

2018

*annual
meeting and
volunteer
recognition
ceremony*

Saturday, April 14, 2018

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2018 Volunteer Recognition Ceremony Program

WELCOME.....Patricia A. Crider, Chair, Board of Directors
Carolyn Johnson, Master of Ceremonies, NBC4 Co-Anchor & Reporter

THANKS BADGE II PRESENTATION.....Lise L. Luttgens, Chief Executive Officer

THANKS BADGE PRESENTATION.....Lise L. Luttgens

PLATINUM AWARD PRESENTATION.....Julia Medina, Ambassador Girl Scout

PRESIDENT’S AWARD PRESENTATION.....Julia Medina

SONG.....Lynn Mack-Costello, Volunteer

TENURE NUMERAL GUARD, YEARS OF SERVICE AWARD PRESENTATION.....Joan Schueller, Senior Girl Scout





HONOR PIN PRESENTATION.....Joan Schueller

APPRECIATION PIN PRESENTATION, PART I.....Genetha Cleveland, Ambassador Girl Scout

APPRECIATION PIN PRESENTATION, PART II.....Hanalei Emnace, Ambassador Girl Scout

CLOSING.....Carolyn Johnson
Lise L. Luttgens

Honorees are listed with a “G,” “I,” “R,” or “L” to signify their G.I.R.L. champion designation:

-  Go-getter: bold, honest, and determined to succeed
-  Innovator: has big ideas and uses creativity, originality, and keen problem-solving
-  Risk-taker: courageous and strong, embracing the unfamiliar while staying true to their values
-  Leader: empathizes, identifies their own and others’ strengths, and empowers others

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DEAR HONOREES AND GUESTS,

Welcome to the 2018 Volunteer Recognition Ceremony! We are pleased to honor more than 200 amazing volunteers who have helped us realize our mission every day by dedicating so much of their time and hearts to Girl Scouts.

Our volunteers embody the Girl Scout Promise and Law in all that they do: serving as role models for our nearly 43,000 Girl Scouts and helping each girl unleash her inner G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader). Thanks to our volunteers, our girls are able to experience the benefits of the Girl Scout advantage: They will develop a strong sense of self; seek challenges and learn from setbacks; display positive values; form and maintain healthy relationships; and identify and solve problems in the community. In turn, our Girl Scouts can ultimately thrive in their communities, lead with empathy, and make an impact on the world.

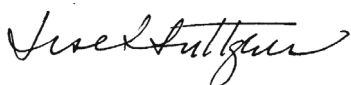
Additionally, our volunteers are helping to build up our communities and making a lasting impact on our council in other ways. With the opening of our Inglewood Service Center, we will address a growing need for a property in that area—and our volunteers' input has been critical throughout the development process there, and in other locations. Furthermore, our volunteers helped propel us toward a new cookie season record: more than 5.6 million boxes of Girl Scout Cookies sold, which would have been impossible without their dedication.

Our volunteers are the binding force behind our council: elevating our Girl Scouts, advancing our mission, and raising the next generation of leaders. We extend our warmest gratitude to each of our 24,000 volunteers, and salute them for the devotion and service to girls.

With appreciation,



Patricia A. Crider
Chair, Board of Directors



Lise L. Luttgens
Chief Executive Officer



2018 Volunteer Awardees

THANKS II BADGE

Lynn Mack-Costello

THANKS BADGE

Gloria Halfacre

Elizabeth Soukup

PLATINUM SERVICE AWARD

Kari Hanson

Deann Healy

Janet KC-Jordan

Helen McNamee

Julie Miller

Michelle Roberts

Danielle Sager-Ebling

Darlene Torres

Debbie Wakeland

Tandy Wilson

HONOR PIN

Michelle Apolonio

Tami Boeltl

Liz Busque

Mercedes Cruz

Kathy Goodson

Sharon Lei Hager

Lisa Moore

Lori Osegura

Tracey Payton

Jennifer Sarceno

Yvonne Schueller

Kristine Wiscarson

Annette Yu

APPRECIATION PIN

Shania Accius Paschall

Theresa Adair

Dana Anastasi

Marie Anderson

Anett Assilian

Mary Athans-Bartlett

Deb Baum

Kim Bergdahl

Karin Berger Stellar

Myrna Bohan

Patty Braden

Priya Bradfield

Michelle Brekke

Jennifer Brow

MaryLou Cahir

Maria Calvario

Mave Candelas

Malia Carlsen

Jeanna Castro

Naomi Chan

Sandra Charles

Michelle Cloutier

Tammy Conway

Tamarra Corel

Heidi Cox

Julia Currence

Kathi Day

Elizabeth Dilger

Shera Dolmatz-Finkel

Elizabeth Evans

Donny Fa'aliliu

Erin Faulkner

Latasha Flowers

Julie Ford-Smith

Sandra Gallegos

Erin Garcia

Bonnie George

Anne Gessner

Lisette Gold

Carolyn Goss

Hilary Gregg

Allen Grossman

Karen Grossman

Laurie Gruenwald

Elizabeth Guzman

Cheryl Hasenmayer

Linda Haverman

Karen Herbert

Susana Hermosillo

Heather Hoynes

Maricela Hurtado

Robin Kaminsky

Laura Katayama

Kendra King

Kristine Kitchen

Steve Klenk

Johanna Kraus

Elizabeth Krider

Lisa Kwan

Janice Law

Charles Leatherberry

Anayeli Lopez

Astrid Martinez-
Fribourg

Linna Martz

Mary McDougal

Laura McMullen

Alison McQuay

Katie Merdernach

Katrina Metz

Michelle Myers

Mary Ellen Osip

Randee Palmer

Jesika Patino

Coralyn Peirson

Lyndsay Petersen

Amy Reiland

Danni Remender

Pengelly

Mara Richards

Marlene Rivera

Rita Rivera

Josh Rodgers

Heather Rohrer

Valerie Romero

Jennifer Rootes

Michelle Rose

Sheila Roth

Barbara Roybal

Heather Scott

Tammie Scott

Ann Sera

Silvia Sigman

Beverly Speak

Amber Spence

Heather St. Dennis

Elyssa Taylor Stewart

Francesca Taylor

Gail Testa

Kimberly Thomas

Diana Tisnado

Kristina Valcarce

Kathy Vigil

Lora Vrastil

Annette Gale Watts

Melanie Wheeling

Caroline Wilhelm

Lenora Williams

Lisa Working

Lucy Yazejian

Amy Zoque

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Anita Oaks

Bonita

Burbank

Canon Trails/Rio Hondo

Canyon Star

Chino Hills

Claremont

Coyote Canyon

Crescenta Valley/
Glendale

Crown Poppy

Gateway

Heart of the Valley

Holly Hills

La Brea Heights

La Cañada

Manhattan Beach

Marina

Mission Valley

Mountain View

North Redondo

North River

Northeast Hills

Ontario/Montclair

Palisades-Malibu

Rancho Del Este

Rancho Foothills

Sagebrush

San Marino

San Pedro

Santa Fe Trails

South Pasadena

Stoneyridge

Upland

West Covina

Westchester Del Rey

Westside

Woodland Hills



CAROLYN JOHNSON

Girl Scout alumna and award-winning journalist Carolyn Johnson is the co-anchor of the *NBC4 Southern California News* at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. With more than 20 years of journalism and production experience, Johnson has been both in front and behind the camera reporting and producing numerous programs and specials. Known for her reporting on health and science, one of her most memorable stories was in 2011 when she traveled to West Africa's Sierra Leone to cover maternal and child health issues.

Over the course of her career, Johnson has been recognized with several industry awards, including a 2009 Emmy Award for Best Evening Newscast, the Eugene Block Journalism Award for Outstanding Coverage of San Francisco Human Rights Issues, and the John Swett Award for Outstanding Locally Produced Education Series.

Prior to joining NBC4, she was an anchor and reporter at KGO ABC7 for 16 years in San Francisco. She was also a reporter for KSBY in San Luis Obispo.

Her journalism career began working for Stanford University's campus radio station, which led her to local television station internships in Los Angeles.

Johnson graduated from Stanford University with honors and holds B.A. degrees in psychology and communication. She is married and has two children.



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“It isn’t a question of why we would leave a legacy gift to the Girl Scouts; it is a question of why wouldn’t we?”

- Dianne Belk and Lawrence Calder,
Juliette Gordon Low Society Founding Chairs and Members



Leave your leadership legacy. Join the Juliette Gordon Low Society.

For information, contact Danielle Portnoy at 626-677-231 or DPortnoy@girlscoutsla.org.

Thanks II Badge



The Thanks Badge II recognizes an adult volunteer who has delivered outstanding service to the council or the entire Girl Scout Movement since the receipt of the Thanks Badge. This individual has continued to perform at the same high level for the last three years, and has increased his or her sphere of influence or moved into another field of endeavor.

2018 Thanks II Badge Recipient



LYNN MACK-COSTELLO

A lifetime member of Girl Scouts, Lynn divides her Girl Scout endeavors as a service unit manager, adult educator, and Gold Award committee member. For the past five years, she has been the lead for both the Adult Educator Support and Gold Award Go Teams, as well as an active participant on several other teams. Lynn was closely involved in the conversion of trainings to the online webinar format and was co-lead for Volunteer U, the council-wide and regional leader conference in 2016. Lynn facilitates leader trainings, Gold Award trainings; participates on the Gold Award Go Team and Gold Award Review Committee; was integral in the rewrite of the GSGLA Bylaws; and has served as a national delegate. Furthermore, Lynn works tirelessly to support the Pali-Mali Service Unit. Although her daughters are now adults and Lynn is no longer a troop leader, she is a constant support for many troops in her community and throughout Greater Los Angeles. The license plate on her car reads “GS 4 Life” and it is so true! She is knowledgeable in all things Girl Scouts, and is extremely enthusiastic. Lynn is also celebrated as a champion for promoting various programmatic aspects of Girl Scouting—such as STEM—while upholding traditions, such as Girl Scout songs and camping.

Thanks Badge



The Thanks Badge recognizes an adult volunteer who has delivered outstanding service to the council or the entire Girl Scout Movement by taking a leadership role at the council level, expanding membership growth and retention, increasing funding, and innovating council-wide program opportunities.

2018 Thanks Badge Recipients



GLORIA HALFACRE

Gloria has been a troop leader for the past 12 years. Only a Brownie Girl Scout for one year, Gloria knew little about Girl Scouts when she joined as a volunteer. Since then, Gloria has served the Marina Service Unit as co-manager, recruiter, and communications director. In her partnership with staff, she has been on more than 13 Go Teams, including those for Girltopia and Volunteer Conference. She has led many Skill Builders at our Marina Service Center and is an adult educator and former national delegate. Her efforts as an adult educator have extended beyond leading trainings: Gloria has been a driving force in creating and implementing new guides, manuals, and resources for all our volunteers. She loves working with the girls and adults and it truly shows in all of the amazing efforts she has made during her continued time with our council.



ELIZABETH SOUKUP

Elizabeth has been a Girl Scout for 56 years, which includes having earned her First Class Award in 1969. Elizabeth is a lifetime member of the Alamitos/Marina Service Unit and team, where she is the product sales chair, treasurer, and registrar, and also helps with anything else that needs to be done. She is an integral part of the Long Beach cookie cupboard and has volunteered there almost every day that it has been open for more than 15 years. Elizabeth is a valuable contributor to both the service unit and council in respect to her dedication to helping volunteers participate in the cookie program year after year. Elizabeth also supports and is inclusive of Juliettes in her service unit by connecting with them to ensure they are able to attend neighborhood events as well as participate in product sales programs.

