

2019

*annual
meeting and
volunteer
recognition
ceremony*

Saturday, April 13, 2019

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2019 Volunteer Recognition Ceremony Program

WELCOME.....	Shelley Thompson, Chair, Board of Directors Lynette Romero, Mistress of Ceremonies, KTLA5 Reporter & Anchor
THANKS BADGE PRESENTATION.....	Lise L. Luttgens
PLATINUM AWARD PRESENTATION.....	Evelyn Avalos, Ambassador Girl Scout
PRESIDENT’S AWARD PRESENTATION.....	Evelyn Avalos
G.I.R.L. FUND CHAMPION AWARD PRESENTATION.....	Evelyn Avalos
TENURE NUMERAL GUARD, YEARS OF SERVICE AWARD PRESENTATION.....	Evelyn Avalos
HONOR PIN PRESENTATION.....	Genetha Cleveland, Ambassador Girl Scout
APPRECIATION PIN PRESENTATION.....	Genetha Cleveland
CLOSING.....	Lynette Romero, 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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Thank you to all of our 2019 Volunteer Recognition Ceremony program supporters.

DEAR HONOREES AND GUESTS,

Welcome to the 2019 Volunteer Recognition Ceremony! Our council is elated to honor more than 240 dedicated volunteers who are truly the heartbeat of Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles (GSGLA). Thank you for willingly giving so much of your time and talent to continue our mission to help build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

Our volunteers play an incredibly important role in our council, serving as strong, caring role models who help Girl Scouts develop confidence, strength, curiosity, and a willingness to take the lead. Whether developing solutions to tomorrow's cybersecurity issues, mounting a successful cookie business, or earning the Gold Award—Girl Scouts' most distinguished honor—volunteers are helping to build a tremendous legacy of excellence at GSGLA by inspiring and readying G.I.R.L.s (go-getters, innovators, risk-takers, leaders) for a lifetime of leadership.

Thanks to all of you, 2018 was a phenomenal year for our council. From a record-breaking Girl Scout Cookie Season (5.6 million boxes supporting girls' goals!) to a whopping 85,057 badges earned by girls gaining knowledge in STEM, outdoor, life skills, and entrepreneurship—GSGLA continues to set the bar high.

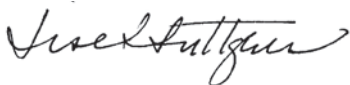
By providing Girl Scouts guidance and transformative experiences, volunteers are reinforcing girls' willingness to step up and out, improve their communities and make an impact, develop essential lifelong skills, and become strong, bold leaders—both today and tomorrow. We thank all 25,000 of our volunteers for their commitment to empowering girls to reach their highest heights.

With appreciation,



Shelley Thompson

Chair, Board of Directors



Lise L. Luttgens

Chief Executive Officer



2019 Volunteer Awardees

THANKS BADGE

Kristine Wiscarson

PLATINUM SERVICE AWARD

Denise BeCotte
Bonnie George
Cheri Howard
Barbara Karpp
Janet KC-Jordan
Birgit Kielpinski
Edith "Holly" Shaffer
Darlene Torres

HONOR PIN

Priya Bradfield
Peggy Brewer
Mia Britel
Cadance Buffalo
Pat Hansen
Helen Hurston
Faron Isom
Yukimi Isom
Judith Jackson
Judge Sandra Klein
Rosemarie Leavitt
Kathleen LeBrun
Barbara McDonough
Millicent Mito
Frances Moreno
Eiko Sato
Kathy Silva
Susan Stahl
Debie Wakeland
Annette Yu

APPRECIATION PIN

Christine Abad
Noeleen Acosta
Stacey Adler
Teresa Alpuerto
Karen Apolinario
Paul Apolinario
Melissa Applebaum-
Schwartz
Dana Armendariz
Anna Armstrong
Janice Arnson
Michele Avnes
Pam Batista
Marie Beausoleil
Jermaine Beckett
Jane Birnbaum
Tamara Boeltl
Mary Borgen
LaVette Bowles
Patty Braden
Michelle Brekke
Daysha Britt-Willis
Chrystal Broesel

Rosemary Broward
Patti Brundige
Kris Brust
Jolin Bryan
Jenny Bullen
Christa Caban
Kate Capossela
Jessica Cardenas
Heather Chaffe
Brenda Coccia
Martha Cortez
Kimberly Crawford
Dawn Cuskey
Kathy Delker
Penny DeSantis
Tina Diem
Juanita Doplemore
Gena Downey
Gwendolyn Dreyer
Carol Dubeau
Lisa Dumke
Virginia Egebakken
Phyllis Epling
Sonja Epstein
Franchelle Essley
Sharon Estrada
Michele Faulkner
Stefanie Fiery-Cale
Julie Ford Smith
Tammi Froh
Marisa Gallo
Araceli Galvez
Arizbe Garcia
Erin Garcia
Sharon Gee
Darlene Gomez
Guadalupe Gonzales
Jeanne Gorman
Emily Guzman
Elizabeth Hand
Kari Hanson
Marya Harrington
Karen Hassen
DeAnn Healy
Melissa Holcomb
Judy Hong-Schulz
Erin Huey
Laurie Jacobs
Sherylin Jones
Erin Joyce
Sheila Kao
Barbara Kelly
Rachelle Killackey
Vicki Kirk
Bobbie Kokorowski
Jo-Anne Lacson
Sammie Larmon
Roxana Laursen
Samantha Lavin
Kerianne Lawson

Susan Leary
Gary Lew
Sandi Linares-Plimpton
Abbi Loving
Melissa Lynch
Debra Malinowski
Jeannie Martinez
Allison Mayo Andrews
Paula Mazariago
Rickena McClain
Emily Mencken
Joy Middo
Dawn Miller
Carole Mingus
Ann Moore
Lisa Moore Brown
Lillian Moore-Ramirez
Maria Mora
Monica Morales
Jeannette Mullins
Yvonne Murphy
Lori New
Janette Nguyen
Kathryn Nielsen
Steve Nugent
Teresa Nugent
Victoria Orphan
Ted Oyama
Adrienne Pacheco
Socorro Padilla
Jennifer Pedraza
Martino Pepe
Bernadette Perry
Sharis Peters
Coralyn Pierson
Susana Plazola
Aileen Poehls
Marguerite Prose
Jonteyn Prewitt
Traci Prog
Shelly Raad
Carol Richardson
Michelle Roberts
Jennifer Rootes
Katharine Rosacker
Vala Runolfson
Sara Rushing
Danielle Sager-Ebling
Suzette Sakazaki
Nancy Sanchez
Susan Sanders
Linda Schmidt
Gina Schnell
Tammie Scott
Sarah Smith
Kandie Soderstrom
Kelcey Soderstrom
Tisha Soladay
Erika Sosa
Melissa Spence

Heather St. Dennis
Elaine Stilwell
Robin Sutherlin
Gretchen Tagavilla
Mali Teisan
Jessica Terpstra
Ariana Thompson
Tonya Turner
Bethany Varney
Nancy Vasquez
Erica Vilardi
Kelly Villardi
Denise Wandel
Catherine Wilson
Lisa Working
Kay Yang-Stayner
Susan Yousefi
Angela Zaidman
Anna Zinsmeister

G.I.R.L FUND CHAMPION AWARD

Rancho Calabasas
Service Unit
Michele Faulkner
Christina Rice

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Alhambra/Rosemead/SFT
Bellflower/Holymount
Bonita
Burbank
Canon Trails/Rio Hondo
Canyon Star
Compton
Crescenta Valley/Glendale
Gateway
Heart of the Valley
King Harbor
La Brea Heights
La Cañada
Manhattan Beach
Marina
Mission Valley
North Redondo
North River
Northeast Hills
Ontario/Montclair
Palisades/Malibu
Rancho Del Este
San Marino
San Pedro
Santa Monica Bay
South Bay Four
South Pasadena
Stoneyridge
Westchester/Del Rey
Westside

Mistress of Ceremonies



LYNETTE ROMERO

Reporter & Anchor, KTLA5

Prior to joining KTLA, Lynette anchored and reported for 10 years at KUSA-TV in Denver. She also spent nearly a year reporting for KUSA-TV's sister station in Austin, Texas, KVUE-TV. While in Denver, Lynette's assignments included the 1993 papal visit, the standoff in Waco, and the bombing of the Federal Building in Oklahoma City.

Lynette is a member of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists and is an advisory board member for the University of Colorado School of Journalism and Mass Communication. She teaches a reporting and anchor class for UCLA Extension. She spends much of her personal time in the community speaking at schools and appearing at public events.

Lynette has a bachelor of science degree in journalism, broadcast news from the University of Colorado in Boulder. She lives in Los Angeles with her husband and daughter.

Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles thanks our Juliette Gordon Low Society members for honoring future generations of Girl Scouts.

Corrine Abel	Curtis Crider	Johnston	Ruth Post
LaNease Adams	Phyllis E Currie	Sherry Lapidés	Janice Rector
Lissa Alfred	Christine A. Dean	Lise L. Luttgens	Elisabeth
Eva & Erik	& Rosemary C.	Lynn Mack-	Rendeiro
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Dianne Belk &	Doplemore	Kelly & Jason	Ebling
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Calder	Edwards	Gina McLeod	Schueller
Betty Berdiansky	Natalie Farrar	Eleanor Moninger	Steve Shelton
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Charles Carroll	Gloria & Bob	Marie Hamer	Horne
Elizabeth	Halfacre	Parco	Harry Webb
Chadwick	Erika Homan	Melissa & Martino	Janet Whaley &
Hailyn J. Chen	Bernice Horst	Pepe	Steven Preston
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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?

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- 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 626-677-2314 or DPortnoy@girlscoutsla.org.

Thanks Badge 2019



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.

2019 THANKS BADGE RECIPIENT



KRISTINE WISCARSON

Kristine has immersed herself in GSGLA in a variety of ways including her roles as an Adult Recognition/Dispute Resolution Go Team lead, Go Team member, adult educator, council trainer, a GSGLA national delegate from 2014-2017, program facilitator, and special guest at council-related trainings, kick-offs, and meetings. She is a super star who goes above and beyond the call of duty and uses her stellar communications skills to clearly and effectively share the needs of volunteers, troops, and girls with the council.

Kristine has taken part in both local and national programs and trainings and held a key position on the Curriculum Club, which reviewed and provided feedback on the GSUSA curriculum. After her delegate duties concluded, Kristine participated in the selection of the incoming group of council delegates and impressively organized the Princess Cruise Leadership Forum. The forum was available to girls council-wide and attendees represented every region within GSGLA. She also helped expose young women to careers in marine transportation, a traditionally male-dominated industry with very attractive possibilities for young women. Colleagues consistently describe Kristine as “fair, honest, reliable, humble, and a pleasure to work with,” and her dedication to the Girl Scout mission is truly unparalleled.

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.

2019 Platinum Service Award Recipients



DENISE BECOTTE

Los Angeles

Denise is very proud to be a lifetime member of Girl Scouts. She happily remembers being a Brownie and Junior in the legacy council of Greater Long Beach. It is her honor and complete joy to serve girls and the Greater Los Angeles area through Girl Scouts.



BARBARA KARPP

Valencia

Barbara has been a part of Girl Scouts for almost 45 years, so it means a lot to her. She says it has helped her become a better person, and it gives her a chance to give back to her community.



BONNIE GEORGE

Sherman Oaks

Bonnie didn't grow up with Girl Scouts, but the character traits this program emphasizes aligns with her childhood values; these traits are everything she wants her daughter to be. She's grateful for the fun and purpose Girl Scouts has added to her life.



JANET KC-JORDAN

Sherman Oaks

One of Janet's many highlights from last year was running the service unit encampment for over 175 participants. Camping was a new experience for many of the Girl Scouts and seeing their excitement and enthusiasm brought her great joy.



CHERI HOWARD

Burbank

Cheri has been a troop leader for over 30 years and has developed close, lasting relationships with many girls and women. She's seen many girls develop into mature, capable young women through Girl Scouts.

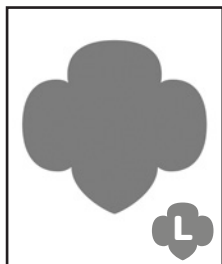


BIRGIT KIELPINSKI

Pasadena

Words cannot describe what Girl Scouts means to Birgit. As a member for 47 years as of the close of 2019 Girl Scouts year, it has given her many wonderful memories, amazing experiences, and fantastic friendships.

