brought them to the attention of GSUSA, who also look for girls to help tell the Girl Scout story. This has given GSNC even more visibility. Our girls have appeared in several GSUSA videos, on the cover of *Leader* magazine, in brochures and news stories. With the introduction of the new Girl Scout Ambassador level in 2008, a new name for this group was needed. The members voted to change the unit’s name to the Media Girls. In 2012 several members were selected to be in a GSUSA photoshoot for the new cookie boxes. ♦





THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

The Highest Award a Girl Can Achieve in Girl Scouting

When Juliette Gordon Low founded Girl Scouting in the USA in 1912, she wanted girls to have the opportunity to build leadership skills and make a difference in their communities. In 1916, the Golden Eagle of Merit was established as the highest award in Girl Scouting and to earn it, a girl would have had to earn fourteen badges in categories such as Cook, Sick-Nurse, Dairy-Maid, Needle-woman, Athletics, Swimmer, Health and Civics. The times may change, but Girl Scouting continues to encourage girls to learn new skills, improve their world, and be the best they can be.

Through the years, the name of this award has changed. In addition to The Golden Eagle of Merit (1916-1919) it was later known as The Golden Eaglet (1919-1938), First Class (1938-1940), and The

Curved Bar (1940-1963). In 1963, First Class (1963-1980) was brought back. In 1980, delegates to the National Council session approved a proposal to keep the name of our highest award as The Girl Scout Gold Award in perpetuity. This national award, with national standards represents girls' time, leadership, creativity, and effort contributed to making their community better. 2016 marked the 100th anniversary of this prestigious award.

In 1980, the Silver Award was introduced for Girl Scout Cadettes, and in 2001, the Bronze Award, for Girl Scout Juniors.

The first Gold Awards given to Girl Scouts in Nassau County were presented at the Council meeting in 1982. The girls receiving this award were: Susan Becchina, Diane Cap, Nicole Finamore, Deborah Minutello, Laura Ross, Darlene Williams and Deidre Pope. They were escorted into the meeting by Golden Eaglet recipients: Mrs. Alan Chester, Mrs. Thomas Clancy, Mrs. Robert Shotter, Mrs. Walter Sprague and Mrs. Herbert Yabsley.

It was an exciting moment for all. The tradition continues. The 2018 Gold Award

ceremony included 72 girls from throughout Nassau County. We already have 50 Gold Award Girl Scouts for the 2019 class and are striving to reach 100 for the centennial!

Golden Eagle of Merit, 1916-1919

The requirements were the earning of fourteen proficiency badges chosen from a list of seventeen specified badges. A girl had to apply to the National Headquarters for this award and filled out a special application.

Golden Eaglet, 1919-1938

In 1919, the Golden Eagle of Merit was renamed the Golden Eaglet. The requirements remained the same until 1920 when requirements increased to twenty one proficiency badges. Fifteen of them had to be selected from a list of seventeen with the remaining six chosen by the girl. No exceptions or alternatives were allowed by the National Standards Committee which had final approval on all Golden Eaglet applications.

First Class, 1938-1940

A girl had to choose one program field to concentrate on. Ten badges had to be

earned; not fewer than four, not more than seven badges were to be selected from her chosen list. The remaining badges were to be selected from two or three other program fields.

Curved Bar, 1940-1963

To earn a Curved Bar, a girl had to first complete the First Class rank. Then she had to choose a minimum of four badges in a different program fields from the one she chose to earn her First Class rank. She had to work on four badges in an advanced way under the supervision of the leader or program consultants in the field for approximately one year.



1982
Some of the first
Gold Award girls
in Nassau County



Golden Eagle of Merit, 1916-1919



Golden Eaglet, 1919-1938



First Class, 1938-1940



Curved Bar, 1940-1963



First Class, 1963-1980



Gold Award, 1980



In 1947, revisions to the requirements were made to tie it more closely with specific interests in the Senior Girl Scout program. Earning was based on groups of badges from different fields.

First Class, 1963-1980

For this award, from 1963 to 1972, a girl had to complete all four Challenges and get a badge in arts, home, citizenship, out-of-doors, health and safety, and international friendship.