Platinum Service Award



The Platinum Service Award recognizes an outstanding adult volunteer who continues to give simultaneous service to her or his service unit as well as their region or the entire council for at least three years after receiving previous national awards. This council honor is awarded to an adult volunteer who served in two different positions simultaneously, including in the service unit and the region or the council; a volunteer who has provided consistent high-quality service beyond the expectations of the position and has given service in a manner that sets a positive example for others.

2018 Platinum Service Award Recipients



KARI HANSON

Kari has been a Girl Scout leader for 13 years, currently co-leading a Senior troop. Kari enjoys everything about Girl Scouting, especially watching her girls blossom into thoughtful young women and tomorrow's leaders. Her troops have run many events for the Pali-Mali Service Unit, where she is an active member, neighborhood registrar, fall product chair, and boothing chair. Kari would like to thank her wonderful girls for making Girl Scouting so enjoyable and extend a special thanks to her co-leader.



DEANN HEALY

DeAnn has served as her service unit's cookie chair for the last five years. She and her co-leader graduated one troop and currently have a troop of 12 Ambassadors working on their Gold Awards to cap off their Girl Scout journeys. DeAnn has served on the Family Partnership Go Team for several years and also serves as her service unit's secretary. Her troops have always taken on leadership roles in the service unit and she enjoys working with the girls in developing their organizational skills.



JANET KC-JORDAN

Janet has been a Girl Scout leader for more than a decade and serves as the Canyon Star Service Unit's special events coordinator. Janet's passion for the outdoors has led her to backpack all over the world, from the Himalayas in Nepal to the Canadian Rockies, Alps, Sierras, and more. She enjoys sharing her knowledge of the outdoors and encouraging all to dream big. Janet is also a proud mother of three kids.



HELEN MCNAMEE

Helen has volunteered with Girl Scouts for the last 10 years. Her most recent roles include service unit fall and cookie chair, as well as treasurer. She has dedicated time to holding a supplemental training for parents and leaders to attend so they can all be informed, which has benefited sales in her service unit. Overall, she has been a great asset to the Girl Scout community.

2018 Platinum Service Award Recipients



JULIE MILLER

As a service unit manager for Marina, Julie takes pride in helping leaders resolve issues within their troops. As an adult educator, Julie is passionate about teaching others, especially when it comes to First Aid/CPR/AED training. She also facilitates lifeguarding and babysitting certifications. Julie also developed and led several classes at Volunteer University and smaller events. She still fields questions and gives advice to leaders who took the “How to Run a Successful Service Unit” course. As a national delegate, Julie was honored to represent GSGLA.



MICHELLE ROBERTS

Michelle has a passion for Girl Scouts that spans almost two decades. She has had the opportunity to inspire the lives of hundreds of girls across Arizona, California, and Utah, including both of her own daughters. Michelle has volunteered as a troop leader, cookie mom, service unit manager, and camp director. Michelle is loved by both girls and parents alike for her caring, adventurous spirit and her desire to serve each and every girl while helping them reach their full potential.



DANIELLE SAGER-EBLING

Danielle has been a leader with her Venice-based troop for the last eight years. The troop is active with amazing camping adventures, community service projects, and exciting travels. She has worked diligently as a member of the Marina Service Unit as its fall product chair for six years, as well as hosted bridging ceremonies and cookie kick-offs. In 2017, she proudly represented GSGLA as a delegate at the national convention.



DARLENE TORRES

Darlene has been a leader for 10 years, in addition to her service as the adult recognition chair and level educator for the Marina Service Unit for six years. In her volunteer role, she has hosted Marina Service Unit’s holiday service project and World Thinking Day with her troop. At the council level, she has served on the Adult Recognition Go Team since its inception. She is extremely proud of her two Girl Scout daughters for earning the Silver Award this year and going on a Girl Scout Destination.



DEBIE WAKELAND

This is Debie’s 36th year as a Girl Scout, including 26 years as a leader and 16 years as the leader of MSS Morning Star. She has also served as manager, cookie chair, fall product chair, and treasurer for Canyon Star Service Unit. Currently, Debie is the Go Team lead for SEME (Special Events and Money-Earning) and an adult advisor for the Tournament of Roses troop.



TANDY WILSON 

Tandy is the Senior Advisor for Tintaguias Girl Scout Troop 22346, which is a multi-level troop for Daisies through Ambassadors. Tandy has been a Girl Scout leader for 20 years. She is a sheet metal artist and enjoys creating objects. Tandy is also a runner and has completed six full marathons since she started running just over three years ago. She also enjoys hiking, backpacking, and cycling. She hopes to provide opportunities for girls to help them find their voice and their vision for the world.

Congratulations to the Volunteer Awardees!



On behalf of nearly 43,000 Girl Scouts impacted by your volunteerism, the GSGLA Board of Directors offers its deepest appreciation to all the awardees. Congratulations on your incredible achievements. Your efforts exemplify the very best of Girl Scouting. Thank you for sharing your time and talents to make a difference in the lives of girls and the world!

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**formerly known as Family Partnership*

***Numbers based on council's operating budget to support 43,000 girls and 24,000 members, per girl, per year*

Honor Pin



The Honor Pin is a national award that recognizes an adult volunteer who has delivered outstanding service to two or more service units or to a region. The awardee has significantly contributed to meeting one or more council goals in membership growth and retention, fund development, or increased community visibility in a region or two or more service units. She or he actively recognizes, understands, and practices the values of inclusive behavior.

2018 Honor Pin Recipients



MICHELLE APOLONIO

Michelle is a service unit manager and recruiter for La Brea Heights. She believes that the way you empower a woman is to empower a girl—and she does just that. In her time on the leadership team with the service unit, there has been a significant increase in girl and adult membership and engagement with La Brea Heights girls, the community, and other service units. Michelle was also a speaker at the 2017 ToGetHerThere Luncheon, and part of the Reach More Girls team.



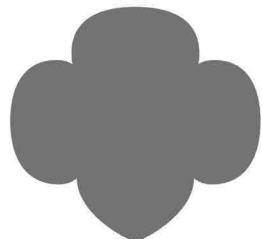
TAMI BOELTL

Tami has been a volunteer with Girl Scouts for 18 years as a parent volunteer, troop leader, and service unit volunteer and manager. Additionally, she served as camp co-director for Sizzilyatcha Summer Camp and currently volunteers as camp co-director for Nature at Night Summer Camp, service unit treasurer, and manager of the Whittier cookie cupboard.



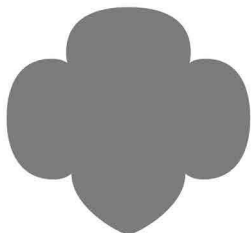
LIZ BUSQUE

Liz has been enjoying Girl Scouting with both Bonita and Mountain View service units for more than 20 years. It all started when her daughter, Danielle, came home from kindergarten with a Girl Scout flier. Liz has held many positions including cookie chair, troop leader, special events coordinator, Johnstone House chair, program aide manager, Gold Award committee member, Go Team member, and service unit manager. Liz's favorite volunteer experiences are with the Nature at Night Summer Camp.



MERCEDES CRUZ

Mercedes has taken the role of service unit manager for San Pedro and has made positive impacts not just in her own service unit community, but beyond as well. Just recently, Mercedes introduced a potential partnership to GSGLA through the Los Angeles County Commission for women and girls. She has identified a great opportunity where the two organizations can work together for the benefit of girls throughout all of LA County. As an advocate attorney, Mercedes knows and understands the importance of inclusion and inclusive behavior, and does a wonderful job exhibiting this.



KATHY GOODSON

As the cookie chair for the Alhambra/Rosemead Service Unit for more than seven years, Kathy goes above and beyond to help her troops. She welcomes each leader and strives to create a fun and enthusiastic environment for the Girl Scout Cookie Program.



SHARON LEI HAGER

Sharon Lei began her life as a Girl Scout at age seven, when her mom started a Brownie troop. Many years later, she continued her Girl Scout journey by starting her first troop when her oldest daughter was six years old. After both daughters earned their Gold Award, Sharon Lei decided to become a volunteer to work with girls on their road to the Gold Award. She has worked with hundreds of girls as they strive to attain the highest award in Girl Scouts for more than 12 years.



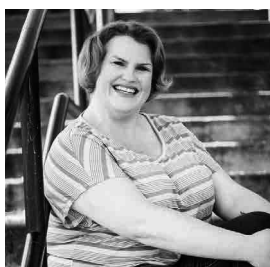
LISA MOORE

Lisa is a lifelong member of Girl Scouting and is a former recipient of the Girl Scout Gold Award. She has enjoyed serving as a Girl Scout leader for 12 years for her daughters' Girl Scout troop. She also served as a Girl Scout robotics team coach for three years, working with the Techno Girls, the Rambunctious Robotic Girls, and the Lego Lovers. She currently volunteers on the Silver Award Committee and had the privilege of serving as a council delegate to the national convention.



LORI OSEGURA

Lori has been involved in Girl Scouting for more than 23 years in the Mt. View Service Unit. She has led both of her daughters' troops from Daisy to Ambassador, and each earned her Gold Award. Lori's passion for Girl Scouting goes beyond all the numerous positions she has held on the service unit team over the years, as well as the multitude of program events and summer camps she has directed and the troop of older girls she continues to lead. She is considered a true sister to every Girl Scout.



TRACEY PAYTON

Tracey is a lifelong Girl Scout. Beginning as a Brownie and continuing through high school, she earned her Silver and Gold Awards. After college, Tracey wanted to return to Girl Scouting as a leader. She has led several different troop levels and has held positions within the service unit.

2018 Honor Pin Recipients



JENNIFER SARCENO

Jennifer has been a Girl Scout leader for 13 years with two daughters, as well as the treasurer for the Rancho Foothills Service Unit for more than six years. She provides individual trainings for all leaders to ensure they understand the financial procedures for their troop. Her attention to detail and organization keeps the service unit running smoothly year after year.



YVONNE SCHUELLER

Yvonne was part of the delegate selection committee to interview and select the GSGLA delegates for the 2017 national convention. Her participation on this committee significantly contributed to our council's goals in both membership growth and retention, as well as community visibility. Yvonne went above and beyond to interview applicants face-to-face at our headquarters. She understands the importance of the delegate role, and was able to help select an amazing group of delegates that were a diverse representation of GSGLA.



KRISTINE WISCARSON

Kristine has been a volunteer for more than 20 years, starting as a leader of her daughter's Daisy troop. She has held many roles from service unit team member to adult educator and Go Team lead, serving the council. She has been involved in Deep Dive teams and is currently involved in a national project serving as one of only three volunteers, developing online e-learning.



ANNETTE YU

Annette has been an integral part of the Pali-Mali Service Unit for more than 10 years, serving as fall product chair, hosting the annual Spring Encampment with her troop, and volunteering in the Marina cookie cupboard. In addition to supporting her service unit, Annette has committed to teaching first aid and CPR for the entire council, benefiting dozens of Girl Scout leaders and parents in various communities.

Appreciation Pin



The Appreciation Pin recognizes an adult volunteer who has delivered outstanding service to at least one service unit. The honoree has significantly contributed to meeting one or more council goals in membership growth, retention, fund development, or increased community visibility in one service unit.

