



*2015 Adult Volunteer Recognition Awards
Presentation & Luncheon*

April 25, 2015

"Recognitions"



*We're all a part of Girl Scouting,
We do it for the girls,
And unlike Juliette,
We haven't sold our pearls.*

*We've sold a lot of cookies,
Done service projects, too,
Taken girls to camp and trips,
And wiped a tear or two.*

*We don't do it for big hurrahs,
Or fancy prizes, too.
But it's really nice to hear your name
Attached to a big Thank You!*

*So take this recognition,
And wear it with the notion,
That recognizing someone else
Will share your giving potion!*

*Think really hard and you will see,
That others need to hear –
"We so appreciate your work,
And "We're so glad you're here!"*



GSHPA RECOGNITIONS

HEART OF A VOLUNTEER CERTIFICATE



This recognition is designed to recognition a short-term volunteer whose leadership efforts have benefited girls directly or indirectly through service to GSHPA. This volunteer has served girls through leadership of short-term (less than one year) activities, groups or projects; creation and/or organization of a special event for girls or adults.

SHARON HEDRICK, York

Sharon donates much of her time to organizing a team of 30 men and women to offer programs throughout our seven camp properties. Attending annual meetings, trainings and offering four programs at different camps throughout the year, Sharon chairs the Nature Explorers that serve approximately 300 girls through the program. She is a very active participant in Troop Adventure Camps, helping where needed to ensure that programs are offered to the girls. She recognizes the potential each Girl Scout can gain from being outdoors and is a huge advocate for all of our camps. Additionally, she is part of the site team at Echo Trail and truly works towards improving the camp as well as helping in work parties at other camp properties to ensure their readiness for the summer camp season. She is a great role model for the girls and a true inspiration for others to pursue interests in the outdoors. It is with great pleasure that we present to Sharon Hedrick the Heart of a Volunteer Award Certificate.

FOREVER GREEN PIN



This recognition is intended for volunteers actively giving outstanding service to one service unit/community/group for an extended period of years. The service performed has exemplified the Girl Scout program and has significantly influenced the lives of girls and/or adults in the council. Requires nomination plus 2 additional endorsements.

MICHELE CARR, Hummelstown

Michele has been wonderful for Hershey. She stepped up as Assistant Community Lead when Kathy Rudisill, our Community Lead, had an extended illness in her family, and was not able to put in a lot of time with the Community. Michele is also a troop leader and her girls are very active within the community as well as joining in with neighborhood outreach. Michele took charge and carried on very well. She is an activity driven leader and has helped the girls partake in many new activities. They have learned to make hats for the homeless, no-tie throws, small tie quilts, and many life skills including learning First Aid and also helping with the food banks in the area. Michele has been caring and patient with new leaders and has gotten them off to a good start. We feel that Michele is deserving of the Forever Green GSHPA award.

JUDI COCCO, Dupont

Judi began volunteering for Girl Scouts 32 years ago. She did not want her daughter to miss out in Girl Scouting, so she jumped in with both feet and never looked back. She has been a Leader or Assistant Leader for more than 20 years and has helped train new leaders to ensure that Girl Scouting was active and well in her neighborhood. Having organized many trips, she took on the task of planning a council-wide trip to Savannah, as well as planning day and weekend camps. We cannot count the number of girls that have benefited from her leadership but it is said to be in the hundreds. Judi truly deserves the GSUSA Forever Green recognition as a thank you for her commitment to Girl Scouts.

KATHY RUDISILL, Hershey

Kathy has been an incredible resource for our Community. Without Kathy's guidance, Community 174 would not be as strong and viable as it is today. She has run recruitment events, visited our elementary and middle schools to promote joining Girl Scouts, and has led a Brownie troop for many years. I know my own daughter's introduction to the love of Girl Scouts is attributable to being in Kathy's troop and enjoying many of the experiences that she as a Leader was able to provide. Kathy continues to support all of the leaders within our Community, and without her personal touch and outreach, many of the leaders within our Community would not be leading troops. She has always made Girl Scouts a priority, and for that, the Girl Scouts within our community will always be grateful. For all that she has done and is doing for the girls, we are pleased to present Kathy Rudisill with the GSHPA Forever Green recognition.