Since 1972, there were three different ways to earn the First Class Award. Two were a combination of badges and Challenges, the third was based on completing seven Challenges only without earning any badges.

Gold Award, 1980-

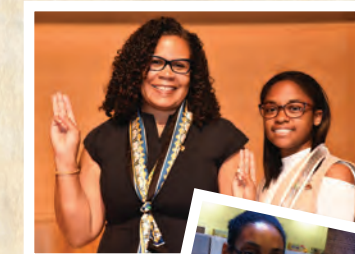
From 1980 to 2008 a girl had to complete a combination of interest, leadership, career exploration, and service projects and to demonstrate ability and skill in goal-setting, planning, putting values into action, and relating to the community.

Since 2008 GSUSA introduced learning leadership skills through completing journeys, where girls learn to advocate, raise awareness, educate and inspire

others about a grand societal challenge. These young women are inspiring leaders whose Gold Award projects are impacting the worlds of STEM, education, agriculture, medicine, and more on a local, national, or global level.

By the time they put the final touches on their seven-step project, they will have solved a community problem—not only in the short term, but for years into the future.

As of January 15, 2019, all who have earned the highest award in Girl Scouts will be recognized as Gold Award Girl Scouts. ♦



National Gold Award Girl Scouts

(formerly known as National Young Women of Distinction)

Every year, ten exceptionally inspiring Gold Award Girl Scouts are chosen as National Gold Award Girl Scouts.

This honor is given to Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors whose Gold Award projects demonstrated extraordinary leadership, had a measurable and sustainable impact, and addressed a local challenge related to a national and/or global issue. These young women are taking matters into their own hands, generating much-needed change!

The National Gold Award Girl Scout program perfectly reflects our mission of building girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. The program provides these young stars with the opportunity to inspire girls around the world and throughout the Girl Scout Movement—and serve as incredible examples of what it means to be a G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)™.

Girl Scouts of Nassau County was happy to announce that Julie Kapuvvari was selected by Girl Scouts of the USA as one of the 2015 National Young Women of Distinction, the highest honor in Girl Scouting, for her Gold Award project, "Pollination Project: Don't Bee Afraid, Bee-lieve," which addressed the issue of Colony Collapse Disorder that affects the honeybee population.

This special honor and designation by Girl Scouts of the USA showcased Julie's extraordinary leadership over a project that had measureable and sustainable impact and addressed a global issue. Julie is a 2015 graduate of Massapequa High School and was one of only 10 young women nationwide to receive this honor.

Julie discovered that since 2006, beekeepers have been experiencing major colony losses of 30 to 90% of their apiaries that were later attributed to Colony Collapse Disorder. This has been directly harming commercial beekeeping and pollination operations. Julie helped address this problem by becoming a beekeeper, conducting presentations for a variety of groups, educating them about the need for bee colonies and pesticide free environments. Julie's colony is on an organic farm. The colony will contribute to its sustainability and productivity, while the organic farm created a safe haven for the endangered species.

The Kappa Delta Foundation and Girl Scouts of the USA each generously provided a \$5,000 college scholarship to the ten National Young Women of Distinction.





The Hairnet That Changed My Life

I never knew that wearing an ugly, blue hairnet would change my life, but that is exactly what happened. I don't typically wear hairnets, but on that day I was at a soup kitchen with my Girl Scout sisters having our picture taken for a Girl Scout Cookie Box. I am on the cookie box for the Savannah Smiles/ Lemonades, the cookie created to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouts. Being on a cookie box made it far easier for me to sell cookies. My family, friends, and sometimes complete strangers would order cookies, and once the cookies came in, some of them even wanted me to autograph the box!

My time as a Girl Scout has given me the courage to try new things and meet new people, made me confident in my own abilities, and allowed me to grow into a young woman of strong character through all of the opportunities it has offered me.

—KATIE LENZ



ENTREPRENEURIAL PROGRAMS

Most people have a special place in their heart for Girl Scout Cookies. Not only because they're spectacularly delicious but also because the Girl Scout Cookie Program helps girls fulfill their dreams, follow their passions, and change the world!