2018 Appreciation Pin Recipients



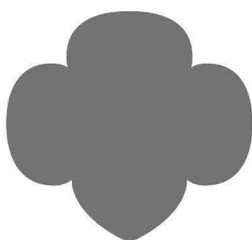
SHANIA ACCIUS PASCHALL

Shania first became a Girl Scout at the age of eight and remained active for almost eight years. In 2014, when her daughter was in kindergarten, she became a Girl Scout leader and created a troop. The troop has expanded, and now Troop 3246 comprises 56 girls of courage, confidence, and character, focused on cultural exposure, leadership, and community service. With her troop, Shania has created a safe space where African-American girls in the San Fernando Valley are surrounded by girls who share their same experiences and leaders who mirror what they want to become.



THERESA ADAIR

When Theresa's daughter asked to be part of a troop in 2014, she found it to be a blessing and an honor to join GSGLA. Since joining, Theresa has been a troop co-leader as well as the service unit's cookie product chair. This year, her service unit successfully hosted their first ever cookie kick-off with more than 300 guests. Theresa spends her days working in operations for a nonprofit charter school, and enjoys being with her husband and their five children.



DANA ANASTASI

Dana has held multiple service unit positions for the Las Colinas team. She has helped plan multiple service unit events. As an advocate for older girls in Girl Scouts, she stepped into the role of troop consultant in her service unit to inspire older girls to continue through high school.



MARIE ANDERSON

Marie served as a parent volunteer when both of her daughters were active in troops. Although they have graduated from college, Marie has remained active as a leader for close to five years and is passionate about Girl Scouts. As an outdoor education enthusiast, she has volunteered for the Camporee Committee for the past three years. She also serves as service unit communications chair.

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ANETT ASSILIAN

Anett is a longtime volunteer with the Stoneyridge Service Unit and leads Troop 22346. She began her Girl Scout journey as a program aide as a teenager. Today, as a psychologist, professor of psychology, and supervisor, she often speaks about how important it is to take care of yourself in order to be able to care for others. For Anett, Girl Scouting is not just a hobby: She considers it her self-care. She shares her enthusiasm for being a Girl Scout with her friends, husband, and daughter.



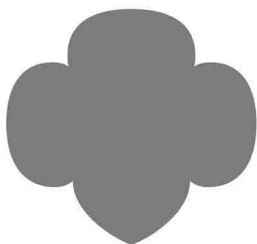
MARY ATHANS-BARTLETT

Mary has been actively involved in Girl Scouts for 14 years, serving as a troop leader for eight years. Her former troop is now in college and she has many fond memories of their years together. Mary served as the service unit treasurer, and co-chaired the first-ever Service Unit Court of Awards—now an annual event. Mary began serving on the Gold Award Committee in 2015 and has enjoyed meeting and mentoring many outstanding young women. In 2016, Mary became the co-service unit manager for Manhattan Beach.



DEB BAUM

Deborah has been a Girl Scout for almost 20 years and still enjoys watching the girls figure out who they are and what they want to be.



KIM BERGDAHL

Kim is a Cadette leader for her daughter's troop, but has held many service unit positions including recruiter. She hosts service unit events and strives to place girls into troops so they are able to experience Girl Scouting in El Segundo.



KARIN BERGER STELLAR

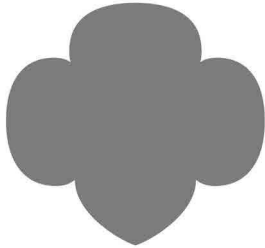
Karin is an executive compensation committee member. She is a partner at Morris & Berger, an executive search firm for nonprofits. Karin served as alumni board chair at USC Sol Price School of Public Policy. She is a former Girl Scout and mother of two Girl Scouts.

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MYRNA BOHAN

Myrna is a trusted advisor and community leader with a strong work ethic and energetic spirit. She spent eight years in fund development for Girl Scouts and is currently the director of development for Venice Community Housing. Myrna proudly serves on the Gold Award Committee, which she truly loves, as she is consistently in awe of the amazing young women she has the pleasure of meeting and mentoring.



PATTY BRADEN

As one of the service unit managers for Puente Hills, Patty has worked to build and sustain a Girl Scout community that thrives.



PRIYA BRADFIELD

Priya has been a Girl Scout leader for eight years, and her first troop is in high school with their eyes on the Gold Award. She became involved in her service unit as a fall product chair, then as the cookie chair; and has served as the service unit manager since 2014. She credits her success to the support of her service unit team, which helps make Canyon Star an amazing service unit that continues to grow. In addition to her service unit roles, she is a member of the Cookie Program and Adult Recognition Go Teams.



MICHELLE BREKKE

Michelle wears many hats for the Mission Valley Service Unit. She has served on the leadership team as treasurer for the past eight years. Michelle also helped with the service unit cookie kick-off event and the Destination Unknown event for older girls, and organized the service unit's troops in the Granada Hills Holiday Parade. Michelle strongly believes in the tenants of the Girl Scout Movement. She recently switched roles and is now the new Mission Valley Service Unit Manager.



JENNIFER BROW

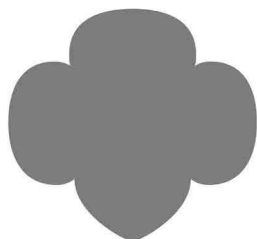
Jennifer has been a troop leader for seven years, and is proud to be a part of the Westchester Del Rey Service Unit where she is part of the service unit leadership team. Her troop wouldn't happen without the endless support of her parents and other leaders in her service unit. Jennifer has enjoyed watching her girls grow into leaders and good team players and enjoys sharing her love of the outdoors with them.

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MARYLOU CAHIR

MaryLou was a leader for Troop 3975 through their high school graduation, and has served as the training and education chair for Manhattan Beach Service Unit, as well as a camping skills instructor and Gold Award team member for GSGLA.



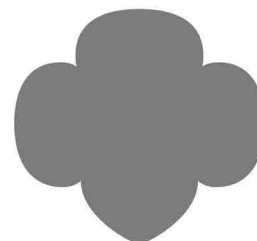
MARIA CALVARIO

Maria has been a leader and cookie chair for five years, in addition to her role as Compton/Lynwood Service Unit Secretary for four years. She says it has been a great experience working with the girls and their families. Her daughter joined as a Daisy and is now in her second year as a Brownie.



MAVE CANDELAS

Mave is a troop leader, as well as the fall product and cookie chair for Heart of the Valley Service Unit for four years. She was never a Girl Scout growing up; but when her daughter wanted to join, she jumped at the opportunity to organize a troop. Mave enjoys helping her Girl Scouts take part in community projects that empower them and give them the tools to become great future leaders.



MALIA CARLSEN

Malia is a member of the council's southwest region's Gold Award Committee, as well as a leader in the Palos Verdes Peninsula for a large troop known as "Shark Bait." She goes above and beyond to ensure that all girls are knowledgeable about the Gold Award, and mentors them throughout the process to earn the prestigious award. Malia, in both her capacities, has played an important role in defining a culture of achievement in the southwest Girl Scouting community.



JEANNA CASTRO

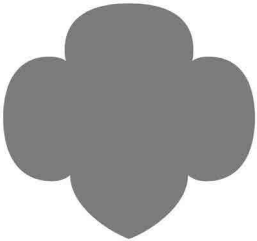
Jeanna grew up in the Antelope Valley, is the mother of four girls, and serves as a Daisy and Brownie leader. She admits that she's not one who likes to camp and be outdoors, but she does it for the girls. Jeanna does love to sing, dance, and have fun, and enjoys crafting and baking.

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NAOMI CHAN

Naomi started her Girl Scout journey as a cookie chair and then became a co-leader in 2009. She enjoys working with the girls and witnessing their growth. She says she has learned a lot about Girl Scouts, as well as various indoor and outdoor activities, and leadership skills and continues to be inspired by the many adult leaders in Girl Scouts.



SANDRA CHARLES

Sandra is a leader and girl awards liaison for the La Brea Heights Service Unit. She has helped lead multiple financial literacy badge workshops for the service unit, as well as focused on engaging older girls in the community. Recognizing the benefits of our highest awards, Sandra advocates for and mentors older girls through the entire process.



MICHELLE CLOUTIER

Michelle has been a Girl Scout leader since 2011, and has served as the Burbank Service Unit Registrar since 2015. She recently joined the National Charity League - Burbank chapter with her daughter. She was also a Cub Scout den leader for five years.



TAMMY CONWAY

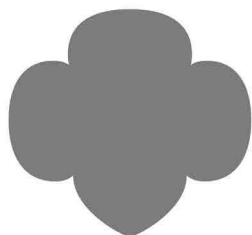
Tammy “Tigger” is a dedicated volunteer at Camp Osito Rancho. She is well-known for her enthusiasm and ability to cook and feed more than 100 people weekend after weekend. Aside from being such a hard worker, Tammy takes time to interact with campers and event participants, and is a great example of a positive role model.



TAMARRA COREL

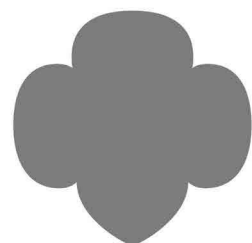
Tamarra is the service unit manager for Ontario/Montclair, and also leads two multi-level troops. Her efforts in working with local parents and girls has dramatically increased the Girl Scout community in this area within the last year. The knowledge and experience in Girl Scouting that she has shared encourages others to embrace what our program offers to girls.

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HEIDI COX

Heidi has volunteered with Girl Scouts for 19 years—including 18 years with Rancho Foothills Service Unit in various positions; 15 years as a troop leader; 10 years as a unit leader for summer camps; and seven years as a Gold Award Committee member. She is also the mother of two Gold Award recipients.



JULIA CURRENCE

Julia is one of the service unit managers for the newly-formed Palos Verdes Peninsula Service Unit. Her exceptional organizational skills and commitment to providing support to her troop leaders has led to the increased engagement of girls and troops in this community.



KATHI DAY

Kathi was a loyal Girl Scout volunteer for more than 65 years, providing service that has impacted thousands of girls and left lasting memories. Throughout her years, she was an amazing troop leader and council trainer, and served on the board of directors for the former Long Beach council and the Lachen Service Unit team as co-manager for more than 25 years. Those of us who knew Kathi loved her openness and candor, as well as her passion for her family, friends, community, and especially for our older girls. The impact she's made on many of our lives is immeasurable and she will be dearly missed.



ELIZABETH DILGER

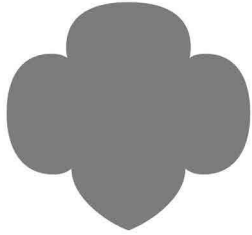
Liz started out as a Girl Scout and says some of her best memories are from Girl Scout summer camp. She has volunteered with GSGLA for eight years, including three years as a service unit manager. She says it's so rewarding to not only shape the Girl Scouting experience for her own troop, but also for others in her community through service unit events and activities.



SHERA DOLMATZ-FINKEL

Shera has been a Girl Scout since she was a Brownie. She led both her adult daughters' troops from Daisies to Ambassadors. Now, she co-leads Shark Bait, a multi-level troop; participates in Mojave Primitive Encampment; and works with the LA Maritime Institute to bring tall ship sailing to girls. She is also developing a Girls at the Helm summer camp, and serves on the Gold Award Committee and ran Shark Bait's FIRST Lego League robotics team for three years. Shera says she enjoys every minute volunteering with amazing adults.

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ELIZABETH EVANS

Elizabeth is a leader for three troops, and runs a majority of the service unit events. As the lead for the La Cañada Fall Encampment, Elizabeth increased participation to 160 attendees. She was not deterred when problems arose in the planning of the fall encampment. Elizabeth brings passion and dedication to all she does.



DONNY FA'ALILIU

Donny currently serves as the director of leadership and community outreach with After-School All-Stars, Los Angeles, one of GSGLA's community partner organizations. He has worked there for 14 years. Donny also has many years of volunteer experience, including being a Boy Scout troop leader.