2019 Platinum Service Award Recipients



EDITH “HOLLY” SHAFFER

Marina Del Rey

Edith (Holly) has been a part of Girl Scouts for over 45 years. She was a Brownie and Junior Girl Scout as a girl and has been a volunteer for the past 40 years. She has been a member of the core staff for Girl Scout Camp Stuff ‘n’ Such for the past 37 years.



DARLENE TORRES

Mar Vista / Los Angeles

Darlene’s troop had a tremendous year hosting three GSGLA Journey days, their service unit’s holiday service project, World Thinking Day, selling more cookies and Fall Product than ever before, finishing a Silver Award, and traveling to Panama and Costa Rica last summer.

CELEBRATING YOUR DEDICATION

Throughout April, Girl Scout lifetime membership will be available at a special 50% discount—from \$400 down to \$200—for volunteers like you who have served for ten years or more.



When you upgrade to lifetime membership through MYGS in April, you can expect:

- Continuous membership in Girl Scouts
- \$25 of your dues to fund one year of Girl Scout membership for an underserved girl in your council
- A lifetime membership card and pin
- 10% off Girl Scout merchandise purchased from girlscoutshop.com
- An invitation to join an annual call hosted by GSUSA’s CEO
- A monthly enewsletter

Thank you for your years of service and all you’ve done to help create the next generation of female leaders. We couldn’t do it without you! For more information, call 213-213-0123 or visit girlscouts.org/lifetime.



Congratulations to the Volunteer Awardees!



On behalf of nearly 46,000 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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THE G.I.R.L. FUND

GSGLA relies on gifts to the G.I.R.L. Fund to fuel our staying power in Greater Los Angeles and keep the Girl Scout Leadership Experience alive.

Four reasons why you should support the G.I.R.L. Fund!

1 WE NEED YOUR HELP

GSGLA invests \$467 to provide the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. Product sales, retail, and program fees bring in \$418. **That leaves a gap of \$49 per girl.**** G.I.R.L. Fund gifts allow GSGLA to close this gap and provide the Girl Scout Leadership Experience to **every** girl.

2 CHOOSE WHERE YOUR GIFT GOES

The G.I.R.L. Fund supports almost every area of Girl Scouting. Give to the G.I.R.L. Fund and designate your gift to the programs that matter to you.

3 SPECIAL ADDED BONUS

Donate between April 1 and June 30 to help your troop earn early renewal rewards. Gifts given at any time also help your service unit earn the President's Award!

4 YOU GET A PATCH

As a special thanks, gifts of *any amount* made between April 1 and June 30 receive the all-new G.I.R.L. Fund patch* — perfect for the G.I.R.L. Fund Champion in us all.

GIVE TODAY!

Donate via MyGS or
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**G.I.R.L. FUND
CHAMPION**



GSGLA 2019-2020

*Limit of one patch per donation. After June 30, gifts of \$25+ qualify to receive the G.I.R.L. Fund patch.

**Numbers based on council's FY17 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.

2019 Honor Pin Recipients



PRIYA BRADFELD

Sherman Oaks

Priya loves the camaraderie and sisterhood Girl Scouts has brought to her life, not just within her troop, but throughout the service unit. “We all know who we serve and why it is so important to have the sisterhood we create through Girl Scouts,” Priya says.



CADANCE BUFFALO

Torrance

Girl Scouts has been a life-long experience for Cadance. “From the first Brownie Day Camp I attended to the present, the girls and adults I have worked with and the friends I have made are very special to me and I will treasure them always,” she says.



PEGGY BREWER

Marina Del Rey

Peggy has been a core staff volunteer of Camp Stuff 'n Such for 20+ years. She has taught campers about SWAPS and has been in charge of teaching girls cooking and dinner prep. She is a perfect example of what a Girl Scout is and goes above and beyond expectations.



PAT HANSEN

Burbank

As a girl, Girl Scouts gave Pat ways to volunteer and taught her how to volunteer. As an adult, it taught her leadership skills that has allowed her not only to be a troop leader, but to be a trainer, committee chair, attend Edith Macy Center in New York, and learn about archival.



MIA BRITEL

Mia's passion for girl leadership is evident in all her work as a GSGLA board member. In 2017 and 2018, she launched Deloitte's Impact Day for Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors. She was also the catalyst for the planning and execution of the Emerging Leaders thought-group exercise with Deloitte.



HELEN HURSTON

Inglewood

Helen's Girl Scout highlight last year was attending the Gold Award ceremony and proudly watching the service unit Juliette receive her Gold Award. She had been a Girl Scout for 13 years, a Juliette the last six years, and was determined to earn the Gold Award.

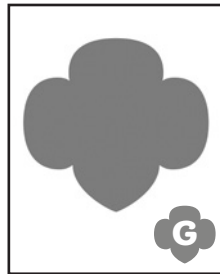
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FARON ISOM

Marina Del Ray

Faron's highlight every year is the annual campfire at Camp Stuff 'n Such day camp. This culminating event allows the girls to highlight the songs and dances they have learned at camp and provides an opportunity to honor staff.



ROSEMARIE LEAVITT

King Harbor

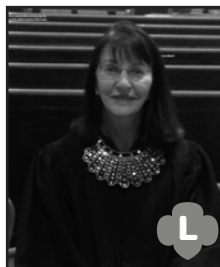
Rose has continuously shown outstanding leadership to this council. As a service unit manager, recruiter, and finance go-team member, she lends herself to wherever she is needed and goes above and beyond expectations.



YUKIMI ISOM

Santa Monica

Yukimi's highlight for the 2017-18 membership year was seeing every member of her troop earn the Gold Award, graduate high school, and head off to college. As a final celebration, each girl and her mom were able to take a two-week trip to Italy.



KATHLEEN LEBRUN

Marina Del Ray

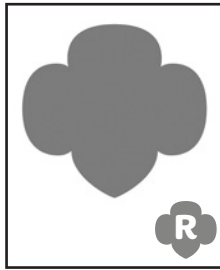
For Kathleen, Girl Scouts means helping girls reach their maximum potential to grow up to be caring and productive women.



JUDITH JACKSON

Los Angeles

Judith was a Girl Scout when she was little and went all the way to Cadette. "When I see the girls get excited to come to meetings and parents get involved, it warms my heart," she says.



BARBARA MCDONOUGH

Marina Del Ray

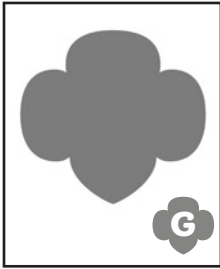
Barbara has been an adult volunteer for Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles for the past 33 years. She was a Girl Scout for two years and has volunteered for Camp Stuff 'n' Such, a day camp run by the Marina Service Unit, for 23 years.



JUDGE SANDRA KLEIN

Westwood

About 150 girls have visited Judge Klein's courtroom as part of the GSGLA Justice Patch Program, which she created because Boy Scouts could earn a badge or patch by meeting judges and learning about the law, but Girl Scouts did not have a comparable opportunity.



MILLICENT MITO

Los Angeles

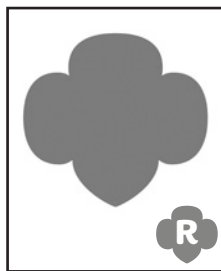
Millicent thanks her leader, Mrs. Powell, for instilling Girl Scouting values, which she says have lasted a lifetime. She's been a Girl Scout volunteer for 20 years as a parent of two daughters and is a 10-year core staff member of Camp Stuff 'n' Such.

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FRANCES MORENO

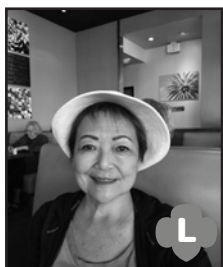
Frances has been one of GSGLA's best supporters, consistently giving her time, talent, and treasure to GSGLA. As a board development committee member, Frances has been critical in identifying and cultivating new board members who can elevate our council. Leading by example, Frances impressively supports our mission with energy and grace, despite her numerous responsibilities.



SUSAN STAHL

Santa Monica

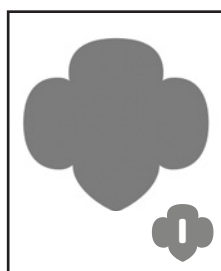
Susan has been the Backpacking Go Team lead for two years and, in that time, has helped a group of dedicated backpackers update the backpacking manual and training. She has increased our backpacking training opportunities by 300%, and welcomes all hikers and backpackers to the team.



EIKO SATO

Marina Del Ray

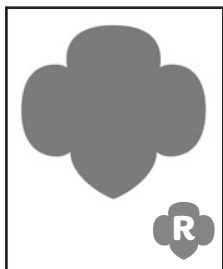
Eiko volunteered to help with Camp Stuff 'n' Such, a day camp. This is where she was able to see Girl Scouts learning leadership through building confidence and compassion. By end of camp, she saw the girls empowered.



DEBIE WAKELAND

Sherman Oaks

Girl Scouts has been a big part of Debie's life, both as a girl and adult. She says that she's been so involved that when she meets someone new, they say they know her from Girl Scouts! "It is great to be associated with an organization that makes girls a priority," Debie says.



KATHY SILVA

Marina Del Ray

Kathy plays a large role in the service unit's Camp Stuff n' Such and is directly responsible for creating camp carnival day activities, a camp favorite. She spends countless hours ensuring the girls have a challenging, exciting, and fun day! She brings the camp spirit and helps Girl Scouts develop special bonds.



ANNETTE YU

Pacific Palisades

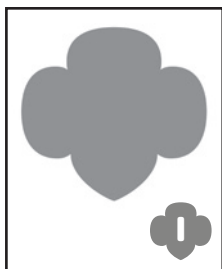
Annette loves volunteering for Girl Scouts, because the organization provides great opportunities for kids and their parents to be involved in all sorts of activities ranging from camping to crafts.

Appreciation Pin



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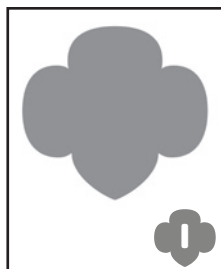
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CHRISTINE ABAD

Alta Loma

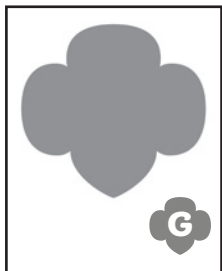
Christine has been an active member of the Las Colinas Service Unit for the past 12 years. She has also been dedicated to supporting her troop and service unit by encouraging her troop to be involved and by serving as service unit product cookie chair for three years.



TERESA ALPUERTO

Los Angeles

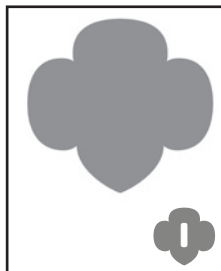
Teresa's many positions include being a great troop leader to 55 girls of all ages and Fall/Cookie chair for the service unit. By stepping up and being the service unit's cookie chair, Teresa created a fun environment for the girls in the Cookie Program.



NOELEEN ACOSTA

Pasadena

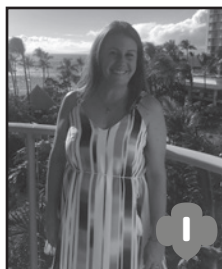
Noeleen has been an outstanding troop leader for six years and has a special way with the girls. Whether disciplining or encouraging them, her tone is always calm, collected, and respectful. She helps push the girls out of their comfort zones and to stretch their limits regarding troop activities or cookie sales.



KAREN APOLINARIO

Santa Clarita

This year, Karen was one of a several organizers of our annual summer day camp, which is a staple in the Santa Clarita area. She values inclusive behavior as to make sure every girl is not only included in each activity, but helps the Program Aides to make sure all girls are enjoying their time.



STACEY ADLER

Sherman Oaks

Stacey's highlight in 2017-18 was planning and overseeing a Grand Prix for her service unit. "It was wonderful to introduce the girls to different concepts and skills, including woodworking, physics, and design. I loved seeing girls of all ages enjoy this event," she says.

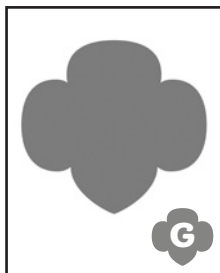


PAUL APOLINARIO

Santa Clarita

Paul went above and beyond the expectations of his volunteer position for the Island of the Blue Dolphins program by creating three different memory books for the girls. He helped create a once-in-a-lifetime experience for some the girls.