The program, which is the largest girl-led entrepreneurial program for girls in the world, helps Girl Scouts earn money for fun, educational activities and community projects while also playing a huge role in transforming them into a G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)™ as they learn essential life skills that will stay with them forever. And although fun is part of the experience, giving back to communities has been a hallmark of the Girl Scout Cookie Program since the first-known sale of cookies by Girl Scouts in 1917.

For more than 100 years, Girl Scouts has used cookie earnings to build everyday leaders who make positive changes in our world. And there's no doubt: U.S. society today is better because of the girls who have taken part in the program! But how did it all begin?

It all started in 1917, when Girl Scouts in Muskogee, Oklahoma, did what Girl Scouts everywhere always do: they had a great idea, got together, and took action to make it a reality. The girls of Mistletoe Troop hit on the clever idea to fund their projects by selling cookies they made at home in their own kitchens. So simple—and so smart!

Other troops took note, and the idea of Girl Scouts selling cookies took off.

Throughout the decade, Girl Scouts in different parts of the country continued to bake their own simple sugar cookies with their mothers and with help from the community. These cookies were packaged in wax paper bags, sealed with a sticker, and sold door to door for 25 to 35 cents per dozen.

In 1935, the Girl Scout Federation of Greater New York raised money through the sale of commercially baked cookies. Buying its own die in the shape of a trefoil, the group used the words "Girl Scout Cookies" on the box. In 1936, the national Girl Scout organization began the process of licensing the first commercial bakers to produce cookies that would be sold nationwide by girls in Girl Scout councils.

Enthusiasm for Girl Scout Cookies spread nationwide. By 1937, more than 125 Girl Scout councils reported holding cookie sales.

Girl Scout Cookies were sold by local councils including ours, around the country until World War II, when sugar, flour, and butter shortages led Girl Scouts to pivot, selling Girl Scout calendars in 1944 as an alternative to raise money for activities.

After the war, cookie sales resumed and increased, and by 1948, a total of 29 bakers were licensed to bake Girl Scout Cookies. Today GSUSA uses two bakers.

Nassau County Girl Scouts were featured on the boxes in the early 1980's as well as the most recent redesign, launched for the 2013 cookie season.



Operation: Cookie

Over the past 14 years, Girl Scouts of Nassau County with the help of DHL have shipped over 800,000 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies to our servicemen and women in Iraq, Afghanistan, and throughout the world. Since 2013, Cookies have also been delivered to our local Marine Base in Garden City, the Coast Guard station at Jones Beach, and other New York military institutions.

Support comes from community members who purchase cookies from Girl Scouts in Nassau County to be donated to our military.



Mags & Munchies

Everyone knows about Girl Scout Cookies, but people might not know about the magazines, candles and delicious nuts, snacks, and chocolates that are part of our Mags&Munchies... and More program.

The GSNC Mags&Munchies... and More program (formerly known as QSP) is a "learn and earn" program that runs in the fall. GSNC started selling magazines in the 1980s, calendars in the 1990s, and Nuts/Candy in the early 2000s. Girl Scout troops can earn 10-15 percent in proceeds for all of their sales.

Girls enjoy earning patches and helping their troop make start-up money for the fall. Because it's an easy way for girls to get patches and rewards and troops to earn funds, this program gives our Girl Scout troops a chance to experience new and exciting adventures without having to wait until cookie season. Many troops even consider it a chance to "practice" for Girl Scout Cookie Season.

This sale comes at the perfect time of year, as all of the products sold make for great stocking stuffers and holiday gifts for family, friends, teachers, and anyone else on their list!

Most importantly, by running their own business girls learn a lifetime of skills, including: goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics. ♦



What is a memory?

If you look online, one of my favorite definitions is "a mental impression retained, a recollection." Girl Scout memories have always been something we have shared as a family and the G.I.R.L. build was no different. My daughters, son, and some friends all came and helped build with some very talented Girl Scouts. I will never forget the giant 8ft G.I.R.L. sitting in the North Court at Roosevelt Field Mall during our Centennial Cookie Celebration. Everyone came together in true Girl Scout fashion to complete this enormous challenge. I saw science, technology, cooperation, and determination all being used to get the job done. One had to be a **Go-getter** to even imagine 8' letters constructed from cookie boxes. You would also need to be an **Innovator** to do something so new at the mall and create those letters. You would most certainly be a **Risk-taker** because building 8' letters is a lot harder than you would think. Without a doubt you would be a **Leader** because the project required decisiveness and discipline to accomplish. What a great G.I.R.L. memory! It is something I will recall fondly for many years to come.