FOREVER GREEN PIN (continued)

GEORGIE SIBERT, Hershey

Georgie Sibert is a tireless inspiration and a dedicated member of our local Community. She is a role model of someone who literally has been involved in Girl Scouting virtually her entire life. Her participation makes our Community leadership truly intergenerational, bringing perspective we otherwise would not have. Georgie has also lived around the world and was involved in Girl Scouting in a variety of locations, both national and international. She has a wealth of experiences to draw upon for every occasion. Fortunately, she remains an active volunteer for almost every Hershey Community event. In particular, she is part of the team planning the fourth trip to England to offer an International Guiding/Scouting experience to girls of this council. Georgie has volunteered in the kitchen for multiple Troop Adventure Camp girl programs to assist council staff on these weekends. She is active with the Archives group, helping to sort and inventory the uniform collection for girl and volunteer programs. Georgie helped with our history display at the GSHPA Gala in Hershey and did the same in Hershey and State College during the 2012 anniversary year. Many of the examples of her volunteerism don't fall under a particular volunteer position description. She simply follows the Girl Scout motto of helping where needed. Congratulations Georgie, we are honored to present to you a GSHPA Forever Green Pin.

HEART OF PA PIN



This recognition is designed for volunteers actively giving outstanding service that benefits the entire council. The service is so significantly beyond expectations of the position(s) held that no other award is appropriate. Requires nomination plus 3 additional endorsements.

MARY ANNE ANTOINE, Carlisle

Mary Ann Antoine has been involved with Girl Scouts for more than 25 years. She initially led her daughter's troop from Brownies through Seniors and now continues to lead an older girl troop. As a leader, she was creative and caring, constantly coming up with ideas that made Girl Scouting both a learning and fun experience. To extend the reach of the girls, she organized fundraising for the troop to travel to Savannah and then go to Europe for two weeks, where they visited Pax Lodge and Our Chalet. She has been in charge of the Community's annual cookie sale for many years, making herself available to help and answer questions as necessary. Mary Ann became Director of Day Camp for Service Units 152 and 153 in 2002. Since that time, she has provided a successful camping experience for over 100 girls each summer. She shares her skills in presenting badge workshops, chairing the local Thinking Day and Camporee, serving as a consultant to other leader, plus much, much more. It is with pleasure that we present Mary Antoine with GSHPA's highest award, the Heart of Pennsylvania.

CAMY BRUNGARD, Watsontown

This adult volunteer is the Lead of Community #645 and lead she does. She is our "Will Do" volunteer. She does many projects for our community and was instrumental in helping to transition three geographical areas into one Community. Camy has a knack at blending new and old ways to make a well-rounded program. She is a Troop leader in addition to being our Community Lead and always has the girls' best interests at heart. She is very organized and keeps the ball rolling on the projects and programs needed for the community. She works an incredible amount of hours each week towards the mission of the Girl Scout movement. In addition to her Girl Scout volunteer duties, she runs a pre-school. She volunteers as Chairperson of her church's Vacation Bible School. She is also involved in many other projects which are held at her church from running a dance for disabled people to helping prepare food for a free dinner for those in need. This very kind-hearted person has a great passion for all that we do and it is with great honor that we award Camy Brungard a GSHPA Heart of PA Pin.

HEART OF PA PIN (continued)

DIANNA COWAN, Hershey

Dianna has been the go-to scouting person at Milton Hershey School for many years. She has been Service Unit Director, registrar, recruiter, trainer, cookie person, supply person and has filled a number of other positions for over 15 years. She has done many things with the girls and supported her leaders in their activities within the guidelines of Milton Hershey rules and regulations as well as Girl Scout guidelines. She has worked tirelessly over the years to keep the scouting program alive and active at the school. She is very organized and excels in creativity. Dianna has high hopes and expectations for her girls. She inspires and encourages them all the time to accomplish their goals and high levels of success in the Girl Scout program. We are very pleased and excited to present the GSHPA Heart of Pennsylvania award to Dianna Cowan from the Milton Hershey School.

DEBRA McNEAL, Hershey

Deb has been an adult Girl Scout for many years and has been active in the 174 Community, as well as throughout the Council. She has recently become certified as an Archery Instructor and has shared her talents with local troops, as well as troops in neighboring areas. The girls love archery and enjoy Deb very much. Deb is also Director of Camp Catherine, a camping site on the Milton Hershey School property for use of youth groups, church groups, and Scouts. She has worked tirelessly to improve the camp and has reached out to Girl Scout troops in the area. Deb has worked very hard and given many hours to the summer Twilight Camp for the Community Unit. She developed a program for Junior Girl Scouts that included instruction on crocheting, sewing, making a dunk bag, and nature activities. It gives us pleasure to recognize Debra with the GSHPA Heart of PA award.