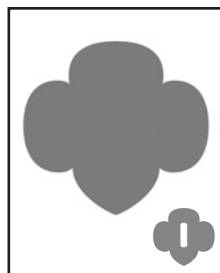
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MELISSA APPLEBAUM-SCHWARTZ

Palisades/Malibu

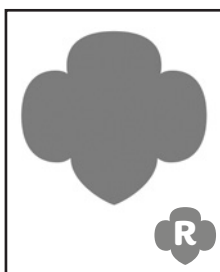
Melissa is a troop leader and has volunteered in several capacities for the Palisades/Brentwood/Malibu service unit. She has volunteered with cookie incentives and distribution and, with the help of her Girl Scout troop, led the annual Juliette Gordon Low birthday celebration in 2016.



MICHELE AVNES

North Hills

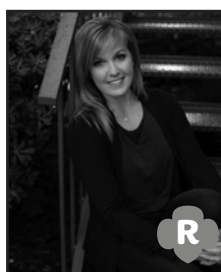
Michele's efforts to shed positive light on Girl Scouting throughout the community inspires other volunteers to provide meaningful experiences for girls of all levels. Her support and encouragement has helped leaders overcome challenges.



DANA ARMENDARIZ

Woodland Hills

Dana has been a member of the Gold Award team in Woodland Hills for years. As a Gold Award mentor, she works one-on-one with girls to help them prepare proposals for submission, guiding them through the process and assisting them with the final report and interview procedure.



PAM BATISTA

Claremont

Pam's Girl Scout highlight last year was when both of her daughters' troops bridged in San Francisco. It was a great lesson on how to plan/save for something they really wanted to do. "The girls had a blast; it was an amazing, memorable event," Pam says.



ANNA ARMSTRONG

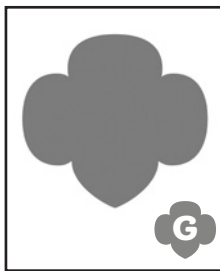
Anna has remained steadfast throughout her decade of service to GSGLA. She attends governance functions and actively supports signature events. She and her husband, Richard, have provided pro-bono guidance and expertise for many GSGLA properties, most recently, the Inglewood Innovation Center and Camp Lakota.



MARIE BEAUSOLEIL

Long Beach

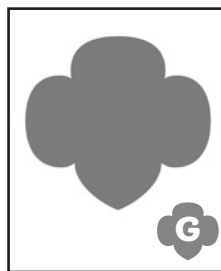
Marie says that being a Girl Scout encourages her to keep the Promise and Law at the forefront of her daily living. She feels fortunate to belong to a sisterhood that offers opportunity to girls and women of all ages.



JANICE ARNSON

Manhattan Beach

Janice's service has contributed to all of GSGLA's major council goals. Her work on cookie boothing directly impacted both product sales and fund development success. As service unit manager, she has contributed to a richer experience for both leaders and girls.



JERMAINE BECKETT

Los Angeles

Jermaine A.K.A. "Ms. Mae" is the glue holding her service unit together in a positive way. She provides registration, fall product, and cookie program support to ALL service unit leaders and helps make everyone successful in their responsibilities. She's flexible with her time and has the most beautiful spirit.

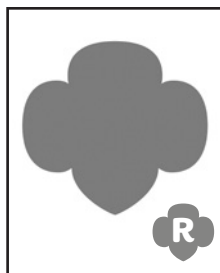
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JANE BIRNBAUM

Agoura Hills

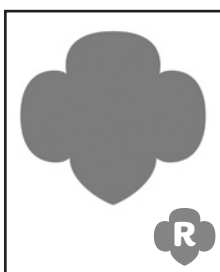
To Jane, Girl Scouts means community in every sense of the word: supporting and showing kindness to everyone regardless of other's actions. "It also encourages us to show that woman can not only do what they put their minds to, but they can also lift other women on their journey," Jane says.



PATTY BRADEN

Hacienda Heights

Patty has been a key force in helping to build and sustain a Girl Scout community in the Puente Hills area. She has welcomed and involved those that have come from a rich heritage in the Hacienda Heights area and welcomes that experience today.



TAMARA BOELTL

Whittier

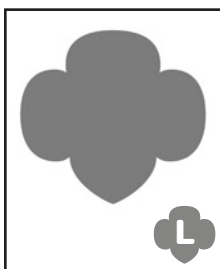
Tamara organizes a number of events and facilitates financial trainings for all leaders and treasurers, ensuring leaders feel confident about money practices. Their knowledge of policy ensures sustainability.



MICHELLE BREKKE

Mission Valley

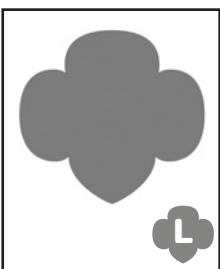
As a new service unit manager, Michelle's goals were to focus on getting to know the leaders individually and making little changes in the way the leader meetings were run. Succeeding with these goals was her Girl Scout highlight of last year.



MARY BORGEN

Los Angeles

A teacher at Florence Griffith Elementary School in Watts, Mary started a Girl Scout troop to address the lack of enrichment activities for students. Her troop has provided the girls and the community with an added sense of hope.



DAYSHA BRITT-WILLIS

Reseda

Thanks to Daysha, her group of girls is more than just a troop, it's a sisterhood. As an exemplary Girl Scout volunteer, she makes sure that the girls are bonding and building positive relationships that will follow them for life.



LAVETTE BOWLES

Westchester

What makes LaVette proud to volunteer with Girl Scouts? The fact that she's part of a community that provides services like donating clothing, shoes, and coats to women and their children recently released from prison, giving these women hope for the future.



CHRYSTAL BROESEL

Los Angeles

Volunteering for Girl Scouts is special to Chrystal, because she's seen how her girls are becoming well-known for their community service. From helping Los Feliz Neighborhood Council with hygiene kit assembly to installing an owl box in Griffith Park, her troop is making an impact.

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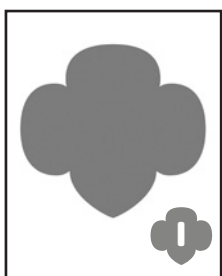
ROSEMARY BROWARD
El Monte

To Rosemary, Girl Scouts means a chance to broaden the horizons of young girls who would not ordinarily get a chance to be creative and experiment with art, science, and society.



JENNY BULLEN
Redondo Beach

Jenny is proud of how Girl Scouts have impacted her community — from leading canned food drives and caroling to the elderly to walking the neighborhood with smiles on their faces selling cookies. Everywhere the girls are, everything shines brighter, she says.



PATTI BRUNDIGE
Glendale

Patti has been a strong volunteer by working on fundraisers, trainings, and fall product sales/cookie sales. Her volunteer peers describe her as a strong leader and very organized.



CHRISTA CABAN
Los Angeles

Christa's highlight of the year? Being able to see the joy on the faces of her middle-school age girls as they tried new activities like stand-up paddleboarding, kayaking, and archery when she took them to Catalina.



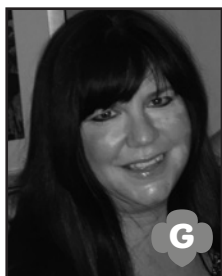
KRIS BRUST
San Pedro

Girl Scouts has been, and always will be, a source of pride, accomplishment, and honor for Kris. "Watching our nation's future leaders grow and thrive in an all-girl environment moves and thrills me," she says. "The sky is the limit in this encouraging program."



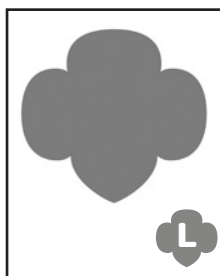
KATE CAPOSSELA
Upland

Kate finds it a joy to watch Upland Cadettes grow each month in their maturity, poise, and leadership. From sharing plans to run (and win!) for student body president to making sure the cookie rally was a success, she is so proud of our young leaders.



JOLIN BRYAN
Redondo Beach

As a new service unit volunteer, Jolin took on the challenge of organizing the cookie kick-off, a service unit tradition that was in jeopardy of being continued. Jolin raised her hand and volunteered her time, energy, and experience to make it happen.



JESSICA CARDENAS
Long Beach

Jessica was a GSGLA Delegate for the 2017 National Council Session. She gathered feedback from the membership and took time to meet with the team to discuss and debrief comments, questions, or concerns. Jessica was invested in the process and truly shined in-person at the event.

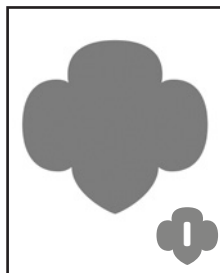
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HEATHER CHAFFE

Northridge

Heather strongly believes in our Girl Scout mission and the importance of educating new and existing leaders and other volunteers in different positions. She volunteered at council events and council trainings in her short term as a leader. She was very proactive in helping troop leaders get the information to learn material so leaders can have successful troops.



DAWN CUSKEY

Rancho Cucamonga

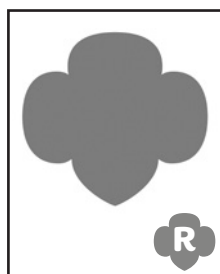
Dawn served as the service unit manager for the Rancho Foothills Service unit for five years. During that time she worked to cultivate a strong system of communication between the service unit and leaders in the area, so all leaders had an opportunity to be engaged with one another.



BRENDA COCCIA

San Pedro

Brenda treasures this past year, as it was the final year her troop's girls were together before graduating. She said she'll never forget how they celebrated with a gondola ride in Naples, admiring the holiday lights, visiting the Museum of Ice Cream, enjoying the Aladdin play in Hollywood, and concluding the year with a magical day at Disneyland.



KATHY DELKER

Monrovia/Duarte

Kathy has been a part of the service unit for many years. As service unit cookie chair, she understands the value of the cookie program and how it provides more than money for the girls. Because of her work, girls learned about budgeting, communication, public speaking, kindness, and supportiveness.



MARTHA CORTEZ

Panorama City

Martha is proud of her troops many projects, including the time they brought together many Girl Scouts to help with a clean-up at the local library. "It was a great way to bring our community together," Martha says. Her troop also supported the local police station with the annual Christmas toy drive.



PENNY DESANTIS

Santa Clarita

To Penny, Girl Scouts is an opportunity to learn and grow. "Being a Girl Scout means you can be whatever you like and there are no limits to the things you can accomplish," she says.



KIMBERLY CRAWFORD

Santa Monica

Kimberly's Girl Scout highlight in 2018 was taking her troop to Hawaii. They worked hard to make the trip happen by selling lots of cookies and enjoyed spending time with each other snorkeling, attending a luau, and doing community service in a forest.



TINA DIEM

Santa Clarita

Girl Scouts creates opportunities for girls throughout Santa Clarita Valley in leadership, learning, and collaborating. "Troop 7192 has completed many community service projects here helping children, the homeless, animals, the environment, and so much more," Tina says.

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JUANITA DOPLEMENTORE

Long Beach

Juanita is proud of her Troop 1353's Silver Award projects, which have had a significant impact on the North Long Beach Council District 9 community, including the creation of a patch program for the Veterans Day Parade as well as a compost bin and program developed for a garden.



LISA DUMKE

Calabasas

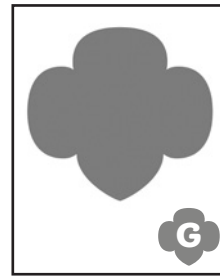
Lisa says that she is who she is because of her Girl Scout friendships and the love of leaders who selflessly created growth opportunities for her. It's a heritage she hopes to pass on by helping girls become their best selves through this organization.



GENA DOWNEY

Burbank

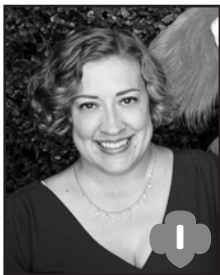
Gena's family, work, and church communities have been impacted profoundly by the examples of the many girls who have attained their Gold Award, the highest honor in Girl Scouts, through thought-provoking, innovative, and sustainable projects.



VIRGINIA EGEBAKKEN

Whittier

Virginia is a service unit manager 24/7. She does not say no to any Girl Scout need, and trains, supports, and encourages all leaders while providing one-on-one time to new leaders. She lives across the street from the Whittier Program Center, which she keeps clean and safe.