ERIN FAULKNER

Erin started Girl Scouts in kindergarten, becoming a lifetime Girl Scout after 13 years. She received her Gold Award in 2012 and has worked every Gold Award Ceremony since, making sure each girl is honored. She has also worked her service unit's cookie delivery event, and continues to support her troop and mentor any girl toward the Silver or Gold Award. She was recently trained to be a part of the new Gold Award Bootcamp program. Erin often says she is who she is because of Girl Scouts and her wonderful troop.



LATASHA FLOWERS

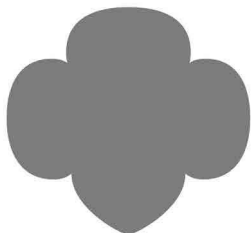
As a recruiter and school liaison for Magnolia Service Unit, Latasha champions teachers and focuses on continuing the Girl Scout legacy at their school. She embodies the Girl Scout motto of "Be Prepared" as she continually goes above and beyond to provide the best experience for the girls in her troop and service unit.



JULIE FORD-SMITH

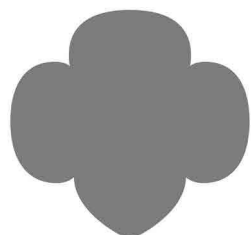
Julie describes herself as an entrepreneur, certified photo organizer, and most importantly Girl Scout troop assistant. She is proud to be involved with her group of young women who have very little in common except their own individual unique greatness and could not be more proud to be in their village.

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SANDRA GALLEGOS

Sandra is a volunteer partner in GSGLA's southeast region. With Sandra's help, the council was able to implement the partnership program at three elementary schools which allowed more than 60 girls to experience our Girl Scout program. Her dedication to supporting the Girl Scout mission is evident in the continued growth of the program as well as locations where it is available.



ERIN GARCIA

Holding multiple positions in the Puente Hills Service Unit team, Erin is dedicated to providing support to new and existing leaders. She has been part of the Puente Hills Service Unit team for more than five years and recently helped welcome two neighboring service units to their community.



BONNIE GEORGE

Bonnie has been a Girl Scout leader for almost four years—helping Canyon Star Service Unit with girl placement and recruitment, making fliers and working with the event coordination team, and basically filling in wherever something needs to get done.



ANNE "BETH" GESSNER

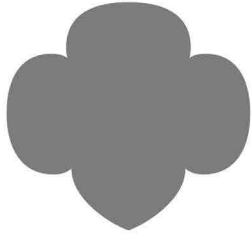
Beth was a Girl Scout leader for her daughter's troop for 11 years and has served on the Manhattan Beach Service Unit team for the past 10 years. She is a founding member of the Friends of Senior and Scout Community Center, an organization dedicated to raising funds to build a new Scout house in Manhattan Beach.



LISETTE GOLD

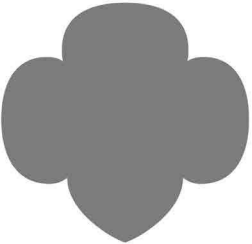
Lisette has been the Santa Monica Service Unit Manager for three years and troop leader for six years. She is currently the leader for multi-level Cadette/Senior/Ambassador Troop 1645. One of her greatest joys has been to help five of her troop's Girl Scouts earn their Girl Scout Gold Award. As an environmental engineer, she has led numerous Girl Scout troops on tours of the Santa Monica Water Treatment Plant to show girls science in action and inspire STEM careers.

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CAROLYN GOSS

Carolyn is the leader of two Journey troops, as well as the adviser of the GSGLA Color Guard. By offering and leading the Journey Girl troops, Carolyn makes Girl Scouts accessible to girls who may not have otherwise had the opportunity to participate. She has contributed more than 30 years to Girl Scouts and continues to leave a lasting impact on the girls, staff, and volunteers with whom she has worked.



HILARY GREGG

Hilary has served on the Gold Award Committee for five years, helping Girl Scouts refine their proposals and celebrating their accomplishments after exit interviews. She was actively involved in the La Cañada Service Unit, earning the Evergreen Award and co-chairing numerous campouts and badge days. She mentored 14 girls through the Girl Scout Gold Award process and enjoyed being a leader for her daughter's troop for 13 years. She treasures all of the friends she has made through Girl Scouts.



ALLEN GROSSMAN

Allen volunteers at Camp Osito Rancho as an activity instructor for the high ropes course as well as a lifeguard. With his positive outlook and ability to make everyone around him laugh, Allen continues to inspire girls to feel stronger and aim higher.



KAREN GROSSMAN

Karen was the camp director at Camp Osito Rancho this past year. She is certified to run the high ropes course, as well as serve as a lifeguard for the camp's pool. A favorite of the campers, Karen continues to work tirelessly to provide an amazing camp experience for any girl who attends Osito Rancho.



LURIE GRUENWALD

Laurie has been a Girl Scout leader for 15 years. She also serves on the service unit team as a new leader consultant.

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ELIZABETH GUZMAN

Elizabeth has been a part of the Chino Service Unit for seven years. She is the service unit manager and troop leader for both of her daughters' troops. Elizabeth's main focus is the girls. Helping them to become confident, courageous, and make the world a better place is always her goal.



CHERYL HASENMAYER

Cheryl has found her true passion in Girl Scouts through her daughters, despite never having been a member as a girl. Having grown from troop volunteer to service unit manager in South Torrance, Cheryl is known for her tireless enthusiasm and team spirit.



LINDA HAVERMAN

After leading six different troops over the last 33 years, Linda has served GSGLA by her continued participation with adult educators. She has held every position at the service unit level, including two 10-year terms as service unit manager. She also served on the Volunteer Conference and 100th Anniversary Camporee committees, as well as the Adult Educator and Camping Go Teams. She enjoys sharing her many experiences and learned skills with new leaders in her trainings.



KAREN HERBERT

Karen has served as a co-leader/treasurer for seven years. In the last couple of years, she has also served as the service unit treasurer, and coordinated the cookie kickoff event. She says Girl Scouts has given her family many great memories.



SUSANA HERMOSILLO

Susana started as a parent volunteer five years ago to stay involved with her daughters. After growing very fond of the troop, she decided to become a co-leader the following year. She has now been a Junior leader for four years. Susana says being a leader has allowed her to be near her daughters, while watching the troop grow and make a difference with themselves and others.

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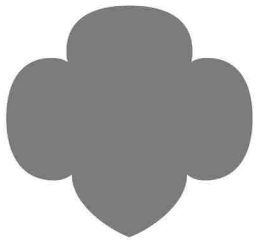
HEATHER HOYNES

A volunteer at heart, Heather says service is a key character trait of hers and loves being a part of Girl Scouts. As a wife and mother of five kids, she feels abundantly blessed that her family is able to volunteer often. Heather hopes that in some way her family has made the world a better place.



MARICELA HURTADO

Maricela is in her fourth year as a troop leader. She loves introducing the girls to new adventures and skills. She believes the Girl Scout curriculum is a fantastic platform for building empowerment. Maricela is proud of her troop's ongoing community work and philanthropy with the Ronald McDonald House in Pasadena.



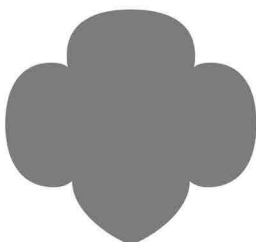
ROBIN KAMINSKY

Among her numerous service unit contributions, Robin has served as the training and education chair for the Manhattan Beach Service Unit for the last four years. Tracking information for more than 75 troops is no easy feat; yet Robin continues to effortlessly communicate with the troops in her service unit. She streamlined the permission slip process in Manhattan Beach and has worked to implement more CPR classes for her volunteers and older girls.



LAURA KATAYAMA

Laura was a very enthusiastic Brownie and Junior Girl Scout growing up. So it was only natural that she would take on leadership responsibilities when her daughter was old enough to join Girl Scouts. Laura was a leader for her daughter's troop for 13 years. Now that her troop has graduated high school and completed Girl Scouts, she has become an enthusiastic member of the Gold Award Committee. She is also the proud mother of a new lifetime Girl Scout.



KENDRA KING

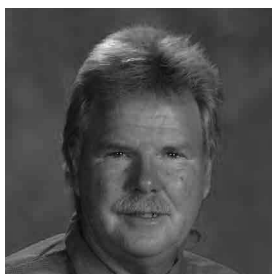
Kendra has been the leader of Troop 10195, a multi-level troop of 40 Girl Scouts, for six years. Even though she may be the leader on paper, it is truly a girl-led experience. The girls have encouraged her to try new things, like camping, just as she has encouraged them to do the same. Kendra is always on the lookout for exciting opportunities for her Girl Scouts.

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KRISTINE KITCHEN

Kris was a co-leader for Troop 7085. She has served as the service unit manager for North Torrance, and volunteered locally to help with Gold Award interviews.



STEVE KLENK

Steve has provided archery training at the Rancho Foothills Camporee, Villages, La Casita Day Camp, and Family Fit Fair, among other events. Without Steve's help, many of the girls would not have had the opportunity to participate. He has also volunteered with Mall Madness (all night) in the games area. He also assists with badge work for the council's color guard and during program aide club meetings. Steve's work with the color guard also includes the annual haunted house, which features Journey Girls, program aides, and Juliettes from the Montclair area.



JOHANNA KRAUS

As an avid camper and hiker, Johanna enjoys sharing her love of the outdoors with the girls from Troop 11365 and the Manhattan Beach Service Unit. She is lucky to have a group of seventh graders who are just as adventurous as she is, and is looking forward to the next five years of fun with them.

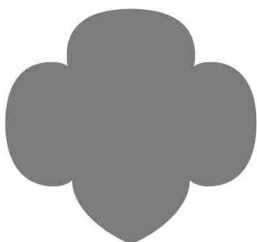


ELIZABETH KRIDER

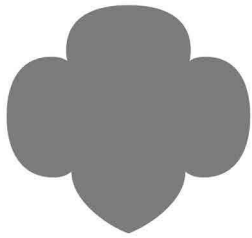
For several years now, Elizabeth has enjoyed working with Girl Scouts and fellow volunteers to plan and run the La Cañada Flintridge Girl Scout Day Camp. She says she has learned so much from all of the people she has worked with, and loves seeing the campers come back taller and more excited about being outdoors.

LISA KWAN

Lisa has been the service unit chair for Las Caballeras for more than 13 years. She has focused on empowering leaders in her service unit to be financially savvy when it comes to their troop accounts. She mentors and advises leaders on best practices and how to have successful product sales experiences.



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JANICE LAW

Janice is a member of the southwest region's Gold Award Committee and has participated for about two years. She is always able to provide excellent suggestions to girls for creating sustainable projects.



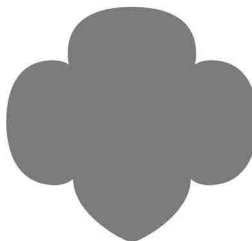
CHARLES LEATHERBERRY

Charles works for Walt Disney Imagineering, where he is a digital asset management lead, and is currently helping to coach six Girl Scout FIRST Lego League robotics teams at the Montrose Outdoor Program Center.



ANAYELI LOPEZ

With Anayeli's support as the cookie chair for the North River Service Unit, the troops were able to exceed their goal. She also planned this last year's cookie rally while leading a troop of her own. Her positive outlook and calm demeanor allowed leaders and girls to experience a successful cookie program in North River.