MELANIE ROBISON, Schuylkill Haven

A Girl Scout herself for 12 years and an adult member for 18, Melanie Robison has dedicated herself to Girl Scouting. Melanie has served as a Leader, Product Liaison, Council Adult Facilitator, Community Lead, and currently serves on the Council Adult Recognition Committee. Under Melanie's direction, our Community is headed in a very positive direction. We continue to grow in number, service to our Community, and character. She serves on every event planning committee and never misses an event. She is committed to bring new and exciting opportunities to the girls in our Community, whether that be through girl-led programming, educational programming, or community service. Melanie is a council trainer and continues to train in Outdoor Basics – a program she loves, for she loves the out-of-doors. She will offer this program to those in her Community and beyond so that they can offer camping to their girls. For her continuing contributions to the Community and GSHPA, we would like to honor Melanie with the GSHPA Heart of PA award.

HEART OF PA PIN (continued)

KAREN SNIDER, Mechanicsburg

Karen Snider's mother was a staff member at a Girl Scout council in Florida while Karen was growing up. Karen joined the Board of GSHPA to honor her mother. Karen is a dedicated leader and an enthusiastic advocate for girls and Girl Scouting across the Commonwealth and specifically, within Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania (GSHPA.) She has served actively on the Council's Board Development Committee, including as Chair, recruiting leaders from throughout our area to serve with her on the GSHPA Board of Directors. Karen was instrumental in the Council's observance of Girl Scouts' Centennial, establishing a statewide honorary committee, led by First Lady Susan Corbett, and she served actively on that 100th anniversary organizing committee. She is indeed an active ambassador for GSHPA within the Council, and across the Commonwealth. Her standing in the community, her record of public service, and her commitment to our girls add up to specific results: when Karen Snider is on the phone, people take her calls. When Karen Snider asks for support for girls, that support is freely given. When Karen Snider takes on a task, that task is successfully completed. Karen Snider is the "Heart" of GSHPA and fully deserves this GSHPA Heart of PA award. Congratulations, Karen.

MARY WINSLOW, Carlisle

Mary is a true Girl Scout and her blood has run green for many years. She is a true professional when it comes to working with archives in GSHPA. In particular, Mary led the initiative to downsize and reorganize the council's archives collection last year. Prior to her work, GSHPA had an enormous, semi-organized archives collection. Mary provided leadership to other volunteers; they centralized and catalogued the archives collection in Harrisburg, saving the very best examples of every type of Girl Scout uniforms, awards, and other artifacts. Mary also saw to it that every regional office of the council had updated Archives Grab 'n Go tubs for girls and leaders to use. Last year, Mary helped to organize an elaborate display of archived information for the *Inspiring Generations Dinner* in Hershey. Mary also helped to lead a group of older girls in the Opening Flag Ceremony for the event. The girls were each wearing uniforms representing a different decade of Girl Scouting. In addition to the Archives Committee, Mary gives many hours to council programs, Community events, and working on the International trip for girls, where they can experience an International Scouting/Guiding event. We are proud to present Mary with the GSHPA Heart of PA pin.

GSUSA AWARDS

VOLUNTEER OF EXCELLENCE PIN



The Volunteer of Excellence award recognizes those volunteers who have contributed outstanding service while partnering directly with girls in any pathway to implement the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE) through use of the National Program Portfolio or who have contributed outstanding service in support of the council's mission-delivery to girl and adult members.

TONIA ARNOLD, Watsontown

This adult volunteer is our Community Resource person. She is always available to help with whatever is needed. In the past few years she has taken on several leadership roles. She is the Fall Product Sales Chairperson and she is also the Community Cookie Sale Liaison. She is helpful to the experienced and new leaders with their questions and concerns. Tonia also volunteers as a Leader for the older girls. Her work with outdoor activities includes a day camp that included hiking, camping, kayaking and, of course, knot tying. This volunteer who is a member of Community #645 brings an excitement and cheerful approach to every Girl Scout event. It is with great thanks that we present Tonia Arnold with the GSUSA Volunteer of Excellence Pin.