GWENDOLYN DREYER

Los Angeles

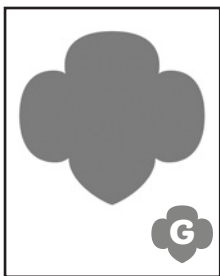
Gwendolyn is a lifetime member of Girl Scouts, starting her membership at age five. Labeling it an intrinsic part of her life, she believes that it is a place where girls of all backgrounds can come together to share opportunities and experiences.



PHYLLIS EPLING

Claremont

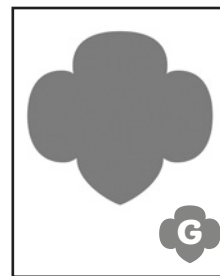
Phyllis' troops have grown together as a Girl Scout community. "They have taught me humility, humor, and humbleness," she says. "We accomplish more together than alone. Not only do we impact each other positively, but also the community around us."



CAROL DUBEAU

Sherman Oaks/North Hollywood

The service unit's fall product numbers went up significantly under Carol's leadership as fall product chair. In fact, sales soared to just over \$25,000! The success of fall product gave a lot of new troops the confidence to take on cookie sales in their first year.



SONJA EPSTEIN

North Hollywood

Sonja goes above and beyond by planning events for the service unit, giving her girls leadership opportunities, attending all leader meetings and council recruitment events, and planning her own recruitment events. She uses a wheelchair, but never lets it affect her outstanding leadership.

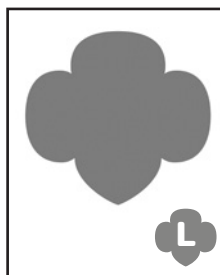
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FRANCHELLE ESSLEY

Los Angeles

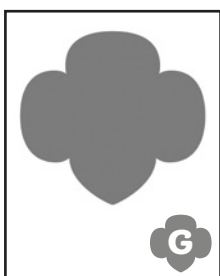
Franchelle supports what Girl Scouts stands for: comradery, sisterhood, and an environment where there's no judgment. "It also provides new experiences, that for some girls, may not come to fruition, if not for Girl Scouts," she says.



JULIE FORD SMITH

Burbank

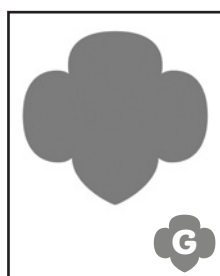
Julie is extremely active as troop consultant for the Burbank Service Unit. She introduces herself to every new leader and offers immediate assistance by answering questions, offering input with planning, and even offers to attend other troop's meetings.



SHARON ESTRADA

Claremont

During recruitment season, Sharon goes above and beyond to give information to incoming parents, make people feel welcome, and retain/recruit new girls for Claremont. She actively looks for ways to show the Girl Scouts presence in the community.



TAMMI FROH

Glendora

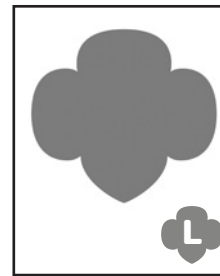
Tammy has been a key force in helping to build and sustain a Girl Scout community with Covina and Charter Oak troops. She has welcomed everyone in each community equally and has involved others in supporting the G.I.R.L. Fund and product sales.



MICHELE FAULKNER

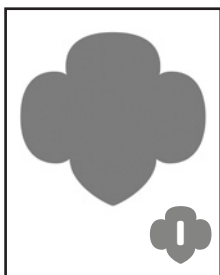
Rancho Calabasas

Michele could not be prouder of Rancho Calabasas Girl Scouts. Girl Scouts in her community support food drives, present flags at city council meetings, support schools and public parks, and work to keep the environment clean and safe, among other things.



MARISA GALLO

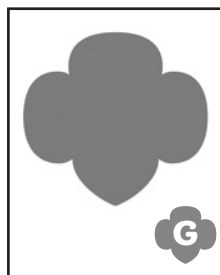
There is nothing Marisa won't do for the service unit. Her role as service unit treasurer is difficult since it is a large, active service unit. But, Marisa has boundless energy and patience with all of the new procedures and makes herself available to train others with a smile and great attitude.



STEFANIE FIERY-CALE

Torrance

As service unit treasurer, Stefanie is prompt to process reimbursements and is always going out of her way to help troop treasurers with their year-end financials. She is calm and kind with everyone, and excels at keeping service unit financials correct.

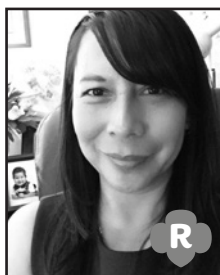


ARACELI GALVEZ

West Covina

Araceli is the service unit registrar and awards/recognition chair. She has been helpful in making sure that new and existing families and leaders are registered and helps them when needed. She is always encouraging existing troops to consider adding girls to their troop.

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ARIZBE GARCIA

South Gate

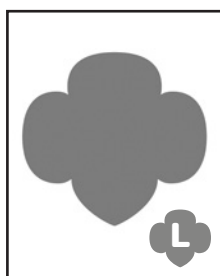
According to Arizbe, one of the highlights during the 2017-18 Girl Scout year was seeing the girls learn to work in teams and apply that knowledge at a camping trip in Cabrillo.



GUADALUPE GONZALES

Whittier

Guadalupe is a service unit manager 24/7. She welcomes all new leaders by inviting them to her home for orientation and one-on-one trainings. She and her co-service unit manager also visit troop meetings and events. Guadalupe says she has enjoyed watching her troop's girls grow together.



ERIN GARCIA

Puente Hills

Erin's service is exceptional, as she has helped build a sustainable Girl Scout environment within her community. She helped establish a service unit camporee that provides an opportunity for all troops within the service unit to come together and share an experience.



JEANNE GORMAN

Woodland Hills

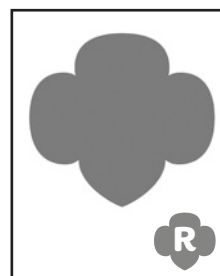
According to Jeanne, Girl Scouts is a way for her to help another girl find her strengths and expose her to new things. She can help her find courage to help others in need or just step out of her comfort zone. "It's about making friends and bridging communities," she says.



SHARON GEE

Sherman Oaks

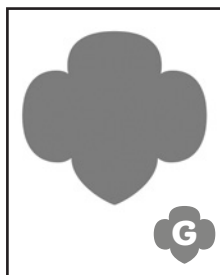
Girl Scouts has been a big part of Sharon's life for 13 years. "I've watched my two daughters blossom. They've had opportunities that I probably never would have thought to offer them and they gained leadership and real-world experience," she says.



EMILY GUZMAN

Covina

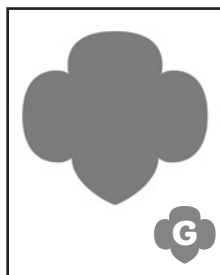
Emily has worked tirelessly with her co-service unit manager to provide support to all leaders and parents in her service unit to increase their girl retention goals each year. She also assists in spreading the word of the importance of the G.I.R.L. Fund and provides key support to the product sales programs.



DARLENE GOMEZ

Redondo Beach

Darlene actively supports the service unit in recruitment activities at Jefferson School. Her efforts yield at least one new troop annually along with new members for other troops. As the service unit fall product chair, she hand-holds new troops through the sale process.



ELIZABETH HAND

Santa Clarita

Liz is recognized for her above-and-beyond service she's provided for several years as cookie cupboard manager. She is always attentive and answers any questions from new and seasoned leaders. Liz is a huge asset to the service unit and the community.

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KARI HANSON

Palisades/Malibu

This year will be Kari's final year co-leading her youngest daughter's troop. "It is bittersweet watching these amazing young ladies work so hard on completing their Gold Awards, applying to colleges across the country, and excelling in school. I am proud," Kari says.



MELISSA HOLCOMB

Manhattan Beach

In the 2017-18 membership year, Melissa loved working on the Pinewood Derby Day Committee, which raised awareness and funds for the new Scout and Senior Center in Manhattan Beach.



MARYA HARRINGTON

Woodland Hills

Girl Scouts has shaped Marya's community through significant Gold Award and service projects. The troops in her service unit are successful in connecting not only with organizations to lend a helping hand, but also connecting with each other.



JUDY HONG - SCHULZ

Torrance

Judy has seen how Girl Scouts helps girls build self-confidence in themselves, while learning leadership, and decision-making skills. More importantly, she loves that they have fun and develop lasting friendships.



KAREN HASSEN

Torrance

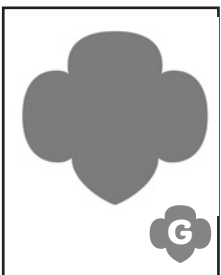
For Karen, Girl Scouts means providing opportunities for girls of all ages to build on existing skills while developing new skills in leadership, teamwork, and basic survival. She loves volunteering, because Girl Scouts also helps girls build new friendships, learn acceptance, and experience STEM topics.



ERIN HUEY

Glendale

What Erin loves about Girl Scouts is that so many of the young women she meets in her work life have developed their skill sets in Girl Scouting. It makes her proud to volunteer knowing that the skills, experiences, and friendships both adults/girls develop come back to the community one hundred fold.



DEANN HEALY

Pacific Palisades

DeAnn has served the council for years as part of the GSGLA Family Partnership Go Team. Her troop has led multiple events for the Palisades, Brentwood, and Malibu service unit. She has always served with a cheerful heart and exemplifies the behavior typified by Girl Scouts.



LAURIE JACOBS

San Pedro

To Laurie, Girl Scouts means guiding girls to become confident women, comfortable in their own bodies, healthy in spirit, and inspired to be helpful to people and our environment at all times. Laurie says she is honored to have this opportunity to lead our next generation of women.

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SHERYLIN JONES
Westchester

Girl Scouts has impacted Sherylin's community by allowing all girls a safe space to learn and explore the world around them. "The leadership and public speaking skills Girl Scouts practice are preparing them to be the great thinkers and global leaders of today," she says.



RACHELLE KILLACKEY
La Verne

Girl Scouts is where Rachelle's girls get to learn, grow, and become leaders in a safe and encouraging environment. "It is an organization where our Girl Scouts have developed wonderful friendships, including us as leaders," says Rachelle.



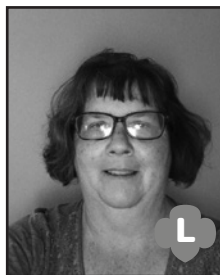
ERIN JOYCE
Northridge

In 2017-2018, Erin's troop raised enough funds to buy two pediatric beds and surgery equipment for a Nigerian hospital, with the girls leading all planning committees for the event from registration to entertainment.



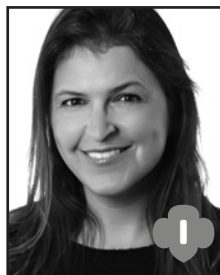
VICKI KIRK
Burbank

To Vicki, Girl Scouts means adventure and leadership skills for girls around the world. Over the past three years, she has led a successful Burbank service unit, growing the Juliette program and more.



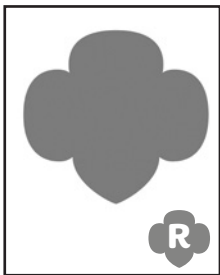
SHEILA KAO
La Verne/San Dimas

To Sheila, Girl Scouts means helping, guiding, and mentoring new and existing troop leaders. "If I can help someone be successful, then I am doing the right thing," she says.



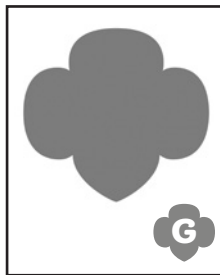
BOBBIE KOKOROWSKI
Manhattan Beach

According to Bobbie, Girl Scouts grows a sense of community within her area. It builds relationships which inspire and fuel that growth. She loves seeing girls from different neighborhoods work together to create something for the community.



BARBARA KELLY
Lancaster

According to Barbara, Island of the Blue Dolphins was a key moment this past year. "I loved watching girls succeed at things they thought were impossible, pushing through exhaustion," she says.



JO-ANNE LACSON
Palmdale

Jo-Anne is a troop leader, and service unit communications chair, working to ensure that the leaders are frequently updated on important information. Jo-Anne has helped increase community visibility by working with her service unit to ensure that Girl Scouts are well-known in the Westside area.