—VICKI GIOIA



SPRIT OF PHILANTHROPY

Raising funds in our community to support exciting, cutting-edge Girl Scout programs that help prepare girls for a lifetime of leadership, success and adventure.

GSNC's earliest fundraiser was a formal ball and an opportunity to honor prominent council volunteers. It immediately became known as the "Daisy Ball" in commemoration of the founder of Girl Scouts Juliette "Daisy" Low.

An Annual Campaign was established, known today as Family Partnership, it is designed to allow our membership to financially support the council's work. The campaign included a "give back" incentive with a percentage of the monies raised going back to the troops to fund their activities. Today, as then, our Fund Development Department conducts an annual "staff giving campaign" enabling staff to make a monetary contribution to support GSNC.

The 1980s saw the establishment of GSNC's Tribute Fund and Friendship Tree. The Tribute Fund is the perfect way to let someone know you are thinking of them or honor the memory of a loved one; the Friendship Tree is a more permanent recognition and occupies a place of honor at GSNC's council office. Each of these recognitions allow our community to support Girl Scouting in Nassau County while honoring another.

The first GSNC "Go for the Green" Golf Classic was held at the Brookville Country Club in 1984. Two round-trip tickets to London on British Airlines were donated to the event but because of Board policy at the time could not be raffled at the event. Dick Hamber, VP of the LI Saving Bank, playing that day, learned of this, immediately sought a meeting with GSNC's Board and became the first volunteer chair of the event. This event raised funds for many years with exciting raffles and corporate sponsors.

The 75th National Anniversary of Girl Scouts in 1987 was celebrated with an Anniversary Luncheon held on Juliette Low's birthday in October. The venue was

The Garden City Hotel's large ballroom with Judith Davison Moyers (wife of former White House Press Secretary Bill Moyers) as honoree. This event continued for many years as GSNC's Annual Luncheon in October, a fun, well-attend event by corporate and business community supporters.

In 2010, the first "Girls Go the Distance" Walkathon was held. The proceeds raised by the girls, families, and corporate sponsorship, funded GSNC's Healthy Living

Initiative programming. A portion of the funds raised were rebated to the troops to fund their troop's healthy living activities.

To celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Girl Scouting, GSNC planned a formal Gala at the Cradle of Aviation once again in October. Deadly Superstorm Sandy hit Long Island the day before causing much destruction. The Gala was postponed, and finally held in March of the following year.

The Honor Circle Society is made up of individuals whose commitment to girls and Girl Scouts is such that they have elected to include GSNC in their estate plans. These special individuals are invited each year to the Honor Circle Tea where new members are inducted and members get to share why they are remembering the needs of Girl Scouts in this extraordinary way.

GSNC participates in GSUSA's national fundraising initiatives, successfully taking advantage of several Movement-wide planned giving challenges and participating in ToGetHerThere, the largest fundraising campaign for girls in history targeting corporate America.

GSNC's fundraising events help shape the financial health of our council and its ability to serve the girls of Nassau County. ♦



INTERNATIONAL HOSTESSING

The intent of International Hostessing was to provide hospitality for girls arriving in the United States for special events, and for girls on their way to "Wider Ops" in foreign countries to spend a day or two in New York before leaving. This included orientation and evaluation.

It all started in late 1959 when there was an overbooking for the last "Round-Up." The president of Mid Island Council asked Edith Katz if she would coordinate the activities of the international girl visitors coming to New York.

International Hostessing was born! Families were needed for a night or two to host girls coming to the US or going to other countries. Host families were interviewed. If possible, the host family would meet the girls at the airport.

We had hundreds of host families over the years. Girls came here from many countries for opportunities in the United States. Typically a luncheon was held at the end of their trip which



included an evaluation of their experience. The girls were excited to share their experiences and give us a taste of their culture. Over two thousand American and foreign guests have stayed with the

host families. They came with gifts reflecting their country, and took home some of the strange things from our country—pancake flour, maple syrup, jello, and white rice.