TEDD BRUNGARD, Watsontown

This adult volunteer is our "Count On" person, who is the Treasurer for our Community. He is the most organized person we have working in our community. He keeps us in budget and also expedites all expenditures. He is always at events to lend a hand--whether it is to move tables, set up the PA system, help set-up for a training for our leaders, or just unlock a door where needed. He is known Community-wide as the "Button Man," which he performs to entertain the girls. In addition to his full-time job, he is also very active in his church community. He serves as a Trustee for the Watsontown United Methodist Church and he also helps with most of the events at the church. He works hand-in-hand with his wife and can always be counted on when he is needed. Thank you for all your hard work, Tedd. You are truly a GSUSA Volunteer of Excellence.

TAMMY CHIPRIANO, Schuylkill Haven

Tammy leads three very active and involved Girl Scout troops for her five daughters. She brings a renewed sense of enthusiasm and excitement to the community, whether it be through planning events, recruiting new girls, or just being in a support role. Tammy has served on the planning committee for every event in the Community and always brings fresh new ideas to the table, while never shying away from the work that it takes to carry out these events. Tammy is quick to volunteer to assist in any way that she can, whether it is sorting candy and cookies, or planning fundraisers for Family Partnership. She chairs the community bridging event, is a leader at the community day camp over a four-day period, and serves as a delegate for the community. Tammy has a heart of gold when it comes to scouting! We are pleased to present Tammy the GSUSA Volunteer of Excellence Pin.

VOLUNTEER OF EXCELLENCE PIN (continued)

DEBRA HAUF, Harrisburg

As Community Treasurer and Ambassador Troop Leader, Debra manages to juggle more than one position with ease and a smile. Having been a Girl Scout as a girl, she has continued in Girl Scouting for more than 12 years. Other leaders have benefited many times, as Debra willingly shares her Girl Scout experience and advice with them. She and her troop have organized the Volunteer Banquet and Debra has organized other events as well. She performs all of these volunteer tasks while working a full-time job. Debra certainly is an excellent volunteer and she is being honored with the GSUSA Volunteer of Excellence Pin. Thank you, Debra.

WENDY KERN, Orwigsburg

Being a Girl Scout as a girl, Wendy brings a passion from her own years back to the table. Her involvement in Community activity over the last two years has been instrumental in helping to push the community to another level. She plays an important role, no matter the task, in just about every event that is planned. From the physical work, to the shoulder to lean on, she is the cheerleader of the community, improving the morale, lending an ear, a hand, a shoulder, whatever may be necessary. She takes it head on and only looks back for reflection on how to make things better next year. She assists with every event in the planning stages and seldom is unavailable for the execution of those events. She chairs the Girl Scout Week Celebration events, planning and organizing a full church service, led by the older girl troops and concludes the Girl Scout week with a banquet for all of the families of the community. Wendy is a great role model for the girls and most deserving of the GSUSA Volunteer of Excellence Pin.

NIKKI KESSLER, Harrisburg

Troop Leader for one troop, Assistant for another, Nikki has been an outstanding volunteer for our area for over nine years. She has been a Fall Product Manager and also organized the Family Partnership Event as well as organizing Volunteer Appreciation events. Nikki is a tremendous asset to Community 184 through her willingness to assist anywhere she is needed. Think of the girls that will benefit from excellent volunteers like Nikki--we can only see a brighter future for Girl Scouts. We are awarding the GSUSA Volunteer of Excellence pin for Nikki's commitment to Girl Scouts.

AMY LINGLE, Harrisburg

Amy Lingle is the mother of three Girl Scouts in three different troops. She is a Leader, Cookie Mom, Nut Mom (one writer's term), Assistant Leader, and volunteers in all three troops. Amy has also been Cookie Sale Manager for the past two years in her community. Organizing the Family Partnership event in 2011 and helping with recruitment at Paxtonia Elementary, just a walk in the park. Having signed on again to be Cookie Sale Manager for the community, it seems like she doesn't plan on slowing down any time soon. Her community and Girl Scouts are very thankful for her dedication to Girl Scouts. We are very pleased to award Nikki the GSUSA Volunteer of Excellence pin.

VOLUNTEER OF EXCELLENCE PIN (continued)

WENDY NAUGHTON, Hershey

Wendy has always had a strong presence, voice, and impact in our Girl Scout Community. She is a dynamic troop leader of 8th grade Cadettes and loves to share ideas for activities and troop events. She organized our Twilight Camp for several years, working closely with others. She stepped up to be the Nut/Magazine Coordinator and Recognition Event Organizer and helps lead smaller events throughout the year. She is always willing to help new leaders, share her ideas, and step up to accept more responsibility. Wendy is an exceptional asset to the girls and leaders in our Community – we are pleased to recognize her efforts with the GSUSA Volunteer of Excellence Pin.