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SAMMIE LARMON

Saugus

Sammie's years in Girl Scouts as a child and adult helped to shape her worldview. The values the program instilled drive much of her work as a young adult.



SUSAN LEARY

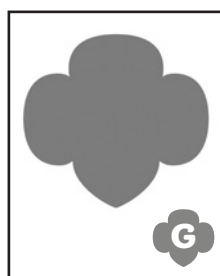
Susan has been a generous community board member since 2008, participating in the finance and investment and fund development committees. Always among the first to write checks to GSGLA, Susan inspires others to give—most recently, she made an unsolicited gift to the Camp Lakota campaign.



ROXANA LAURSEN

Granada Hills

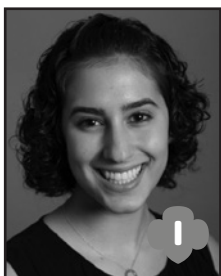
To Samantha, Girl Scouts means commitment and leading the girls to be the best they can be. "Never give up. There is always a way," she says.



GARY LEW

Woodland Hills

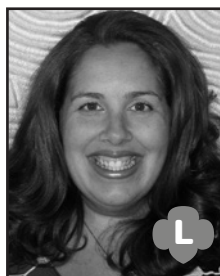
Gary has been a registered Girl Scout since his daughter, Meghan, was a Brownie, 12 years ago. He has been an integral member of the product program team in the Woodland Hills Service Unit, troubleshooting any problems that arise.



SAMANTHA LAVIN

Woodland Hills

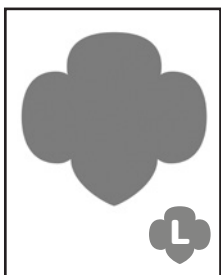
Samantha says that her community sometimes feels like it's filled with people who are stuck or must follow a certain path. "But Girl Scouts shows young girls that they have agency in their lives and can make choices that impact their futures," she says.



SANDI LINARES-PLIMPTON

Hacienda Heights

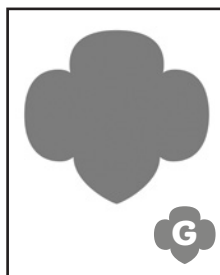
To Sandi, being part of the Girl Scout family means she is part of something special, because of all the positive activities she can do with her girls and other families that share the core values of being positive people and helping others.



KERIANNE LAWSON

Torrance

Because of Kerianne's dedication and enthusiasm, the Torrance/ North Torrance Service Unit is one of the strongest service units in the South Bay. Leaders have remained, built their troops, and helped with recruitment at their schools, among other successes.



ABBI LOVING

Los Angeles

Abbi impressively balances her Girl Scout work with her career as a lawyer. In addition to being a leader, she is also the service unit cookie chair. Though she has no daughters herself, she volunteers to give back to an organization that empowers young girls.

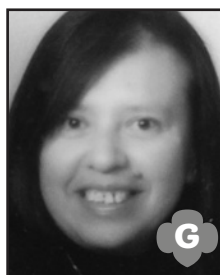
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MELISSA LYNCH

Studio City

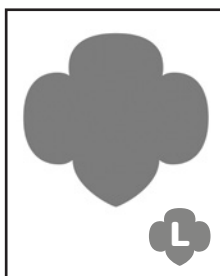
Melissa's favorite moment from this past year was the service unit team boot camp. "We had a wonderful day and the GAB girls gave inspiring speeches about leadership and what their leaders have meant to them. We laughed, cried, and left motivated," Melissa says.



PAULA MAZARIEGO

Palmdale

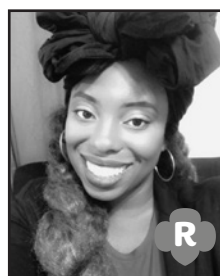
According to Paula, Girl Scouts has shown girls they can do whatever they set their minds to. "They know that by helping their community, they in turn help themselves," she says.



DEBRA MALINOWSKI

Santa Clarita

Debra has far exceeded expectations of a troop leader this past membership year. She has gone above and beyond the call of duty in her role as a leader and is a shining example of courage, character, and confidence.



RICKENA MCCLAIN

Inglewood

As a Girl Scout volunteer, Rickena has seen firsthand how Girl Scouts has created strong and courageous young women. "It has created an environment for girls to dream big and live their wildest dreams. I have seen girls find their voice and themselves," she says.



JEANNIE MARTINEZ

Anita Oaks

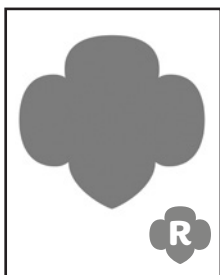
Jeannie's Girl Scout highlight from last year was fishing during her troop's annual summer trip. Before the trip, none of the girls seemed very thrilled about fishing. After the girls got on the boat and caught their first fish, they were hooked.



EMILY MENCKEN

Pasadena

According to Emily, Girl Scouts is the channel through which she has developed a strong relationship with her girl. Her daughter has been in Troop 4211 since kindergarten and the girls in her troop continue to be a safe harbor for her. Plus, the moms in her troop are some of her closest friends.



ALLISON MAYO ANDREWS

Monrovia

Allison stepped in as co-service unit manager for the Monrovia/Duarte Service Unit during a transitioning of leaders. She is an integral part of the service unit team that supports, guides, and assists troops. She ensures everyone feels included and has a voice to express their concerns and achievements.

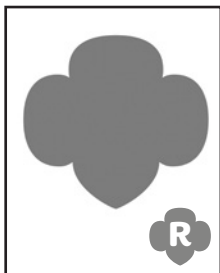


JOY MIDDOD

Los Angeles

Girl Scouts has been a big part of Joy's life; she started out as a Girl Scout parent and eventually became a troop leader. The experience has given Joy a purpose in life, which is to support her daughters and other girls who have gone through Girl Scouting and have achieved the Gold Award.

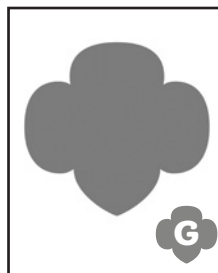
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DAWN MILLER

Pasadena

Dawn is an outstanding volunteer who oversees and manages the San Marino Service Unit, which consists of 90 troops and over 1,000 girls. She knows every troop number and leader name by heart and is in constant communication with all leaders to resolve every issue or concern in all areas of Girl Scouts.



LILLIAN MOORE-RAMIREZ

Northridge

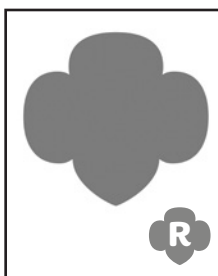
Lilly volunteered in the cookie cupboard in Woodland Hills while pregnant and gave birth during cookie season. As cookie chair, she connected with leaders by phone and email the very next day! She now has a beautiful "cookie baby," and continued to run an incredible cookie season for the service unit.



CAROLE MINGUS

Granada Hills

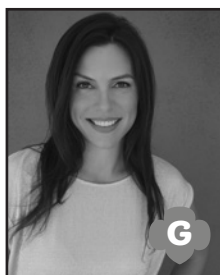
Carole has had the pleasure of participating in Girl Scouts with her two daughters and two grand-daughters, from Brownies to Ambassadors. All have gained great leadership skills, good values and character, super judgement and decision-making skills, and life-long friends.



MARIA MORA

Lynwood

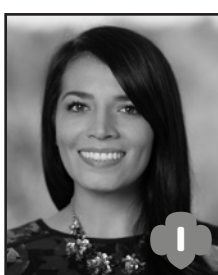
Maria has evolved as a leader and volunteer in Service Unit 501. She has taken a leadership role in membership, innovative programs, and inclusive behavior. Her work with the City of Lynwood provides helpful connections and communication regarding community event spaces.



ANN MOORE

South Pasadena

The highlight of Ann's year was having the honor of serving as a delegate for the 2017 Girl Scout National Convention in Ohio. She found that learning about the organization from a national level was an amazing experience, and she gives a big shout-out to all her fellow delegates!



MONICA MORALES

Greater Los Angeles

Monica is a volunteer through the American Society of Civil Engineers where a big outreach push for the organization is teaching K-12 students about STEM careers. "Girl Scouts has been a wonderful partner to get more girls interested in STEM," says Monica.



LISA MOORE BROWN

Brentwood

As a leader of Troop 12815, Lisa is proud to say her girls have provided approximately 800 hours of community service through nine Gold Award Take Action projects, and beyond. These girls have demonstrated amazing leadership.



JEANNETTE MULLINS

Sherman Oaks

Jeannette's highlight of the 2017-2018 Girl Scout year was helping her girls achieve their Bronze Award, selling over 6,500 boxes of cookies, and coming in next-to-last in the Patrol Challenge! In other words, reaching new heights and meeting new goals while being silly and having fun.

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YVONNE MURPHY

Claremont

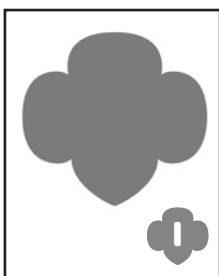
Last year, Yvonne's troop was able to see her volunteer efforts truly help her community at The Pilgrim Place. Her Girl Scouts interacted with community members, families, and senior residents by organizing and running a craft booth during a festival.



STEVE NUGENT

Santa Clarita

Steve helped at Santa Clarita's annual summer day camp by building and fixing day camp items (e.g., portable dishwashing stations, wooden event signs, and bi-lanyard string holder), which impacts the quality, organization, and execution of the camps.



LORI NEW

Lakewood

Lori is a true Girl Scout and goes above and beyond for her service unit. Her heart is big and she exhibits the Girl Scout spirit in all she does. She offers outstanding service to troops and helps plan and implement various service unit events and activities.



TERESA NUGENT

Santa Clarita

As a Girl Scout leader, Teresa likes her troop to get involved in the community by feeding the homeless, visiting the elderly, and helping out at a local food pantry.



JANETTE NGUYEN

Encino

Janette loves volunteering for Girl Scouts, because she gets to hear about Gold Award projects from start to finish. She especially admires the passion the girls bring into their projects. It amazes her to see that the girls know how to solve issues, learning new skills along the way.



VICTORIA ORPHAN

Woodland Hills

Girl Scouting has given so many girls in Victoria's community opportunities to explore and do things outside of their comfort zones while developing talents they didn't know they had. Girl Scouts have given back through many service projects.



KATHRYN NIELSEN

Kathryn, GSGLA Board Treasurer, is a generous donor and supporter of GSGLA, both personally and through her company, TriStar Motion Pictures (Sony). She has arranged movie screenings, helped with Start-Up Weekend, hosted fundraising events, and more. As Kathryn terms off the board in April, we can't thank her enough.



TED OYAMA

Downtown Los Angeles

Ted's highlight in 2017-18 was being part of the national roll-out of online outdoor education and attending the national convention as a delegate for GSGLA.

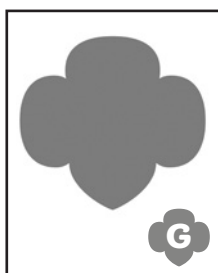
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ADRIENNE PACHECO

Los Angeles

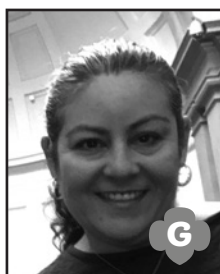
Adrienne had the honor of being a delegate to the National Convention in Ohio -- an experience she treasures, as it gave her the opportunity to gain knowledge while working with her delegate family. Plus, she was able to “geek out” on the democratic process!



BERNADETTE PERRY

Las Virgenes

The passion, dedication, and efforts that Bernadette puts forth as a service unit manager have changed the dynamic of the service unit be a positive. She makes each leader and volunteer feel supported, included, and informed, and she always implements new ideas that encourage troop leaders to work as a team.



SOCORRO PADILLA

Whittier

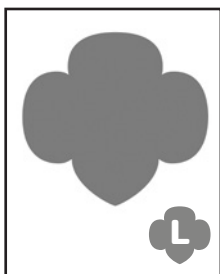
Girl Scouts has provided Socorro an opportunity to help others. She also says that it has taught her to become a much stronger person and to never give up. She adds that she works with amazing women and gets to teach the next generation compassion, responsibility, and kindness.



SHARIS PETERS

Inglewood

Shari says it was a privilege to be a National Delegate for GSGLA since 2017. She names attending the 2017 National Convention in Columbus, Ohio, voting on the direction and future of the Girl Scout Movement, and meeting Girl Scouts/leaders from all over the world as highlights for her.