The name "Mama Katz" was coined in 1970 when two girls from Colombia were visiting Edith Macy.

One girl broke her leg and was quite sad. Edith went up to see her, and when the girl saw her she said, "Here comes my mama." The name stuck. Later, another girl decided that Nancy LeGloahec should be called "Mama Nancy." Both of these women, long-time international hostesses, received the Juliette Low pin and were honored by GSNC. ♦



"Ours is a circle of friendships united by ideals."

— JULIETTE GORDON LOW



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Mrs. Geis

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1954 Mrs. Ione Ramer

MANHASSET

1943 Mrs. Gordon Smith
1945 Mrs. George Shumway

1946 Mrs. Roger Burton
1948 Mrs. Brooks Watson
1949 Mrs. A.B. Miller
1951 Mrs. Marshall Mower
1952 Mrs. William Visth
1953 Mrs. John Rafter
1955 Mrs. James Springsted
1958 Mrs. William Tally
1959 Mrs. Elias Koster

ROCKVILLE CENTRE

1947 Emily H. Barry
1948 Mrs. Broon Lawlor
1957 Mr. Snyder
1958 Mrs. Madeline West
1963 Mrs. Howard Reckford

5 TOWNS

1930 Mrs. Henry Sturges
1932 Mrs. Edgar Treacy
1934 Mrs. Jack Meyerkort
1936 Mrs. William A. Wolf
1940 Mrs. William Rapp
1944 Mrs. Percy Greenberg
1947 Mrs. Elliott M. Feinberg
1950 Mrs. John Schuman
1953 Mrs David Hausmann
1956 Mrs. Sam Warmser
1957 Mr. F. Lee Woodley

1960 Mrs. Leonard Goldberg

PORT WASHINGTON

1944 Mrs. Frank T. McCormack
1947 Mrs. Gilbert Neely
1949 Mrs. Edmund Hall
1950 Mrs. George M. Gough
1951 Mrs. Herbert M. Fee
1954 Mrs. William R. Donald
1956 Mrs. Wm. K. Donald
Mrs. John Rickerich

GIRL SCOUTS OF NASSAU COUNTY

1985 Barbara White
1991 Ann Butera
1995 Patricia Motschmann
2001 Christine Rio
2007 Sandra Echols Williams
2009 Diane M. McFarlane, Esq.
2013 Wanda Jackson

WEST NASSAU

1959 Mrs. Nelson Wendt
1961 Mrs. Nelson Wendt
1964 Mrs. Nelson Wendt

COURTHOUSE

1947 Mrs. Irwin Katz
1949 Mrs. Kenny
1950 Mrs. G. A. Drew
1952 Mrs. James Kendrick
1954 Mrs. Merrill Henry
1956 Mrs. John Fricker