CAROL SHIPE, Bloomsburg

Carol Shipe is a deserving nominee for a volunteer recognition. In her capacity as a Leader, she has helped get girls interested and has kept them excited about the Girl Scout experience. With no daughter currently in the girl levels, Carol still carries this passion for girls to be involved. She organized the Community Event for World Thinking Day at Millville School last spring, which was a success with tables full of displays, crafts, and food. Her troop was interested in earning the Dance Badge – she coordinated the purchase of tickets for the Community for the local Nutcracker show, in addition to a patch and meet-and-greet/dance session after the play. This is Carol's second go-round at Girl Scout leadership. She joined Girl Scouting as a Daisy troop leader when her daughter was that age. Now, her granddaughter participates in the programming provided by Carol and her daughter. By her example, Carol is teaching the girls to "Dive In, Take Action, and Become the Leaders You Want to Be." Carol, please come forward to accept a well-deserved GSUSA Volunteer of Excellence Pin.

APPRECIATION PIN



The Appreciation Pin is for volunteers actively giving service to at least one geographic area or program delivery audience. Nominees have significantly contributed to meeting council goals in membership, fund development, or community visibility. Requires nomination plus 2 additional endorsements.

MELIA BELONUS, Harrisburg

Melia has been in Girl Scouts for at least 21 years. She has organized and operated Community events including fall camporee, Lovely Ladies Tea, a Brownie Event and Girl Scout Sunday and is currently a troop coach for a Holy Name troop, after leading troops for over 13 years. At the Council level she has served as a delegate and also finds time to volunteer for Boy Scouts. A camper at heart, she accompanies other troops if their leaders have not been able to take the outdoor training. During Back to School nights Melia is there recruiting girls and new leaders because she enjoys Girl Scouting so much. We would like to recognize Melia by awarding her the GSUSA Appreciation Pin. Thank you, Melia.

MARIA BEWLEY, Hummelstown

Maria currently is the leader of a Senior troop and also assists with a Cadette troop in Hershey. Maria has been in Girl Scouting as an adult for 12 years and was also a Girl Guide in the UK for 12 years. Maria really enjoys working with older girls and has brought new ideas and much enthusiasm to the program. On Medical Career Day, she created a station where the older girls could make crystals and view them under the microscope. She has also worked with our summer Twilight camp, trained her girls as program aides and helped them put together a book outlining the activities of the group as well as teaching outdoor skills. We are pleased to present Maria with the GSUSA Appreciation Pin.

MELISSA BRANDT, Danville

Melissa leads a very active troop which is consistently involved in higher level community service activities. She has organized the Cherokee Day Camp for quite a few years and uses the girl-led program to accomplish her tasks. Over the last 30 years as a Girl Scout, Melissa has left her mark by asking thoughtful questions and providing quality experiences for all involved around her. She is a very caring and thoughtful person, truly leading her life by the Girl Scout Law. Melissa is a great role model for the girls and the community. She is very active in Special Olympics with her oldest daughter, from refereeing to driving youngsters to events so they can participate. Thank you, Melissa! We are pleased to present you with a GSUSA Appreciation Pin.

APPRECIATION PIN (continued)

MICHELLE CAMILLI, Harrisburg

Michelle began her Girl Scout career as a Leader. From there, she has been the Troop Coach for Mt. View Elementary and volunteers at Back-to-School nights to recruit new girls and leaders. She helps at Kindergarten Registration at Mt. View by talking to parents about Girl Scouts and explaining how to sign up. She has helped train new leaders on how to get started. In 2010, she became Secretary of the local Community and continues to keep volunteer adults informed about the events and activities taking place. In addition, she organized three “Special Guy” events that were very well accepted. She is an essential resource person in our Community. We are pleased to present Michelle Camilli with a GSUSA Appreciation Pin.