JENNIFER PEDRAZA

Anita Oaks

Jennifer has led the fall product program for a few years. She loves talking to troops and telling them why they should participate in the program. She is extremely helpful and is always there for the troops in her service unit.



CORALYN PIERSON

Sherman Oaks

Coralyn is excited about how she can contribute to girls making a difference. “Girl Scouts has given girls an opportunity to work together toward community improvements through the many Take Action projects as well as through Bronze, Silver, and Gold Award projects,” she says.



MARTINO PEPE

Santa Clarita

Seeing how the Girl Scouts program has impacted his daughter, a Gold Award Girl Scout and lifetime member, inspires Martino. “I see girls all the time that gain courage and so much confidence through Girl Scouts,” he says.

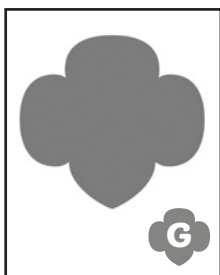


SUSANA PLAZOLA

Venice

The highlight of Suzette’s year was watching her Girl Scouts help their classmates with a project they had done during a meeting. Other students were learning the material for the first time and the girls just took leadership by helping without being asked.

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AILEEN POEHLS

Culver City

Aileen was a GSGLA Delegate for the 2017 National Council Session. The process of becoming a delegate requires dedication, a significant time commitment, and the ability to be cognizant of the membership's needs and the overall needs of the movement.



SHELLY RAAD

Los Angeles

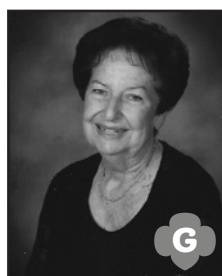
Girl Scouts is a program that has allowed Shelly's daughters to grow without being overwhelmed, she says. "It has allowed my daughters to reach out to the community in a way that is meaningful to them. It has meant we have eaten a lot of cookies."



MARGUERITE PONCE

El Monte

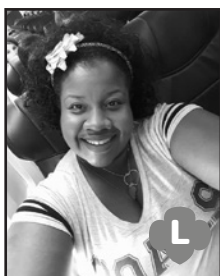
According to Marguerite, the Girl Scouts program has made a huge impact in the after-school program she oversees. "Many of the girls finally have the opportunity to experience Girl Scouts for the first time. The programs offered allow the girls to be themselves," she says.



CAROL RICHARDSON

Los Angeles

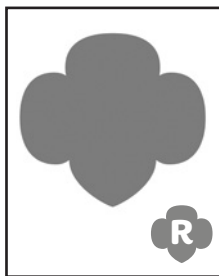
Carol is an exemplary Gold Award volunteer—she helps girls feel comfortable as they present their Gold proposals or prepare their final reports. As a mentor, she makes a point of attending any workshops conducted by her mentees. Carol is pleased to be involved with Girl Scouts, because it provides girls with lifetime experiences.



JONTEYN PREWITT

Inglewood

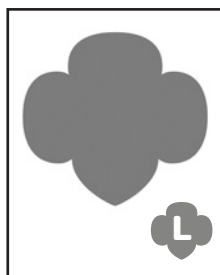
Girl Scouts has impacted Jontelyn and the girls in her community by giving girls a safe place to express themselves. Being a part of Girl Scouts has helped her to guide them to opportunities that will help them with their goals in life. The sisterhood that is forged between the girls and volunteers is unbreakable, she says.



MICHELLE ROBERTS

Santa Clarita

Michelle participated in the GSGLA Island of the Blue Dolphins program. She kept an upbeat attitude after hiking more than two miles to the campsite with full gear and then had to set up camp. On all four days and nights, she worked with the girls to understand aspects of the island, snorkeling, and swimming.



TRACI PROG

Whittier

Traci's service has reached beyond expectations on the Gateway Recruitment Team. She has a strong belief in the purpose and philosophy of Girl Scouting. She performs tasks willingly and accepts responsibilities of the job.



JENNIFER ROOTES

Sherman Oaks

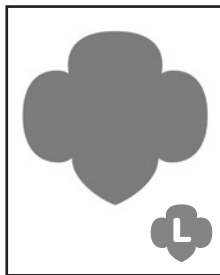
Jennifer says the time she spends with Girl Scouts gives her such hope. "They are smart, beautiful inside and out, and are becoming strong young ladies who are going to do such good in the world," she says. "Girl Scouts is helping to shape this growth."

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KATHARINE ROSACKER
Claremont

Katharine's highlight for the last membership year was her Junior troop's Bronze Award project, which focused on animal rescue. The troop took rescue dogs on Sunday morning hikes, learned about kitten and puppy fostering programs, and organized a donation drive to support a local shelter.



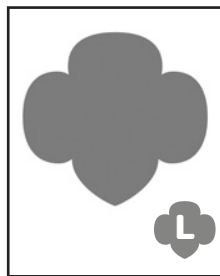
SUZETTE SAKAZAKI
Long Beach

Suzette is an amazing troop leader and service unit volunteer. She has been instrumental to the success of this service unit for many years and has worked closely with the service unit manager to help create and host dynamic events that are Girl Scout-appropriate.



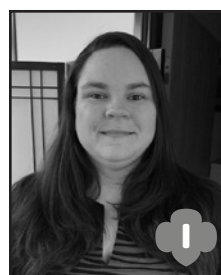
VALA RUNOLFSON
Long Beach

As a girl, Girl Scouts meant new experiences, opportunities and having a great time to Vala. As a leader, it means learning to roll with the punches with grace and a sense of humor, having fun, giving back, and making memories.



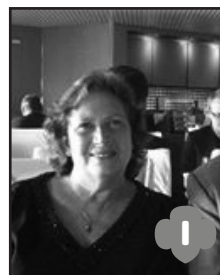
NANCY SANCHEZ
Glendora

Nancy served as service unit treasurer for one of the largest, most active service units in the council. She's provided excellent support to membership growth, retention, product sales, and visibility in the community.



SARA RUSHING
Burbank

Sara had the pleasure of watching her Ambassadors earn their Gold Awards and bridge to adults. "Seeing these young women ready to take on the world and change it for the better was one of the most special things I could have experienced as a leader," Sara says.



SUSAN SANDERS
Northridge

Susan has been a leader, co-leader, service unit manager, fall product chair, cookie chair, family finance chair, delegate, and has served on many volunteer committee positions during her over 30 years as an adult in Girl Scouts. She says she's enjoyed all of it!



DANIELLE SAGER-EBLING
Venice

According to Danielle, Girl Scouts has brought her closer to her daughters and has allowed them to go on adventures they couldn't have dreamed of. "It has given me a community of strong girls and women to lead, lean on, and inspire," she says.



LINDA SCHMIDT
Southeast

As a leader, Linda enjoys passing on her knowledge and offering her experience to new girls and leaders. This includes helping them learn more about Girl Scouting than just cookies and outings.

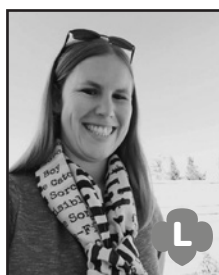
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GINA SCHNELL

Sylmar

For Gina, Girl Scouts means leading a troop and guiding them in keeping the Girl Scout Promise: lead by example, be who they are with respect, and take responsibility in all they do.



KELCEY SODERSTROM

Manhattan Beach

The event Follow Me, Girls is always a favorite and something Kelcey volunteers for whenever possible. She loves having the opportunity to teach Girl Scouts of all ages about Juliette Low and the founding of Girl Scouts.



TAMMIE SCOTT

Redondo Beach

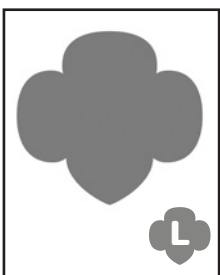
Tammie led the council trip to Japan, summer 2018. "It was a great trip with some fabulous adults and some real G.I.R.L.s," she says. At the troop level, Tammy has the opportunity to advise an energetic Cadette/Senior/Ambassador group and a first-grade Daisy troop.



TISHA SOLADAY

Manhattan Beach

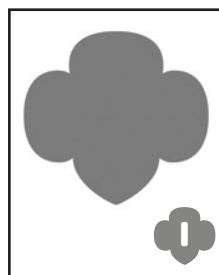
Tisha's service unit has over 1,000 girls, so Girl Scouts is very prevalent in the neighborhood. "We get to see and experience all of the wonderful things girls are achieving and so does our community," she says.



SARAH SMITH

Burbank

Sarah is willing to help everyone understand all Girl Scout policies and procedures, regardless of the service unit or council they belong to. She has been a long-time volunteer and also assists with Silver and Gold workshops in the service unit.



ERIKA SOSA

Los Angeles

Erika went beyond the expectations of her volunteer position at the Island of the Blue Dolphins program by being a fantastic adult leader. She put the girls first all weekend, motivating them to work toward daily goals. She created a once-in-a-lifetime experience for so many of the participating girls.



KANDIE SODERSTROM

Burbank

Girl Scouting in Karen's youth was different than in her leader years. She's treasured watching girls grow from being shy and withdrawn to poised and well-spoken. And, supporting the girls on their Bronze, Silver, and Gold Award journeys has been beyond her expectations, giving her memories for a lifetime.

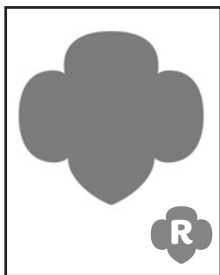


MELISSA SPENCE

Agoura Hills

To Melissa, Girl Scouts conjures images of female leadership and empowerment. "It is imperative to give girls a space to stretch and grow their abilities and skills without the worry of male competition and possible judgement," says Melissa.

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HEATHER ST. DENNIS

Marina Del Rey

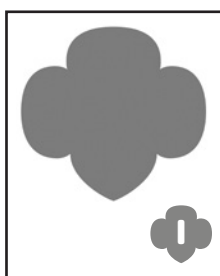
Heather has been a troop leader and service unit team member for four years. Last year she joined the core staff of Camp Stuff 'n' Such. Some parents volunteer for a day or two, but Heather volunteered the entire week before joining the core staff and planning activities.



MALI TEISAN

Venice

The highlight of Mali's last membership year was taking her troop to the snow on an indoor camping adventure. "Some of the best memories my girls will have will come from going camping with their troop," she says.



ELAINE STILWELL

Northridge

During Elaine's tenure as our service unit fall product chair, She successfully met and exceeded the service unit's sales goals. Not only that, she always makes her self available to help in any capacity.



JESSICA TERPSTRA

Pacific Palisades

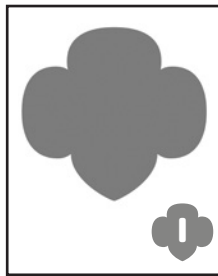
To Jessica, Girl Scouts means empowerment, community, strength, exploration, unity, acceptance, character, opportunity, and growth. It means positive role models, unlimited possibilities, and treasured experiences for each and every girl — which is why Jessica is proud to be a volunteer!



ROBIN SUTHERLIN

Lake View Terrace

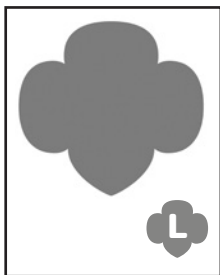
Robin's highlight for the last year was taking her troop camping for the first time. An added bonus was having a troop they didn't know across the way join them for campfire songs. "That is what this sisterhood is all about," she says.



ARIANA THOMPSON

Los Angeles

With the experiences she's gained through the Engineer Factory working with Girl Scouts, Ariana says it's hard to highlight one particular highlight from the year. Her favorite moment; however, is whenever they have a build and everyone is proud of a successful project.



GRETCHEN TAGAVILLA

Monrovia

One of Gretchen's favorite Girl Scout moments was seeing the Girl Scouts in her community provide joy to seniors by singing carols at Christmas time. The girls have also participated in many food bank projects with Foothill Unity Center, and the food kitchen at United Methodist Church of Monrovia.

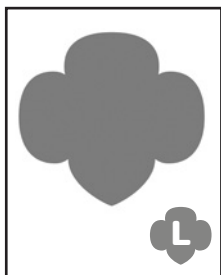


TONYA TURNER

Lakewood

Tonya is a true Girl Scout and has always gone above and beyond for the service unit and the council. She has been an advocate of strong communication within the service unit and has assisted in many aspects, including amazing ideas, creativity, and a true love for Girl Scouting.