NASSAU COUNCIL

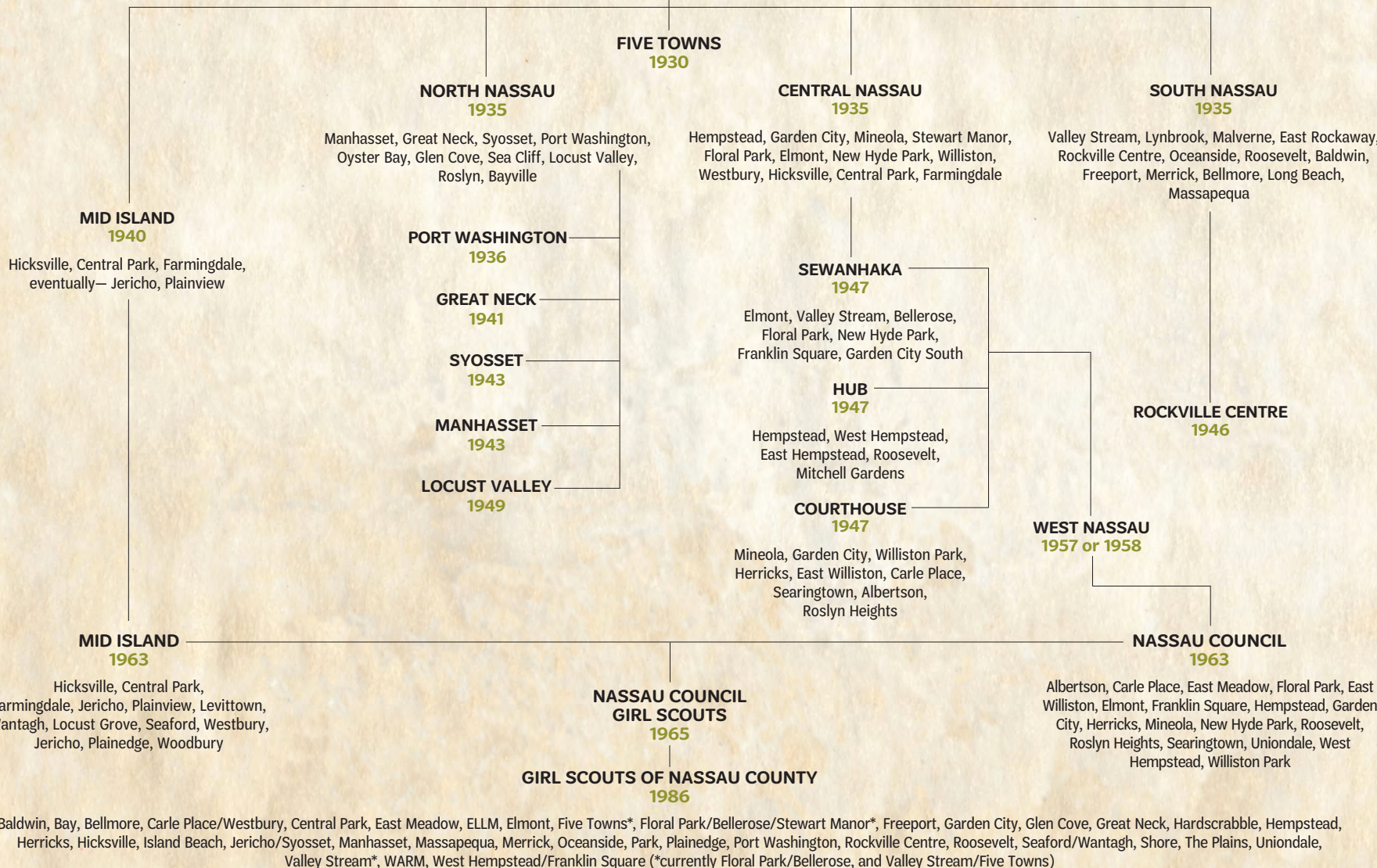
1965 Mrs. Nelson Wendt
1965 Marge Fricker
1968 Carol Stoddard
1969 Henrietta Tuthill
1975 Jackie Hennelly
1978 Betty Harrigan
1979 Marianne Templeton



COUNCIL BREAKDOWN

FIRST TROOP STARTED IN LYNBROOK
1918/19

NASSAU COUNTY COUNCIL IS FORMED
with four troops from Sea Cliff, Glen Cove, Hempstead, and Oyster Bay
1924 or 1926



MEMORIES...

Because of Girl Scouts ...



My *Brownie Girl Scout Handbook* sits on the shelf in my office. Every now and then I flip through it and try to remember the girl I was so long ago. I wrote my name and address on the inside cover. Attached to the back cover is a *Brownie Patch booklet*. In the Patch booklet is the first patch I earned, the Wise Old Owl patch. I went on to “be a discoverer,” to “be a ready helper,” and to “be a friend maker.” Little did I know that this was the beginning of the person I would become, this was the beginning of me. Today, I can proudly say that I am all those things and as I lead Girl Scouts of Nassau County into its next 100 years, I am even more proud to know that this was my beginning.