ASTRID MARTINEZ-FRIBOURG

Astrid has been a volunteer with Girl Scouts for seven years and a proud co-leader of a Cadette troop. She enjoys being involved and watching the girls grow into amazing young ladies who have learned so much through all the years of adventures. During the summer, Astrid is part of the creative staff for Camp Stuff 'n' Such in Marina Del Ray.



LINNA MARTZ

Linna is the co-pastor of Lifehouse Church in San Dimas, as well as an admissions counselor for Life Pacific College. She has three fantastic children—one each in Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Cub Scouts. She is an occasional speaker, seasonal cookie program chair, and always a Girl Scout.

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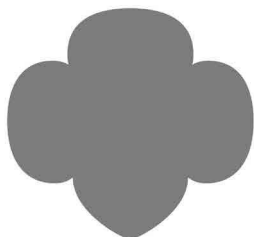
MARY MCDUGAL

Mary has been active in Girl Scouts since 2002, and has led Troop 12421 since 2007. She has worked with the girls in the troop to earn their Bronze Award in 2010, their Silver Award in 2011—and cheered them on as they achieved the Gold Award. This year, the girls graduate from their various high schools and Mary says she could not be prouder of them and is grateful for their time spent together making the world a better place.



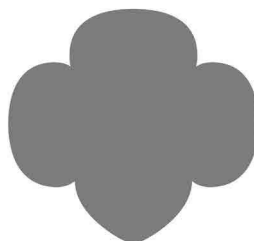
LAURA MCMULLEN

Laura has been a Girl Scout leader for three years. She began as a Daisy herself and had so many rewarding experiences she couldn't wait to put her own daughter in Girl Scouts. Laura loves working with the Upland Service Unit team as the communications manager and community service coordinator. She says she couldn't do any of it without her husband's support.



ALISON MCQUAY

Alison has participated as the service unit events coordinator in La Cañada for more than four years. She created a streamlined events website for her service unit, for which she uploaded all of the event binder information. Alison plans more than 15 events annually for La Cañada and continues to support leaders in her community.



KATIE MERDERNACH

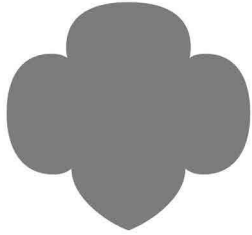
Katie volunteered to take the wilderness/first aid training so the girls in the Palisades/Malibu Service Unit could plan and attend their spring encampment. She is an integral part of two troops in the area and continues to help within her troop and service unit whenever needed.



KATRINA METZ

Katie has been a troop leader for seven years and director and registrar of the local Girl Scout day camp for four years. When not buried by paperwork, she enjoys working as a school nurse and being a wife and mother.

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MICHELLE MYERS

Michelle has been a service unit cookie chair for six years. Her fellow service unit volunteers credit her for creating a team that makes cookie season incredibly efficient. Michelle is known for her thorough training which leaves new leaders feeling confident about having a successful cookie season.



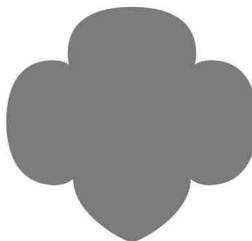
MARY ELLEN OSIP

Mary Ellen manages the holiday gift wrap program that is a significant money-earning and visibility opportunity for her service unit. She is known for her efficiency in sharing supplies and gift wrap options with all participating troops, and making sure Girl Scouts deliver a high-quality product with a professional feel. The program helps participating troops raise more money, while raising visibility for the girls' capabilities and responsibilities.



RANDEE PALMER

Randee has been a Girl Scout leader in Claremont since 2008, where she also started as a Brownie. She is currently a graduate student at Western University of Health Sciences.



JESIKA PATINO

Jesika's service has been exemplary, as she has been positive and enthusiastic about introducing and implementing GSGLA's partnership program at more than 10 Options for Learning sites. She took the initiative to lead and organize this project/partnership between GSGLA and Options for Learning, working collaboratively with GSGLA staff to make Girl Scouts an integral part of their enrichment program. Through Jesika's leadership, the program has expanded to reach and serve almost 400 girls (out of an 800-girl goal).



CORALYN PEIRSON

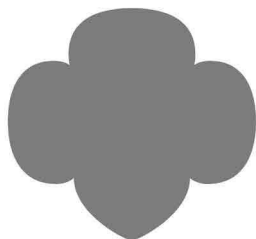
Coralyn has been the leader of Troop 7246 since 2012 and the leader of Troop 596 since 2014. Coralyn joined the Canyon Star Service Unit team in 2015 as the new troop liaison and is currently the Canyon Star Service Unit Cookie Chair.

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LYNDSAY PETERSEN

Lyndsay is a troop leader and the Daisy, Brownie, and Junior troop consultant for the Upland Service Unit. She is the mother of three Girl Scouts. Also, her troop has included the top cookie sellers in Upland for two years.



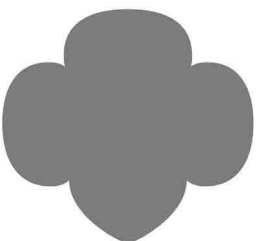
AMY REILAND

Amy has been part of the the Las Colinas Service Unit team for two years. In her service unit community, she is known for her leadership with girls, and also serves as a recruiter, school organizer, and cookie booth chair. Amy's contributions have not only helped the service unit grow, she has also made a difference on new leaders. Her experience and willingness to share has made a big impact when it comes to recruiting new leaders and parents.



DANNI REMENDER PENGELLY

Danni is an enthusiastic person who jumps into many situations with vigor and purpose. She has been a school organizer at Paradise Canyon Elementary for two years, and took on the job as a brand new Daisy leader. She saw there was a need, and didn't hesitate to fill it. Besides being a troop organizer and leader, she helps with many events that the service unit hosts.



MARA RICHARDS

Mara is part of the Marina Service Unit, where she serves as a communications coordinator, leader, troop cookie chair, and fall product chair.



MARLENE RIVERA

In 2016, Marlene wanted to give back to her community, and started a multi-level troop in East Los Angeles. She motivates and inspires Brownies, Juniors, and Cadettes to be creative and use their own imagination. With women empowerment and self-motivation in mind, she encourages young girls to believe in themselves and set realistic and achievable goals. She motivates them to explore beyond their own city, come out of their comfort zones, and think freely.

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RITA RIVERA

Rita has been a leader in the Bellflower/Hollymount Service Unit for 32 years and service unit manager for 18 years. She also continues as the service unit cookie and fall product chair. Having four daughters and now a granddaughter participate in Girl Scouts through Ambassadors has fostered a lifelong commitment to a valuable program for her family. She says touching the lives of so many young girls and watching them grow into accomplished young adults over the years has been so rewarding.



JOSH RODGERS

Josh has been an active member of Girl Scouts for the last three years and actively participates in Girl Scout events. In addition, he coordinates the distribution of cookie rewards for all the troops in the North Redondo Beach Service Unit each year.



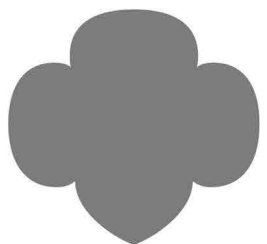
HEATHER ROHRER

Heather is a lifelong Girl Scout who started as a Brownie and earned the Gold Award in 1996. She credits her amazing husband for supporting her in every way possible and allows her to volunteer with this amazing organization. Heather is a mother of two girls, both Girl Scouts. She loves leading the girls and watching them grow as people and helping leaders do the same with their troops.



VALERIE ROMERO

Valerie has been involved in Girl Scouts for the last 17 years and says she plans to continue being involved for a very long time. In addition to Girl Scouts, she loves the beach, mountains, flowers, and arts and crafts.



JENNIFER ROOTES

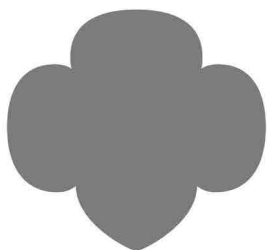
Jennifer stepped up when the Canyon Star Service Unit needed a new treasurer. She also leads her own troop, but takes the time to share her expertise and skills with the whole service unit and often has helpful advice for newer leaders. Her service goes beyond expectation because she does not have a daughter in Girl Scouts but has stepped up to lead a troop and be on the service unit team.

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MICHELLE ROSE

Michelle is being recognized for her service as a school coordinator. She has also been an active volunteer for her service unit's summer camp and many other activities during the school year. She has left a lasting impression with all of the girls who have benefitted from her leadership. Her service unit team gives her credit for directly impacting girls by leading her own troop of Girl Scouts, who are in the process of earning their Gold Award.



SHEILA ROTH

Sheila has been instrumental as a Gold Award adviser for many years. She has been a great advocate for Girl Scouting for older girls and has directly contributed to the increased number of Gold Awardees in the southwest region. She understands the importance of leadership qualities from which older Girl Scouts benefit, enabling these girls to be leaders in their own communities.



BARBARA ROYBAL

Necessity was what helped Barbara start volunteering in Girl Scouts. Her older daughter's Senior troop needed a new leader, and she wanted her daughter to continue and achieve her Gold Award. With that success, she jumped into the same role with her younger daughter's troop. She enjoyed helping a total of 22 girls achieve the highest award in Girl Scouting. Currently she is in her eighth year on the Gold Award Committee and has continued to help young women grow through the Gold Award process.



HEATHER SCOTT

Heather stepped into the role of co-service unit manager for the Lachen Service Unit this past year. She has done a wonderful job of hosting dynamic and innovative meetings, and has been a tremendous help to existing troops. Heather actively recognizes, understands, and practices the values of inclusive behavior through her efforts to make sure all girls in the neighborhood are given an opportunity to be a Girl Scout. She also understands the importance of the service aspect within Girl Scouting and believes in giving back to your community.



TAMMIE SCOTT

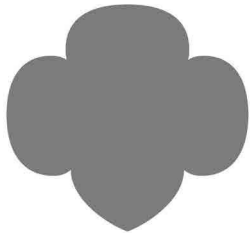
Tammie is a proud lifetime member with 29 volunteer years and 39 years as a member. She currently is the service unit manager for the North Redondo Service Unit, leader for both a Daisy troop (with her granddaughter) and a dynamic group of Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors. Additionally, Tammie is an adult educator, Gold Award Committee member, council delegate, and Global Action volunteer.

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ANN SERA

Ann was a Girl Scout when in her youth, then became a Girl Scout leader when her daughter became a Daisy. She remained a leader until her daughter achieved her Gold Award in 2011. Ann continues to be active in various positions with Go Teams and the Gateway Service Unit, and also serves as a Gold Award volunteer and mentor.



SILVIA SIGMAN

Silvia is a volunteer with the Sagebrush Service Unit. She is known to go above and beyond supporting her daughter as a Girl Scout volunteer. Silvia has also served as an older girl consultant and fall product chair for the service unit.



BEVERLY SPEAK

A lifetime member, Beverly has been a Girl Scout for nearly 60 years. She currently leads her granddaughter's Brownie troop. Now retired, her professional roles included senior management positions with Girl Scouts, YWCA, United Way, a domestic violence program, a community foundation, and a pediatric clinic.



AMBER SPENCE

Amber is a middle school history teacher and was a Girl Scout for three years as a child. Now, she has been leading her daughter's troop for the past three years.



HEATHER ST. DENNIS

Heather started with Girl Scouts as a Brownie in an overseas troop at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines. Today, she and her co-leader have loads of fun with Junior Troop 895 in Los Angeles. She says she is grateful for the wonderful memories Girl Scouts has given her and is incredibly proud to be a part of this organization.