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BETHANY VARNEY

Antelope Valley

Bethany has given training sessions in person and has been a reliable resource for leaders in her service unit. Not only does she help lead others, but she goes above and beyond with her time and energy to make sure others feel supported.



DENISE WANDEL

Manhattan Beach

Girl Scouts is incredibly special to Denise, which is why she gives so much as a volunteer. She sees it as an opportunity for girls to freely explore interests and community service.



NANCY VASQUEZ

Monterey Park

Nancy is proud to volunteer for Girl Scouts, as she has seen the girls improve her community through service projects, volunteer opportunities, and city beautification.



CATHERINE WILSON

Manhattan Beach

Catherine's highlight of the year was seeing all the girls grow in ability. They are planning and executing projects, leading workshops, teaching younger Girl Scouts, and trying a new thing—backpack camping. She says that she loves their excitement in all these activities.



ERICA VILARDI

Los Angeles

As a dedicated Girl Scout volunteer, Erica believes that the way to empower a woman is to empower a girl first. Since taking over the role as co-service unit manager, Erica helped the service unit grow and continue to thrive.



LISA WORKING

Sherman Oaks

Lisa's troop hosts a day of service to connect nonprofits and Girl Scouts, addressing specific needs and inspiring further service. "We all benefit when girls of courage, confidence, and character roll up their sleeves," she says.



KELLY VILLARDI

Torrance

Kelly has had several new troops start over the last couple of years. She hopes this is due to increasing recruitment and community exposure, and that it will translate to more community service, Take Action projects, and higher award projects.



KAY YANG-STAYNER

Los Angeles

For Kay, a 2017-18 highlight was her troop organizing the annual International Tasting Bee for the Westchester del Rey neighborhood; they also hosted a country booth. The girls learned leadership skills as they worked together to manage event details.

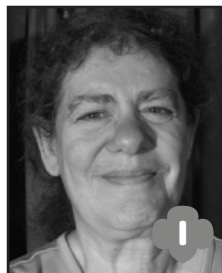
2019 Appreciation Pin Recipients



SUSAN YOUSEFI

Woodland Hills

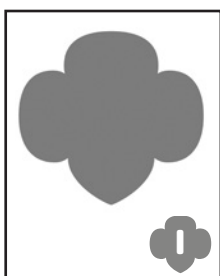
Susan's highlight this year was watching several girls work toward their Silver Award projects and building a sustainable library for the students of Resurrection Catholic School in Boyle Heights. They donated 3,711 new books to the school's library.



ANNA ZINSMEISTER

Burbank

A favorite moment for Anna this past year was participating in the Follow Me, Girls event. She says it's always an enjoyable event because she's able to share the history of Girl Scouts with the girls who attend. "The Historic Society is a nice group of women who work well as a team," Anna says.



ANGELA ZAIDMAN

Santa Clarita

Angela has been directing and co-directing the My Promise, My Faith workshop for the past three years. She worked creatively each year with a volunteer team to gather and present all the information needed for all the girls to earn the My Promise, My Faith pin.

G.I.R.L. Fund Champion Award



The G.I.R.L. Fund Champion award recognizes an adult volunteer or service unit who demonstrates a commitment to building a culture of philanthropy at GSGLA and has gone above and beyond in supporting the G.I.R.L. Fund.

On Giving Tuesday (Nov. 27, 2018), GSGLA held its first annual Give for the G.I.R.L. day of giving to raise funds needed to underwrite the cost of starting 20 new troops in underserved communities across Greater LA. In true Girl Scout fashion, not only did we reach our goal, we far exceeded it! Thanks to the generous donations from volunteers, parents, former Girl Scouts, friends, staff and board members, GSGLA will start over 28 new troops reaching more than 336 more girls in underserved communities throughout Greater LA.

2019 G.I.R.L. Fund Champion Award Recipients

RANCHO CALABASAS SERVICE UNIT

Rancho Calabasas Service Unit is located in Calabasas and served 38 troops (435 girls) in the 2018-2019 membership year. This year, the service unit showed its dedication to supporting extraordinary Girl Scouts in GSGLA's Reach More Girls initiative by contributing the highest number of donations to Give for the G.I.R.L. day of giving.



MICHELE FAULKNER, RANCHO CALABASAS SERVICE UNIT

Michele embraced the peer-to-peer fundraising model this year by promoting Give for the G.I.R.L. day of giving with her fellow GSGLA volunteers and adult members. As a result, she raised the most dollars from the highest number of donors during the effort. Michele's advocacy played a pivotal role in the success of GSGLA's first-ever day of giving.



CHRISTINA RICE, CV/GLENDALE SERVICE UNIT

Christina has a vibrant energy for the G.I.R.L. Fund and stepped up to be CV/Glendale's first G.I.R.L. Fund Champion. As a result, she raised the second most dollars from the second highest number of donors during Give for the G.I.R.L. day of giving. Christina used her creativity to incorporate the fund into leader meetings, and her commitment to philanthropy and inclusiveness showcase the Girl Scout spirit.

2019 President's Award Recipients



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.

ALHAMBRA/ROSEMEAD/SFT SERVICE UNIT

Service Unit 401 is comprised of 34 troops in El Monte, Rosemead, and Alhambra. Though small in size, everyone is very helpful. They always have a good turnout at service unit meetings, and new troops are supported and feel comfortable asking for help. The unit's traditions are Mother-Daughter Tea, International Day, Me and My Events, end-of-year events, Career Day, Camping 101, Lunar New Year, and more. Troops are also active in camping and community service at places like Midnight Mission, YWCA in West Covina, and the VFW in San Gabriel. Everyone always has fun and troop retention is high.

BELLFLOWER/HOLLYMOUNT SERVICE UNIT

The Bellflower/Hollymount Service Unit encompasses the cities of Bellflower, Paramount, and Hollydale. The dynamic and enthusiastic service unit is led by Rita Rivera, who has served in her position for 20 years! Bellflower/Hollymount hosts many exciting events, workshops, and community service opportunities throughout the year, including a holiday sing-along and food drive, cookie rally, family ice skating event, cultural event, and camporee. This service unit also boasts one of the highest cookie per-girl-averages in the entire council, with an average of 330 boxes per girl. With five new troops starting in the 2017-18 year, this service unit continues to grow and thrive!

BONITA SERVICE UNIT

The Bonita Service Unit is located in La Verne/San Dimas and served 51 troops in the 2017-18 Girl Scout year. The service unit's success is tied to its amazing teamwork fostered by an environment where all are willing to contribute and participate in a positive way. Team members are flexible enough to adapt to cooperative working atmospheres where goals are achieved through effective collaboration and communication.

BURBANK SERVICE UNIT

The Burbank Service Unit is located in Burbank and served 75 troops (813 girls and 647 adults) in 2017-18. Burbank Service Unit, which has one of the highest retention rates (81%) and a strong school and community presence, hosts a variety of Girl Scout events for their members like Skatebash, Father Daughter Dance, and formal Girl and Adult Recognition Ceremonies. Members participate in community service projects and are community ambassadors for the Girl Scout mission. The service unit has an outstanding team of volunteers who support troops throughout their Girl Scout experiences.

CANON TRAILS/RIO HONDO SERVICE UNIT

Canon Trails Rio Hondo Service Unit oversees 40 troops (480 girls and 303 adults) in Montebello, Monterey Park, Pico Rivera, and one or two outlier troops in El Sereno and the City of Commerce. The service unit has five members: service unit manager, fall product and cookie chair, social media coordinator, registrar and mentor to new troops, and an advisor. Every month, the service unit gathers to share ideas on how to continue to build courage, confidence, and character by engaging girls in learning new skills through badge work and Take Action projects.

2019 President's Award Recipients

CANYON STAR SERVICE UNIT

The Canyon Star Service Unit is located in Sherman Oaks and Studio City and served 55 troops (612 girls and 368 adults) in 2017-18. The Canyon Star Service Unit has grown to be a group of lively, friendly, and sisterly Girl Scouts and the service unit continues to grow and welcome new girls/troops annually. Canyon Star hosts events such as Opening Ceremonies, Annual Cookie Kick-Off, Thinking Day, the Canyon Star Camp, and week-long summer day camp, Twilight Camp. Leaders continue to offer unique opportunities to engage and support their girls, volunteers, and families while also supporting Girl Scout journeys.

COMPTON SERVICE UNIT

The Compton/Lynwood Service Unit encompasses the cities of Compton and Lynwood. The service unit served 8 troops, 217 girls, and 66 adults in the 2017-18 year. Although a small service unit, the team has made large strides in the community, establishing important connections with the mayor of Compton and many other local figures, as well as increasing the participation and results of the cookie program, year after year. These accomplishments have been made possible due to the hard-working leaders and service unit manager! Favorite events the service unit participates in are the City of Compton and City of Lynwood parades.

CV/GLENDALE SERVICE UNIT

The Crescenta Valley/Glendale Service Unit (CVGSU) serves Girl Scouts in Glendale, La Crescenta, and Montrose. The growing and thriving service unit is home to over 950 girls in over 95 troops. One of its most favored events is CVGSU's week-long day camp, commonly referred to as Twilight Camp, where Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts get the opportunity to lead, guide, and mentor younger girls as they participate in themed activities. The younger girls aspire to be like their mentors, which truly helps the service unit grow and flourish. This Girl Scout spirit continues to thrive far beyond Twilight Camp!

GATEWAY SERVICE UNIT

The Gateway Service Unit includes 28 troops (291 girls and 206 adults) from parts of Whittier, Norwalk, Pico Rivera, Avocado Heights, and Santa Fe Springs. The service unit managers keep leaders engaged by hosting a variety of events and working closely with council staff to provide training and policy updates. Troops collaborate with local nonprofits, donating items and food. The service unit managers ensure a strong retention rate by holding an annual early renewal swimming party and BBQ. Last year, 49% of their troops early renewed 85% or more of their girls. Other events include a leader-daughter event, end-of-year appreciation, and participation in citywide and civic events like the Whittier Christmas parade.

HEART OF THE VALLEY SERVICE UNIT

The Heart of the Valley Service Unit covers Panorama City, North Hills, Northridge, and Porter Ranch and served 32 troops (457 girls and 284 adults) in 2017-18. The service unit provides innovative, traditional events throughout the year including a father/daughter dance, Girl Scout Birthday, Granada Hills Parade, Cookie Kick-off, World Thinking Day, Memorial Day Flag, and meaningful Girl Scout camping experiences. In addition to the service unit's impressive leader engagement, Heart of the Valley has received the President's Award five years consecutively.

2019 President's Award Recipients

KING HARBOR SERVICE UNIT

The King Harbor Service Unit in the southwest region encompasses the south side of Redondo Beach. The service unit served 43 troops, 433 girls, and 245 adults in 2017-18 and is comprised of passionate leaders, many with full-time jobs and families, who take their roles as troop leaders seriously. Their passion is evident with increases in cookie sales, retention rates, and girl and adult numbers each year. This year, the service unit manager planned two successful white water rafting trips with almost 100 girls in attendance at each event!

LA CAÑADA SERVICE UNIT

Last year, the La Cañada Service Unit included 103 troops with 963 girls and 613 adults. The troops host on average 18 local events yearly. This summer is the unit's 71st annual day camp ("Twilight Camp"). The service unit is also proud of its long-standing tradition of hosting a Gold-Silver-Bronze Ceremony. In 2018, they honored 24 Gold Award Girl Scouts. La Cañada Girl Scouts thrive off of the dedication of the service unit team, troop leaders, and parents.

LA BREA HEIGHTS SERVICE UNIT

The La Brea Heights Service Unit covers the cities of Inglewood, Ladera Heights, Windsor Hills, Baldwin Hills, and the Crenshaw, West Adams, and Leimert Park neighborhoods. The service unit served 37 troops with 512 girls and 195 adults in the 2017-18 year. Their girl retention has increased 6-7% each year, for the last five years. Their strength lies in their ability to foster a culture of acceptance. They are known as the service unit that will never turn down a girl looking for a troop home. Focusing heavily on community service, troop mentoring, and financial empowerment for their girls, the service unit team and leaders bring over 400 years of collective dedication to Girl Scouts! And, their members often volunteer and speak at council events.