As a third generation Girl Scout, my Girl Scout story begins before my Brownie Book. My Girl Scout story begins with my grandmother leading my mother’s troop in the early 1950s. Being a Girl Scout wasn’t something that we discussed, it just was. Unlike other activities I did as a child, I knew I would be “good at Girl Scouts” (I wasn’t so great at dance). As I traveled down my Girl Scout path, as a Brownie troop leader in the early 1990s, as Program Director in the late 1990s, and at GSUSA in the early 2000s, Girl Scouts was something that just was. It was when I wasn’t “doing Girl Scouts,” when someone would acknowledge something about me that I would simply say “that is because of Girl Scouts.” My ability to take charge, to help, to be a friend, to try new things are all because of Girl Scouts. —RANDE BYNUM

I grew up loving the ocean— not surprising since my childhood home was less than half an hour’s drive from both the Long Island Sound and Jones Beach. I was introduced to Girl Scouting in first grade. It was inevitable that Girl Scouting and my love of the ocean would collide at some point. My father was active in the Coast Guard Auxiliary and so my parents decided to begin a Mariner Girl Scout troop. Our troop purchased an older Dyer Dow sailboat. We refinished the boat in our backyard using lots of elbow grease topped with layers of fiberglass. The troop spent many wonderful hours sailing our boat on the Long Island Sound. We honed our sailing skills, ate tuna sandwiches riddled with sand, and became close friends (several lifelong friends for me).

When I was in high school, my parents gave me the opportunity to attend a week-long youth sailing camp at Mystic Seaport in Connecticut. Days were spent sailing, climbing the rigging, and polishing the metal. Some of the passions developed in Girl Scouts have lasted into my adult years. Even though we live four hours from the ocean, my husband and I spend many glorious weekends sailing our Catalina on one of the Finger Lakes in upstate New York.

—JANET ALLARD



I remember great moments spent on Operation Ice Cube (winter camping for Seniors) at Camp Glen Spey in New Jersey. A dozen campers sleeping under the stars on tarps in the snow, on a beautiful winter night, in warm sleeping bags with only our faces peeking out at the most amazing star-filled night that I have ever seen.

—CHARLIE MOCK



I joined the East Meadow Girl Scouts in 1952, when I was seven years old. My mom was my Brownie leader. I learned to “Be Prepared” with dues and the sit-upon we made. In Juniors I had a leader who taught us knots, photography (which is a hobby I have to this day), and first aid. I remember going with my troop to sing at Christmas time for the hospitalized

soldiers and elderly in senior residences. As a Cadette, I made my green Girl Scout skirt in Junior High Home Economics and that began my enjoyable sewing hobby.

When I returned to work, I was hired by Girl Scouts of Nassau County as a Membership Director to do outreach to underserved populations. In that capacity, I initiated the “Girl Scouts Where You Live” program for girls in homeless shelters and low income housing projects. I worked with the Hispanic and Asian task forces and partnered with GSUSA for the first Hispanic Conference in Nassau County. Having always enjoyed Association International Festivals, I initiated on the council level the first World Fest which was held at Nassau Community College in the early 1990s. After 10 rewarding years working at GSNC, I took the job of Director of Volunteers at Girl Scouts of Greater New York working with volunteers in the five boroughs. I was then hired by GSUSA as a Volunteer and Diversity Consultant where I traveled throughout the United States doing training and assessments.

Now fully retired, I decided to start a Daisy troop at my church. The group of six has expanded to 15 girls and we will have a Daisy, Brownie, and Junior troop next year. Over the years I collected many council patches in my travels and decided to make a quilt to feature them. That started a new hobby making quilts, table runners, and wall hangings. The Girl Scout quilt is shown here.

Girl Scouting has been a very important and enriching part of my life and I am pleased to say that three of my grandchildren who are old enough are in scouting, two in Manhattan and one in St. Louis.

—RAE SCHOPP



Our troop tried to cook chickens with hot rocks at Westdale. The idea was to heat smooth, clean stones and put them inside and around the chickens, then wrap them in foil.

We ate very late that night and talked about stoned chicken for years.

—JENNIFER LOGAN

My Scout Leader was told that at Nassau Council she was nicknamed “rain cloud” because every time we camped, it rained. We had mandatory rain gear checks before we were able to get on the bus for camp.