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FRANCESCA TAYLOR

Francesca assists with recruiting, while also serving as a new troop mentor. She holds meetings at her residence to showcase the Santa Monica Service Unit's program and events. Francesca is known to provide personal guidance to leaders who may be anxious or scared to volunteer, giving them tips and insight into being a leader. She also answers questions and emails throughout her day. She truly supports the new troops and makes them feel at home in the service unit.



ELYSSA TAYLOR-STEWART

Elyssa is the academic director for Long Beach Unified School District's Expanded Learning Program, WRAP (Winners Reaching Amazing Potential). As a youth, Elyssa participated in Girl Scouts for several years, and is now excited to partner with GSGLA's community outreach program to bring enriching, uplifting experiences to girls in the WRAP program.



GAIL TESTA

Gail is a dedicated Girl Scout leader and volunteer. Her contributions to the service unit have benefited Girl Scouts in amazing ways. She also oversees the planning and execution of the service unit's Halloween celebration, which is a retention event for current Girl Scouts.



KIMBERLY THOMAS

For more than 23 years, Kimberly has been committed to impacting the lives of children. As the administrator for the Afterschool Ed. & Safety Program (ASES) for Compton Unified School District, Kimberly is able to ensure students develop their potential as lifelong learners. The Compton ASES program has been a community partner of GSGLA for two years, and serves about 270 girls. Compton ASES has done an excellent job in making the Girl Scout experience a positive one for all the girls.



DIANA TISNADO

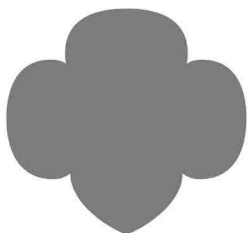
Diana serves on the Marina Service Unit's leadership team as travel director, which benefits the troops and leaders of the service unit. This is a relatively new position but Diana stepped into the role with little direction or knowledge as to what the role entailed. Diana has learned what to look for and has no problem going back to a troop for more information to make their experiences meaningful and successful.

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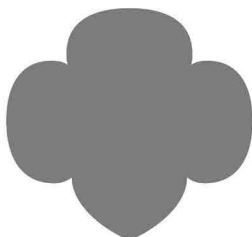
KRISTINA VALCARCE

Kristina joined Girl Scouts as a Brownie in Suffolk County, New York and continued for years, eventually earning her Silver Award. She currently is the leader of Cadette Troop 5786, and is the service unit manager of Summitrose Service Unit.



KATHY VIGIL

Kathy has served the Marina Service Unit extensively. Her most prolific accomplishment is, along with her troop, organizing, gathering donations, making, and delivering more than 1,000 pot pies to the homeless in her community. She has also acquired clothing and toiletry donations from Girl Scouts in the service unit (and surrounding areas) to give to them. The event first started as her daughter's Silver Award project. But with Kathy's (and her troop's) leadership, dozens of Girl Scouts have volunteered and made the pies.



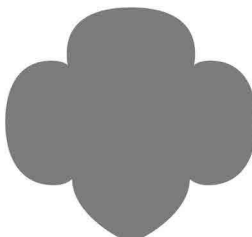
LORA VRASTIL

Lora served passionately as the chair for Manhattan Beach Service Unit's annual Neighborhood Encampment from 2014 to 2016. Lora planned the event to include as many troops as possible by arranging for cabin and yurt lodging in addition to tent sites. This allowed girls and leaders with a wide range of training and comfort levels to participate. She also facilitated the pairing-up of younger and older level troops to foster further involvement.



ANNETTE GALE WATTS

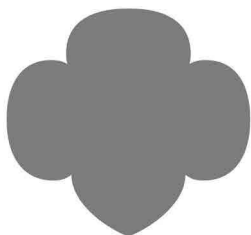
Annette is a recruiter with the Lachen Service Unit. Through this role, she is recognized as an outstanding volunteer who takes pride in the Girl Scout Promise. Annette also excels at making sure girls and their families have a great Girl Scout experience.



MELANIE WHEELING

Melanie is a passionate volunteer with Girl Scouts and serves as the membership chair for the Woodland Hills Service Unit. No matter the volunteer capacity in which she serves, Melanie is there and with a huge smile sharing her warmth and love for Girl Scouts. Melanie shows other leaders how a person can step up and assist in other avenues of Girl Scouting and still have time to be a mom. She mentors new troops in ordering and selling cookies, and volunteers at the cookie cupboard to help with distribution.

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CAROLINE WILHELM

Caroline has served the Manhattan Beach Service Unit in a number of capacities. She organized troops who adopted families in need for Christmas for two years. She and her girls have run the bridging ceremony for younger troops for a number of years and she coordinated the father/daughter event last spring. Additionally, she is also the service unit's treasurer.



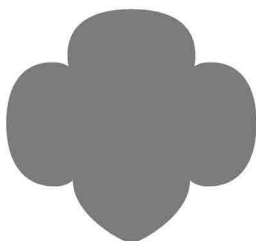
LENORA WILLIAMS

Lenora started a troop to help inspire and motivate girls to be leaders in their lives and in their community. She believes Girl Scouts allows girls to have the opportunity to learn new skills, collaborate with others, and experience different cultures.



LISA WORKING

As a Brownie and then a Junior growing up, Lisa loved silly songs, campfires, and counting cookie money. As a multi-level Brownie-Junior troop leader, she finds those affections have only deepened.



LUCY YAZEJIAN

As part of a team of volunteers, Lucy plays a crucial role in setting up the reception area of the Gold Award Ceremony. She helps place hundreds of girls' portraits and bags full of certificates in a very specific order. Not only does she arrive earlier than many staff to accomplish this, but she also stays late to help clean everything up. Lucy's participation significantly contributed to the council's goals in membership growth, retention, and community visibility.



AMY ZOQUE

Amy is the STEM coordinator and instructional coach at Vineyard STEM Magnet in the Ontario Montclair School District. She has been in education for 20 years, having taught in elementary school through high school, and has helped at Girl Scout STEM events.

President's Award

The President's Award recognizes the efforts of service unit teams or program teams in moving toward achievement of GSGLA's goals and objectives. All team members must have significantly contributed to meeting one or more council goals. The service unit must reflect the diversity of the area they serve, and actively recognize, understand, and practice the values of inclusive behavior.

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ANITA OAKS SERVICE UNIT

The Anita Oaks Service Unit, located in Arcadia, served 68 troops with 655 girls and 482 adults in the 2016–2017 membership year. What makes the service unit unique is its volunteers and troops who enjoy giving back as well as helping their city. Along with hosting events like the cookie kickoff and International Day, Anita Oaks also has strong service unit meetings, where leaders share information with one another, creating an enriching community that provides a number of ways girls can give back to their city as well as one another.

BONITA SERVICE UNIT

The Bonita Service Unit is located in La Verne and San Dimas and served 43 troops in the 2016–2017 membership year. The Bonita Service Unit has been amazing due to their successful teamwork, which relies upon the service unit and troop leaders being willing to contribute and promote a positive, effective team environment. Team members are flexible and can adapt to cooperative working atmospheres where goals are achieved through collaboration and communication.

BURBANK SERVICE UNIT

The Burbank Service Unit is located in Burbank and served 72 troops with 755 girls and 635 adults in the 2016–2017 membership year. This service unit has one of the highest retention rates (77 percent) and an impressively large school presence in their region. They put on fun and unique events, including an annual formal girl recognition, skate bash, and father/daughter events, which help this service unit recruit and retain girls, volunteers, and caregivers. The Burbank Service Unit has an amazing team of dedicated volunteers who ensure everyone meets council requirements and has a great Girl Scout experience.

CANON TRAILS/RIO HONDO SERVICE UNIT

The Canon Trails/Rio Hondo Service Unit oversees the San Gabriel Valley cities of Montebello, Monterey Park, and Pico Rivera, with outlier troops in El Sereno and Commerce. With 31 troops, the service unit has 456 girls and 323 adult members. Every month, the service unit team gathers to share ideas on how to build courage, confidence, and character in girls through badge work and community service and Take Action projects.

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CANYON STAR SERVICE UNIT

The Canyon Star Service Unit is located in Sherman Oaks and Studio City and served 51 troops with 518 girls and 336 adults in the 2016–2017 membership year. The Canyon Star Service Unit has grown significantly in the last several years into an active group of bustling, friendly, and sisterly troops. They host service unit events such as opening ceremonies, the annual cookie kickoff, World Thinking Day, Canyon Star Camping Weekend, and the week-long summer day camp, Twilight Camp. The leaders of Canyon Star love to coordinate trips and events, share ideas, and support each other in leading wonderful girls.

CHINO HILLS SERVICE UNIT

The Chino Service Unit serves a total of 579 girls participating in 57 troops throughout the city of Chino. This is a long-standing service unit which includes 142 committed leaders. The 2016–2017 membership year brought a change of leadership with new ideas and support for local leaders, which was influential in increasing their girl retention rate by nine percent and established a total of 10 new troops. In addition, a total of 465 girls in 50 troops sold cookies with a per-girl average of 204 boxes, which enabled them to qualify for the additional service unit incentive.

CLAREMONT SERVICE UNIT

The Claremont Service Unit is located in in the city of Claremont. They served 440 girls in a total of 42 troops in the 2016–2017 membership year. Girl Scouts has been a longstanding tradition in the community of Claremont which has a strong market share of approximately 18 percent and is the home of La Casita, one of GSGLA's outdoor program centers. The service unit includes several volunteers who have been key players in partnering with the Claremont community to enhance La Casita. The Claremont leaders are a true Girl Scout family with a genuine passion to serve the girls in their community.

COYOTE CANYON SERVICE UNIT

The Coyote Canyon Service Unit is located in Canyon Country and served 38 troops with 339 girls and 175 adults in the 2016–2017 membership year. Coyote Canyon is a creative, productive service unit which reaches out to its troop leaders via many forms of communication. Each monthly meeting, Girl Scout information is disseminated, including a new community service project. Leaders then have the benefit of a mini leader training—either on forms, safety, or Girl Scout history. The service unit also organizes events, such as Trunk or Treat, the cookie kickoff, World Thinking Day, Bingo Bash, a glass-fusing workshop in Venice, Memorial Day Flag placement, and the Fourth of July Santa Clarita Parade.

CRESCENTA VALLEY/GLENDALE SERVICE UNIT

The Crescenta Valley/Glendale Service Unit (CVGSU) serves Girl Scouts in Glendale, La Crescenta, and Montrose, and includes more than 950 girls in approximately 95 troops. One of their most popular events is CVGSU's week-long day camp, commonly referred to as Twilight Camp. Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts get the opportunity to lead, guide, and mentor younger Girl Scouts. Younger girls, in turn, participate in events and activities relating to a certain theme. They also aspire to be like their mentors, which is the driving force as to why the service unit continues to grow. The true Girl Scout spirit comes alive and thrives far beyond Twilight Camp.

CROWN POPPY SERVICE UNIT

The Crown Poppy Service Unit is located in the cities of Pasadena, Altadena, and Sierra Madre, and served 139 troops with 1,586 girls and 1,164 adults in the 2016–2017 membership year. Crown Poppy is a very active, culturally diverse group that strives to empower and involve girls and leaders. Some unique events include its signature cookie kickoff, yearly camping trip, mother-and-daughter and father-and-daughter events, the community pumpkin patch, Christmas Tree Lane, and Colorado Street bridging. These draw in not only the service unit's troops, but the community and many other sister troops. The service unit team says they are building leaders of tomorrow and enjoy the journey.

GATEWAY SERVICE UNIT

The Gateway Service Unit is located in city of Whittier and served 34 troops with 363 girls and 288 adults in the 2016–2017 membership year. The service unit encourages troop growth, and is involved in council recruiting including inviting potential leaders to a meet-and-greet. Service unit volunteers also visit the first few meetings to speak to parents and discuss how Girl Scouting works. The troop volunteers know the service unit team is there for them at all times.