MANHATTAN BEACH SERVICE UNIT

The Manhattan Beach Service Unit is located in the southwest region, and encompasses the city of Manhattan Beach. The service unit served 85 troops, 1,007 girls, and 581 adults in the 2017-18 year and is brimming with Girl Scout history. Thanks to active volunteers, the service unit excels in retention, cookie sales, membership growth, and Gold Award honorees (there were 14 last year!) year after year.

MARINA SERVICE UNIT

The Marina Service Unit covers Marina del Rey, Venice, and Mar Vista, and served 42 troops (625 girls and 356 adults) in 2017-18. The service unit has earned the President's Award annually since at least 2011, and has continued excellent performance thanks to a devoted team, thorough communication, and effective leader/parent training. Hosted community events include Project Pot Pie, recruitment events at neighborhood festivals, and a summer day camp with a 40+ year history!

2019 President's Award Recipients

MISSION VALLEY SERVICE UNIT

The Mission Valley Service Unit is located in San Fernando, Granada Hills, and Mission Hills, and served 26 troops (438 girls and 283 adults) in the 2017-18 membership year. The service unit hosts popular events such as World Thinking Day and Cookie Kick-off as well as engaging monthly leader meetings featuring specialty trainings and guest presenters. Volunteers, troops, and leaders of Mission Valley also give back to their community and participate in events like the Memorial Day Flag Placement and the Granada Hills Holiday Parade!

NORTH REDONDO SERVICE UNIT

The North Redondo Service Unit is located in North Redondo Beach and Hermosa Beach, and served 57 troops (739 girls and 406 adults) in the 2017-18 membership year. With remarkable growth last year, their market share increased to 17%. They are active in community events like Soles for Souls and Valentine's for Vets, and continuously strive to support council goals. Notably, North Redondo has received the President's Award every year since its inception.

NORTH RIVER SERVICE UNIT

The North River Service Unit covers Valencia and Saugus, and served 80 troops (851 girls and 420 adults) in 2017-18. The 15-member service unit team serves the northern part of the Santa Clarita community through involvement in events like the River Rally, Cookie Rally, World Thinking Day, Journeys in a Day, Service to the Senior Center, Hall of Honor, Court of Awards, Nature's Rock, and Nature Kitchen's Summer Day Camps. The team's volunteer-led service delivery model provides girls with flexible ways to participate in Girl Scouts and engages adult volunteers in specific, sustainable, and rewarding roles.

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. The service unit team consists of passionate and active members in the community, priding themselves on providing regular leader support, events, and ensuring everyone meets council requirements and has a great experience. The service unit continues to excel because of their teamwork, utilizing everyone's skills and talents to create and facilitate programs for their troops, such as the cookie kick-off, World Thinking Day, and camporee.

ONTARIO/MONTCLAIR SERVICE UNIT

The Ontario/Montclair Service Unit serves two different cities and served 36 troops in the 2017-18 year. Ontario/Montclair Service Unit has been doing an amazing job considering that the service unit has had some difficulties in recruiting more volunteers to be part of the service unit. Their team is small but they work hard to make sure the service unit stays active, creating a positive team environment. One of their strengths is their openness and willingness to achieve goals.

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PALISADES/MALIBU SERVICE UNIT

The Palisades-Malibu Service Unit encompasses the Palisades/Malibu/Topanga area. Pali/Mali served 49 troops (513 girls and 310 adults) in 2017-2018. This service unit includes caring, educated, professional leaders who share important values with girls, giving them the confidence to make a difference in the world. Year after year, the service unit excels in product sales, retention, and supporting Gold Award Girl Scouts, and they regularly participate in community events such as the One Warm Coat Drive and Palisades Americanism Parade.

RDE SERVICE UNIT

The RDE Service Unit is located in Long Beach and served 88 troops, with 1,181 girls and 632 adults, in the 2017-18 year. This tight-knit service unit is very active in the greater Long Beach community, having been recognized numerous times by the Long Beach City Council for their hard work and dedication to bettering their community. This year, the service unit team created a cookie mentor program that partnered experienced troop leaders with new leaders as a way to better support new leaders and build community. The growth in their membership and retention is a reflection of the team's consistent efforts to go above and beyond in supporting their troops.

SAN MARINO SERVICE UNIT

The San Marino Service Unit has served the girls and women of San Marino and surrounding areas since 1928. The team provides year-round, volunteer-based programming aimed at expanding the experiences of its members. Their annual events include the Holiday Giving Party, Scouting the Gardens at the Huntington Library & Gardens, World Thinking Day, a girl awards ceremony, and the ever-popular Twilight Camp in Lacy Park every summer. All four service unit managers have served as troop leaders and have held multiple positions, bringing over 36 years of experience combined. Their greatest asset is the service unit team of over 15 amazing volunteers.

SAN PEDRO SERVICE UNIT

The San Pedro Service Unit is made up of 31 Girl Scout troops that encompass Avalon, Wilmington, and San Pedro. Community service and providing dynamic Girl Scout experiences to girls is at the forefront of this service unit that boasts an impressive number of Bronze, Silver, and Gold Award Girl Scouts annually. Service unit events include Girl Scout Sunday, Court of Awards, a leader appreciation dinner, and girl/volunteer trainings as well as San Pedro Christmas Parade participation.

SANTA MONICA BAY SERVICE UNIT

The Santa Monica Service Unit covers the city of Santa Monica and served 35 troops (360 girls and 288 adults) in 2017-2018. The service unit excels in retention, cookie sales, and membership growth each year thanks to an active service unit manager and volunteers. Caring leaders serve as girl advocates, passing on important values and giving girls the confidence to make a lasting impact. The service unit served dinner to 80 veterans at the Santa Monica Elks Lodge and works tirelessly to raise the visibility of Girl Scouts.

SOUTH BAY FOUR SERVICE UNIT

The South Bay Four Service Unit (formerly Lomita/Harbor City) is located in the southwest region, covering Carson, Lomita, Gardena, and Harbor City. The service unit served 24 troops (330 girls and 166 adults) during the 2017-18 year, and consists of an incredible team of volunteers committed to supporting new and established Girl Scout troops. The service unit has strong retention and cookie sales and continues to increase leadership and volunteer numbers.

SOUTH PASADENA SERVICE UNIT

The South Pasadena Service Unit has 66 active troops and over 1,000 girl and adult members. Many troops are very active in community service and their members enjoy fun overnight and camping experiences. Often local Girl Scouts go on to earn their Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards. In 2018, South Pasadena Girl Scouts were honored to ride with the city manager during the annual Festival of Balloons, and troops also participated in Thinking Day. South Pasadena is blessed to have energetic troop leaders and a core group of committed service unit volunteers.

STONEYRIDGE SERVICE UNIT

The Stoneyridge Service Unit is located in Winnetka, Chatsworth, and parts of Northridge, and served 15 troops (321 girls and 265 adults) in 2017-18. This 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 recognitions and bridging event where troops are honored for impressive achievements, and the annual family picnic, which engages all Stoneyridge Girl Scout families. The leaders are caring, educated, and dedicated Girl Scouts who emphasize life skills at every opportunity and have a passion for serving others!

WESTCHESTER / DEL REY SERVICE UNIT

The Westchester Del Rey Service Unit covers the cities of Westchester, Playa del Rey, and Playa Vista and served 55 troops with 511 girls and 273 adults in the 2017-18 year. A community staple, the service unit continues to build and maintain relationships with local schools, businesses, and centers who welcome a Girl Scout presence with open arms. The service unit has also always been a pioneer for older girl opportunities and activities, often planned and led by the girls themselves. The team is dedicated to their volunteers and will go above and beyond to offer extra trainings before and after service unit meetings.

WESTSIDE SERVICE UNIT

The Westside Service Unit serves the Palmdale community and included 49 troops (431 girls and 225 adult members) in the 2017-18 membership year. The service unit hosts events for members like Winterfest and an annual bridging ceremony, and incorporates mini trainings into monthly meetings to ensure leaders are updated and informed. Service unit leaders dedicate themselves to providing incredible opportunities for Girl Scouts.



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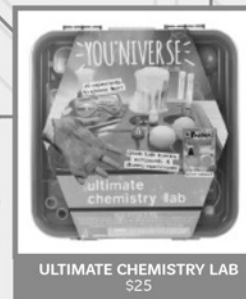
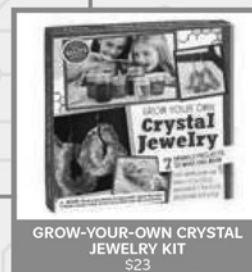
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Nanette Weinberg

40 YEARS

Kris Brust

45 YEARS

Edith "Holly" Shaffer

50 YEARS

Clare "Smitty" Durand

55 YEARS

Sue Hillendahl

60 YEARS

Laura Garvin

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25 YEARS

DiAne Cabanne*
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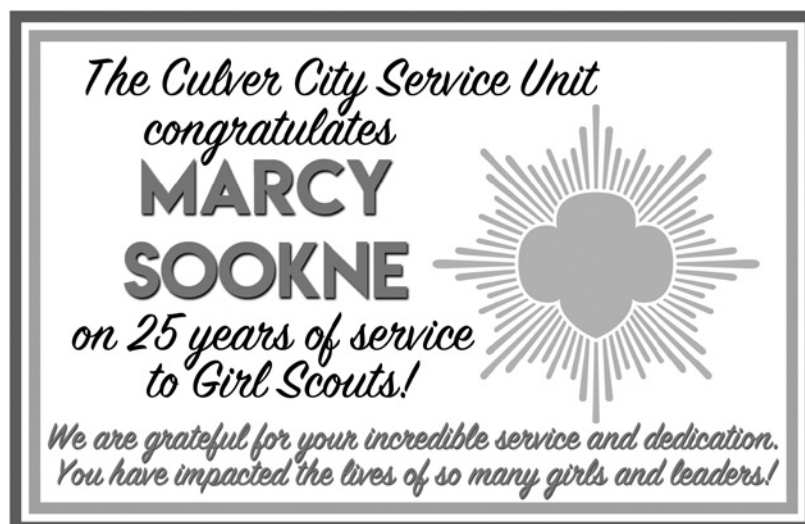
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Laurie Jacobs

I love empowering our girls with skills, knowledge and an incredible sense of self to become the leaders of tomorrow.

Brenda Coccia

One thing I love about Girl Scouts is exposing girls to activities they would not normally experience on their own.

Kris Brust

I love Girl Scouting because I enjoy watching the girls learn and grow and have a wonderful time together.



Thank you to all the San Pedro Leaders who devote their time, hard work, love and support to helping our girls become the best they can be!





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Jonteyn Prewitt

*And to the La Brea Heights Service Unit
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Congratulations Miss Pam!
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Your Girls in Troop 15174



Congratulations Mission Valley Service Unit!

Receiving the Appreciation Pin:

Carole Mingus

Gina Schnell

Elaine Stilwell

Michelle Brekke

Erin Joyce

Roxana Laursen

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To my Mom and my Girl Scout Leader
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Palisades - Malibu S.U. 538 says thank you to the following women for their contributions to Girl Scouting and our Service Unit.

We are grateful for your inspirational leadership.

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Melissa Appelbaum-Schwartz

Kari Hanson

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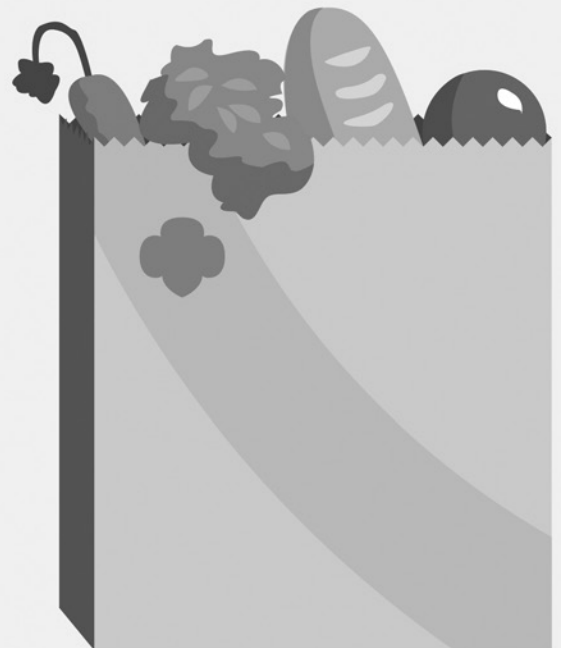
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