—DOROTHY MOCK



My First Camping Trip

By far, the greatest memory I have is from my first Girl Scout camping trip. I believe we were at Camp Edey, and my mother, Carolyn Ferry had come along with the troop as an adult chaperone. We were supposed to sleep in these tents that were not really true tents because the canvas didn’t completely enclose us. There was a large piece of canvas that stretched over our heads and it came to within a few inches of the wooden platform where it was tied, however there was a space of about two or three inches that created quite a stir of fear within this particular group of girls. At bedtime, one of the girls in my troop suddenly screamed out that she had seen a raccoon’s hand reach through the space between the floor and the canvas roof! Our entire troop began to scream and some of the girls even began to cry! Needless to say, no one could sleep until we all trekked over to the parking lot and proceeded to pile into the wood-paneled station wagon my mother owned where we attempted to spend the rest of the night of our first “campout.”

—TRACEY GLECKLER



Ice Skating



In the winter of 1958 a crucial decision had been made in my family. In January, my baby brother’s birthday party would be the same weekend that my Girl Scout troop was having a weekend outing at our leaders’ summer home at Lake Panamoka. This was a great opportunity for ice-skating, which I always wanted to learn. All of us who grew up in Ozone Park/Richmond Hill, where Olympic Gold Medal skater Carol Heiss grew up, wanted to be just like her. My cousin dug up a pair of old ice skates in my grandfather’s basement. Thankfully my dad said, “Go, you’ll be home in time to sing Happy Birthday.”

The skating was hard but I loved it, the trip and Girl Scouts all the more.

—MARTHA NAPLES



Ties that Bind

I was a Girl Scout from 1998-2005. I remember summer-time camping with my friends was amazing.

Almost 20 years later I am now a troop leader and was able to bring my girls to enjoy these same experiences. #nostalgic

The best way to describe what Girl Scouting means to me is Sisterhood. I gained lifelong friendships and mentors that I wouldn’t trade for the world. It was even more personal to me because right before I became a troop leader I found out that my late grandmother used to be a troop leader and it made me feel more connected to her.

Girl Scouts has built my confidence, brought me out of my shell to become more adventurous, health conscious, and more. Girl Scouts has been the foundation of my leadership skills!

—RAVEN BREWINGTON

I’ve always credited Girl Scouts

for giving me the foundation for which I built my way of life and my career as an advocate for girls and women.

My years as a Girl Scout Junior are the most memorable. I became the leader I am today when I advocated for the Principal of my school to allow me, a shy person, to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and Girl Scout Promise over the loud speaker during the morning announcements to commemorate the 85th anniversary of Girl Scouts. The Principal always recited the Pledge of Allegiance, but on this one day, my voice resonated over the microphone. Girl Scouts was important to me then, and it is important to me now; with my mother being my troop leader, she made every experience impactful. Everything we did translated into a meaningful message— some messages we “got” at the time and others became ah ha moments later in life.

I had to work up the courage to say the pledge and Girl Scout promise to the whole school and that’s without an audience. That same day, I was interviewed by the local paper and later that week I spoke at our school assembly. My speech was short and sweet, personal and as impactful as the meetings my mother held for our multi-level troop. If you asked me if more girls thought about joining Girl Scouts that day, I would say yes. If you asked me if more girls found their voice that day, I would say yes...I know I did.

I found my voice, I became inspired, and I continue to inspire and advocate for girls and women to this day.

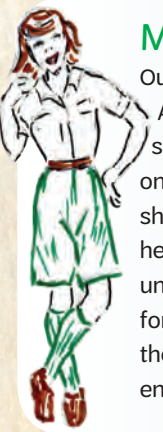
—SARA SICILIANO



MARINER TROOP 19

Our Mariner Troop was taken by the Coast Guard Authority on their boat to the Coast Guard station at Eatons Neck. After landing, they went on a tour of the station and stopped at the radio shack where a young man was at the radio. When he saw these young ladies in their “greenie” camp uniforms, his mouth dropped open and he almost forgot what he was supposed to be doing at the shock of seeing young ladies in an all male environment.

—CAROL GORST





Girl Scout Promise

On my honor, I will try:
To serve God and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

Girl Scout Law

I will do my best to be
honest and fair,
friendly and helpful,
considerate and caring,
courageous and strong, and
responsible for what I do and say,
and to
respect myself and others,
respect authority,
use resources wisely,
make the world a better place, and
be a sister to every Girl Scout.



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