HEART OF THE VALLEY SERVICE UNIT

The Heart of the Valley Service Unit is located in the cities of North Hills, Panorama City, Northridge, and Porter Ranch and served 27 troops with 368 girls and 270 adults in the 2016–2017 membership year. The service unit had a total of 80 percent growth in 2017, and continues to flourish. There is a service unit activity almost every month for the troops, plus ongoing service opportunities. Girl members are involved in each leader meeting, which augments their leadership opportunities. Many of the service unit leaders have been in Girl Scouts for three years or less; yet this “young” group is filled with enthusiasm, support, and have the true Girl Scout spirit that they share with their troops.

HOLLY HILLS SERVICE UNIT

The Holly Hills/University Service Unit encompasses several areas within Los Angeles, including Beverly Hills, Hollywood, Century City, Mid-City, Palms, and Cheviot Hills. This service unit is comprised of 74 amazing troops and their team of adult volunteers with specialized talents who help Girl Scouts have the best possible experience. In 2016–2017, Holly Hills served 971 girl members and 568 adult members. They hosted events ranging from financial literacy and engineering to forensics; and also traditional annual events, such as a leader-daughter event, camping skills day, coat donation drive, World Thinking Day, and the cookie kickoff. The strong service unit team provides a breadth of support to new and existing troop leaders.

LA BREA HEIGHTS SERVICE UNIT

The La Brea Heights Service Unit is located in the southwest region, covering the communities of Inglewood, Ladera Heights, Windsor Hills, Baldwin Hills, and the Crenshaw, West Adams, and Leimert Park neighborhoods. The service unit served 27 troops with 410 girls and 195 adults in the 2016–2017 membership year. Their girl retention rate has increased up to six percent each year, for the last five or so years. The service unit focuses on community service, troop mentoring, and financial empowerment for their girls. The service unit team and leader experience within La Brea Heights totals more than 400 years of dedication to Girl Scouts.

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LA CAÑADA SERVICE UNIT

Over the 2016–2017 membership year, the La Cañada Service Unit comprised 102 troops with 1,025 girls and 684 adults. Its troops host an average of 18 local events yearly. This summer is its 70th annual day camp, Twilight Camp. The service unit team is proud of its long-standing tradition of hosting a Gold-Silver-Bronze Ceremony. In 2017, La Cañada honored 35 Gold Award recipients. La Cañada Girl Scouts thrive due to the dedication of their service unit team, troop leaders, and parents.

MANHATTAN BEACH SERVICE UNIT

The Manhattan Beach Service Unit is located in the southwest region, covering the city of Manhattan Beach. In the 2016–2017 membership year, they served 945 girls, 711 adults, and 101 troops. Although they are a large service unit, they are incredibly close-knit. The service unit puts on fun, unique events, like the annual father/daughter dance, and are well-known for their successful World Thinking Day Festival. In 2017, they had a record number of Gold Award recipients and Emerging Leaders. The service unit has worked hard to retain leaders whose troops have graduated which helps to fortify leadership in their neighborhood. They also have school mentors who act as recruiters and consultants at all six of the area's elementary schools.

MARINA SERVICE UNIT

The Marina Service Unit covers Venice, Palms, Mar Vista, Marina del Rey, and Playa Vista and serves 41 troops, with 589 girls and 357 adults in the 2016–2017 membership year. The service unit managers have embraced the Girl Scout model of learn-do-teach, as well as the mission statement, “to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.” They are mentors not only to the girls in their troops and the leaders in their service unit, but also to other service unit managers throughout Greater Los Angeles. Because of their passion and expertise, they have helped GSGLA become one of the strongest councils in the country.

MISSION VALLEY SERVICE UNIT

The Mission Valley Service Unit is located in San Fernando, Granada Hills, and Mission Hills and served 28 troops with 462 girls and 330 adults in the 2016–2017 membership year. Along with hosting popular service unit events, such as World Thinking Day and the cookie kickoff, Mission Valley hosts fun and engaging monthly leader meetings featuring specialty trainings and guest speakers. The dedicated volunteers and troops of Mission Valley enjoy giving back to their communities and actively participate in events such as the Memorial Day flag placement and the Granada Hills Holiday Parade. The leaders and volunteers of Mission Valley are filled with enthusiasm and share a true Girl Scout spirit with their girls and community.

MOUNTAIN VIEW SERVICE UNIT

The Mountain View Service Unit is located in Whittier and served 27 troops with 376 girls and 256 adults in the 2016–2017 membership year. Teamwork is a hallmark of this service unit. Beyond the official service unit team members, Mountain View leaders regularly volunteer to staff and organize community service, membership, and recognition events—which is where the magic happens. The service unit also sets annual goals together, making their vision a reality for the troops they lead.

NORTH REDONDO SERVICE UNIT

The North Redondo Service Unit is located in North Redondo Beach and Hermosa Beach and served 52 troops with 632 girls and 428 adults in the 2016–2017 membership year. The service unit leaders are caring, educated, and professional people who pass on important values to the girls. This creates true leaders in their girls, whereby they are propelled into the world with a solid understanding of their responsibilities as advocates and the confidence to make a difference.

NORTH RIVER SERVICE UNIT

The North River Service Unit is located in Valencia and Saugus and served 90 troops with 835 girls and 431 adults in the 2016–2017 membership year. With a service unit team of 28 members, North River strives to provide leadership, life skills, and community service through various events: River Rally, All Santa Clarita Valley Cookie Kickoff, World Thinking Day, Journeys in a Day, Service to the Senior Center, Hall of Honor, and Court of Awards—plus working on the Nature's Rock and Nature Kitchen's Summer Day Camps. Their volunteer-led service delivery model provides girls with flexible ways to participate in Girl Scouts, and engages adults in volunteer roles that are specific, sustainable, and rewarding.

NORTHEAST HILLS SERVICE UNIT

The Northeast Hills Service Unit covers Los Feliz, Echo Park, Silverlake, East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, and multiple neighborhoods in the surrounding area. This service unit served 42 troops with 755 girls and 522 adults in the 2016–2017 membership year. Northeast Hills continues to exceed expectations in growth as well as retention. The co-managers strive to build relationships with and support all of their leaders, especially focusing on their newest leaders.

ONTARIO/MONTCLAIR SERVICE UNIT

The Ontario/Montclair Service Unit covers two different cities and served 24 troops in the 2016–2017 membership year. Considering that their team is small, the service unit has been working hard to make sure it stays active and continues to support the troops. The service unit team and troop leaders work hard to create an environment where they are all willing to contribute and participate in order to promote and develop a positive, effective team environment. One of their strengths is they can adapt to council changes and make sure to work as a team to achieve goals.

PALISADES-MALIBU SERVICE UNIT

The Palisades-Malibu Service Unit is located in the Palisades, Malibu, and Topanga area. "Pali/Mali" served 48 troops, with a total of 530 girls and 333 adults, in the 2016–2017 membership year. What makes this service unit successful is the leaders' commitment and inclination to assist one another. All the leaders focus on making service unit events girl-led, while offering support to the girls while planning. These are leadership opportunities which are difficult for girls to have outside of Girl Scouts, but Pali/Mali assures these girls get that chance. These leaders strive to create true leaders in our girls.

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RANCHO DEL ESTE (RDE) SERVICE UNIT

The RDE Service Unit is located in Long Beach and served 95 troops, with 1,060 girls and 684 adults, in the 2016–2017 membership year. This tight-knit service unit is a staple of the Long Beach community. RDE troops have been recognized numerous times by the Long Beach City Council for their hard work and dedication to improving their community. The growth in their membership and retention is a reflection of the service unit's consistent efforts to go above and beyond in supporting their troops. They are a true Girl Scout family with a genuine love for their leaders and a passion for serving all girls.

RANCHO Foothills SERVICE UNIT

The Rancho Foothills Service Unit is located in Rancho Cucamonga and Alta Loma. They served 101 troops for a total of 1,154 girls in the 2016–2017 membership year. Rancho Foothills is very active, and meets monthly as a team as well as with their leaders. They pride themselves on providing regular leader support, events, and community service opportunities for their members. Their cookie sales are also consistently strong with a per-girl-average above 200. Rancho Foothills owes its success to the service unit volunteers and the support of their local leaders.

SAGEBRUSH SERVICE UNIT

The Sagebrush Service Unit is located in Saugus and Valencia and served 38 troops with 369 girls and 1,218 adults in the 2016–2017 membership year. This service unit excels because of their teamwork and collaborative structure, utilizing everyone's skills and talents to create and facilitate programs for their troops such as the cookie kickoff, bonfire, World Thinking Day, Memorial Day flag placement, and service unit encampments. Members of the service unit team also assist in the Nature's Kitchen and Nature's Rock Summer Day Camps. There is never a task too big or too small, and that is evident by the constructive conversations that occur at every service unit meeting: All voices are heard, respected, and appreciated.

SAN MARINO SERVICE UNIT

San Marino Girl Scouts have served the girls and women of San Marino and the surrounding areas since 1928. The service unit provides year-round, volunteer-based programming aimed at expanding the experiences of all members. Annual events include an Adult Awards party, the Holiday Giving Party, Scouting the Gardens at the Huntington Library and Gardens, World Thinking Day, a Girl Awards Ceremony, and Twilight Camp in Lacy Park every summer. The service unit managers have more than 30 years of experience combined, and have served as troop leaders and held multiple positions in the service unit. Their greatest asset is the service unit team of more than 15 amazing volunteers.

SAN PEDRO SERVICE UNIT

The San Pedro Service Unit is made up of 33 Girl Scout troops and encompasses the areas of Avalon, Wilmington, and San Pedro. Community service and providing high-quality, dynamic Girl Scout experiences to girls is at the forefront of this service unit. Many troops continue through the Girl Scout program, with a phenomenal number earning their Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards each year. The San Pedro Service Unit hosts events such as Girl Scout Sunday, Court of Awards, Leader Appreciation dinner, girl and volunteer trainings, and always participates in the yearly San Pedro Christmas Parade. Monthly Service Unit meetings are vibrant, well-attended, and engaging.

SANTA FE TRAILS SERVICE UNIT

The Santa Fe Trails Service Unit covers El Monte, Rosemead, and Alhambra, and is comprised of 34 troops. There is a good turnout at service unit meetings, and new troops are supported. Traditions include the Mother Daughter Tea, International Day, Me and My Events, end-of-year events, Career Day, Camping 101, and Lunar New Year. Individually, troops are very active in community service as well as camping. Most have adopted an organization where they volunteer most of their time, including the Midnight Mission, YWCA in West Covina, and the VFW in San Gabriel. The troops provide toiletries, clothes, food, holiday gifts, Christmas trees and decorations, gardening, painting, and many other services throughout the year.

SOUTH PASADENA SERVICE UNIT

South Pasadena is a small town with an active Girl Scout population of 63 troops, many of which start at the four elementary schools in town and continue into high school. There are nearly 1,000 Girl Scouts between girls and adults, with an overall retention rate of 80 percent. The service unit volunteers juggle many different activities in town, but always find time to go above and beyond and help at the service unit level. They all volunteer with their own troops, and still represent the service unit at community events like the Fourth of July Parade and concerts in the park.

STONEYRIDGE SERVICE UNIT

The Stoneyridge Service Unit is located in Winnetka, Chatsworth, and parts of Northridge and served 15 troops with 308 girls and 277 adults in the 2016–2017 membership year. This small but growing service unit thrives with the help of dedicated volunteers and leaders who bring the Girl Scout spirit alive. Popular service unit events include the Service Unit Recognition Ceremony where troops are honored for impressive achievements, and the Annual Family Picnic which provides an opportunity to engage all Girl Scout families. The leaders are caring, educated, professional people who pass on important values to the girls. They are a true Girl Scout family with a genuine love for their leaders and a passion for serving all.

UPLAND SERVICE UNIT

The Upland Service Unit is located in Upland and served 45 troops in the 2016–2017 Girl Scout year. The service unit creates an environment where all volunteers are willing to contribute and participate in order to promote and develop a positive, effective team environment. The service unit is always open to creating a cooperative working atmosphere, where goals are achieved through collaboration and hard work from everyone in the service unit team.

WEST COVINA SERVICE UNIT

The West Covina Service Unit is located in the city of West Covina, and served 32 troops with 367 girls and 235 adults in the 2016–2017 membership year. What makes the service unit unique is the camaraderie among the leaders and adult volunteers. Troops have worked together to give back to the community by donating care kits to the homeless, donating duffle bags to a local foster care facility, helping several animal shelters and sanctuaries, and consistently stocking the local food pantry. The West Covina Service Unit hosts several staple events such as the annual meet-and-greet, Brownie/Daisy Day, Me & My Guy, Primitive Camporee, and an all-level bridging ceremony to end the year.

2018 President's Award Recipients

WESTCHESTER DEL REY SERVICE UNIT

The Westchester Del Rey Service Unit is located in the southwest region covering the communities of Westchester, Playa del Rey, and Playa Vista and served 54 troops with 525 girls and 389 adults in the 2016–2017 membership year. The Westchester Service Unit has always been a pioneer for older girl opportunities and activities. Many of their long-standing service unit events are planned and led by older girl committees. The service unit team is dedicated to their volunteers, and will go above and beyond to offer extra trainings before and after service unit meetings to help with anything needed.

WESTSIDE SERVICE UNIT

The Westside Service Unit, located in the city of Palmdale, boasted 36 troops comprised of 387 girls and 217 adults in the 2016–2017 membership year. This service unit excels because of their teamwork, utilizing everyone's skills and talents to create and facilitate programs for their troops, such as the cookie kickoff, Winterfest, and Court of Awards. In an effort to ensure their girls continue to take an active role in Girl Scouts beyond high school, the service unit team also created a scholarship opportunity for 12th-grade girls which offers them the chance to be registered as lifetime members.

WOODLAND HILLS SERVICE UNIT

The Woodland Hills Service Unit includes Woodland Hills, West Hills, and Canoga Park, and includes nearly 60 troops, including two legacy troops, and serves more than 800 girls. The service unit team, with 10 members, sets an incredible example of leadership and fairness. They work hard to make sure their leader meetings are exciting, keeping traditions alive with demonstrations of Girl Scout ceremonies, camp meals, and girl-led flag ceremonies and songs. They also hold well-attended service unit events, including World Thinking Day, the cookie kickoff, and Skate Night.

Tenure Numeral Guard

The Numeral Guard (tenure) recognizes the combined number of years accumulated as a registered member, girl and adult, in five-year increments.

30 YEARS

Gwedolyn Dreyer

35 YEARS

Nicole Gutzke

Debbie Klenk

Lynn Mack-Costello*

Laurel Pavone

40 YEARS

Aileen Poehls

Daniel Simansky

45 YEARS

Linda Harmon*

Balinda Jones

Lorraine Simansky*

50 YEARS

Maureen Craig*

Gloria Sironi*

55 YEARS

Laura Garvin

Dottie Huff

Years of Service Pin

The Years of Service Award is presented in five-year increments to candidates active as registered Girl Scout adult members. These pins represent only the years of active service as an adult.

25 YEARS

Richard Jow

Lynn Mack-Costello*

30 YEARS

Priscilla Jow

Kim Krivis

Vicke Thrower

35 YEARS

Muareen Craig*

Gloria Sironi*

40 YEARS

Linda Harmon*

Lorraine Simansky*

50 YEARS

Dottie Huff

*Receiving both Numeral Guard and Years of Service

BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF G.I.R.L.



It's Early Renewal Time!



Renew your membership

between 4/1-6/15

Qualify for these incentives:

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- Troops: 1/2-2 cents earned for every cookie box sold in 2018
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CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE 2018 VOLUNTEER AWARDEES

Your meaningful, dedicated, and generous contributions to the Girl Scouts make a significant and lasting impact on the lives of girls. Because of you, thousands of girls have developed the courage, confidence, character needed to make the world a better place.

Thank you for creating a supportive environment that encourages successful futures for all girls!

With much appreciation,

Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles staff

***“The Scouting Spirit rises within you and
inspires you to put forth your best.”
Juliette Gordon Low***

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR VOLUNTEER SUPERSTARS

PALISADES-MALIBU S.U. 538

President's Award

Palisades-Malibu Service Unit 538

Thanks II Badge

Lynn Mack-Costello

Platinum Award

Kari Hanson DeAnn Healy

Honor Pin

Annette Yu Lisa Moore

Appreciation Pin

Katie Medernach

25-year Years of Service Pin

Lynn Mack-Costello

35-year Tenure Pin

Lynn Mack-Costello

Congratulations to Mission Valley Service Unit for Earning the
PRESIDENT'S AWARD!



Congratulations also to:
Laurel Pavone for 30 Years of Girl Scouting,
Laura Garvin for 30 Years of Girl Scouting,
Dottie Huff for 25 Years of Girl Scouting, and
Michelle Brekke for receiving the Appreciation Pin.



One day a young mom, her small daughter in tow,
Went searching for a place where her daughter could grow.
She quickly found Girl Scouts and knew right away,
She had to participate to make it go great.

Years passed while she served and her experience grew,
She now led 3 troops when along came daughter #2.
She went camping and hiking and served where she could,
Building relationships with girls all over the world.

Both daughters excelled and so did their mom,
Soon enough she was serving as the North River SUM.
Managing cookie mega drops, summer day camps and
the best Service Unit ever,
She grew to become every girls favorite leader.

Your dedication and passion are very well known,
Your desire to help girls grow is second to none.
We are all so proud of all that you've achieved,
Now this poem is over, aren't you relieved? ☺

APPRECIATION PIN
RECIPIENTS

Mary Athans-Bartlett

Marylou Cahir

Beth Gessner

Robin Kaminsky

Johanna Kraus

Lora Vrastil

Caroline Wilhelm

THE MANHATTAN BEACH
NEIGHBORHOOD
THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

courage ♦ confidence ♦ character

Many congratulations to

San Pedro's own

Girl Scout Wonder

YVONNE SCHUELLER

who makes us proud, makes us laugh,
and makes us better, in every way.

We love you, Yvonne!

**Congratulations on the 2018 Honor Pin from your
forever fans in the SP Service Unit!**



We are so proud of you,

Honor Pin recipient

MERCEDES CRUZ!

Go-Getter! Innovator! Out-of-the-box thinker!

Outstanding Service to San Pedro
and our surrounding communities!

Hundreds of girls owe their Girl Scout experience to you.

You are the fearless leader of the grateful San Pedro leader
group; your energy is contagious and you ROCK!

Much love and admiration from the San Pedro Service Unit!

CONGRATULATIONS

Darlene Torres (Platinum Pin)

&

Astrid Martinez-Fribourg (Appreciation Pin)



Darlene and Astrid are a true inspiration to our Troop 3415. Their tireless dedication to the troop displays the heart and love they bring to all our girls. The troop has done so much under their leadership.

Congratulations to them for their well deserved recognition from the GSGLA.



Thank you Kris for your years and years of dedication, leadership and commitment to our North Torrance Service Unit. We appreciate everything that you've done for the unit and for enriching the scouting experience of so many girls. Your enthusiasm and caring nature for ALL our Girl Scouts were appreciated so very much! Good luck to you in your next endeavor.

Patrol Challenge congratulates

Gloria Halfacre

for earning the

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La Brea Heights Service Unit Honors Its Own!!!!



Congratulations

to

- ◆ *Michelle Apolonio on her Honor Pin*
- ◆ *Sandra Charles on her Appreciation Pin*
- ◆ *Kendra King on her Appreciation Pin*
- ◆ *La Brea Heights Service Unit for the President's Award*

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CONGRATULATIONS to **Appreciation Pin Honoree**

Michelle Rose

You are an AMAZING Volunteer!

Thank you for your contribution to Girl Scouting and to our Service Unit!

And CONGRATULATIONS to the San Marino Service Unit Team on earning the President's Award!

We are so proud of your inspirational leadership!



Hill Harbison House, San Marino, CA



**Congratulations to our dear and fearless leaders,
Francesca and Mary Ellen!**

Love from all the Sunsets 😊, bigs and littles!

Congratulations Michelle Apolonio

*On behalf of Troop 6205,
We would like to
Congratulate you on
receiving the Honor Pin.*

*You are an excellent
Leader and we appreciate
your hard work and
dedication.*





Girl Scout *Voices Count*

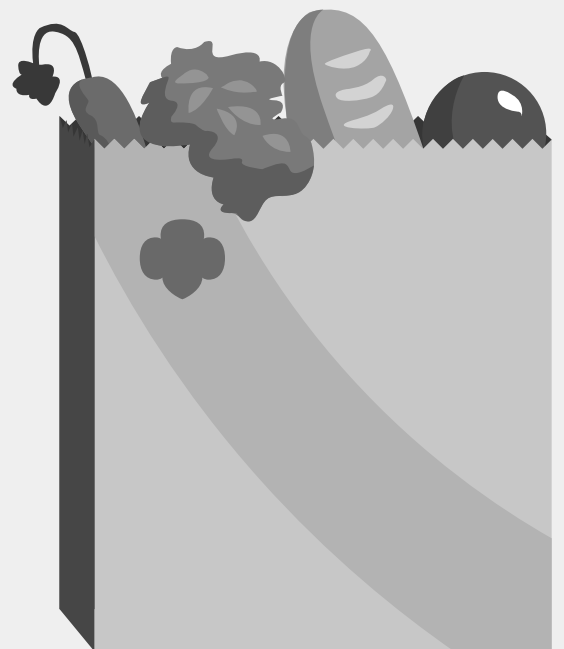
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April 4 - 30, 2018

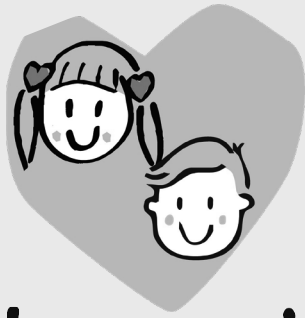
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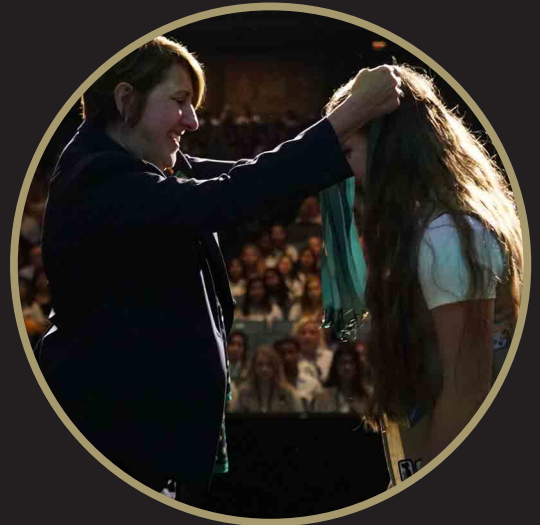

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