KATHY FRICK, Hummelstown

Kathy has established and run a cookie cupboard at her home for many years. Having a local cookie cupboard has been very beneficial, as many troops in the area have a ready supply of cookies available without traveling to the warehouse. She dealt with late cookie deliveries and shortages and kept leaders informed. Kathy supports the local Community by attending and helping at many events, without waiting to be told what to do. She donated the cakes for our *Living the Law* event; provided First Aid materials used in our *Superwomen* event; works at our Strohman Foundation blanket tying days and runs the “Cookie Box Photo Booth” at our Cookie Kickoffs. She took Leadership in Training girls to hand dye silk scarves for our Leader Appreciation event and helped set up the event. Kathy, for all of your work to keep your Community active, we are proud to present you with the GSUSA Appreciation Pin.

KELLI GROUP, Carlisle

Kelli grew up in Girl Scouting; after earning her Gold Award in 2005, she became a lifetime volunteer. Kelli has been involved with Great Beaver Day Camp for many years, first as a camper, then a Program Aide, and for the past several years, as a Leader of a unit. As a Unit Leader, she designed a camping unit for older girls. Kelli’s dedication to camping in our Community has inspired many girls to step up and become camp volunteers. She has also stepped up in various roles within the Community. Kelli took over the position of Community Fall Product Manager and has joined our Volunteer Recognition Committee. Last year, Kelli received Carlisle’s Molly Pitcher Community Award for her willingness to pitch in wherever needed. We are happy to present the GSUSA Appreciation Pin to Kelly.

APPRECIATION PIN (continued)

CATHIE JO LANGAN, Throop

Although C. J. – Cathie Jo – was never a Girl Scout as a child and has no daughters – that has not stopped her from serving the girls of Community 508. She is leader of both a Brownie and a Junior Troop and the Community Lead. This Community was enlarged dramatically two years ago when four Service Units were merged into one entity – the Black Diamond Community.

She also manages a “Cookie Cupboard” and does her best to accommodate those needing access by scheduling late evening or early morning appointments. She has hosted many recruitment tables and helped to plan and staff events at the Regional and Community levels. She gives generously of her time, attending the Annual Meeting, Regional Meetings, trainings, etc. C. J. is always the “go-to person” when a volunteer is needed. That is why we are pleased to recognize Cathie Jo Langan with the GSUSA Appreciation Pin.

JENNIFER NAHM, Hummelstown

For more than eight years, Jennifer Nahm has led our girls as Daisy Girl Scouts, Brownies, Juniors, and now as Cadettes. She has continually brought new leadership opportunities to the troop as the girls have matured. As Juniors, the girls decided the direction of their Bronze Award and organized an afternoon event for younger girls. This taught the Juniors to work together as a team to plan activities and develop leadership skills. As Cadettes, the girls have taken a stand against bullying at their school for two years with the *Project Positive/Upstander Uprising Event*, further developing their leadership abilities and bringing an important message to their middle school peers. Jennifer offers ongoing encouragement to the group – under her direction, the girls of Troop 11034 have grown as Girl Scouts and as people, benefitting both our girls and the Girl Scout organization. In recognition of your contributions to girls, we are happy to recognize Jennifer Nahm with the GSUSA Appreciation Pin.

HOLLY PARREY, Hummelstown

Holly has been a Co-Leader of a Cadette troop in the Hershey Area Community. She devotes countless hours to organizing the troop activities. For instance, the troop planned a three-week anti-bullying activity with advisory lessons, lunches for 900 students, decorating and making videos and other impactful activities for the entire middle school. Each girl has spent 50+ hours on this event – Holly has spent even more time and energy. Holly also helped organize Twilight Camp for the Community and also helped organize a camporee for Daisies and Brownies. She is a role model for many girls. We are glad to recognize her with the GSUSA Appreciation Pin.

APPRECIATION PIN (continued)

DARLENE PEKALA, Harrisburg

Darlene is currently a leader of Middle School Cadettes after having served at the Paxtonia Elementary School with the largest group of girls in her grade level. Saying no to new girls is not in her playbook. Day Camp volunteer in every job possible, she took on Day Camp Director and has helped to create wonderful themes and programming for 65 girls who might not have had the opportunity to experience this unique facet of Girl Scouting. Darlene also helped to organize bridging ceremonies, which has resulted in a joint bridging for Paxtonia Elementary troops, Middle School and High School. A mentor for other troop leaders, assisting at Community Events and Fall Camporee, sharing organizational abilities as well as supplies only speak to Darlene's influence in helping to create quality programs for her community. We are recognizing Darlene with the GSUSA Appreciation Pin.

NABILA REIBSOME, Danville

Nabila Reibsome has been a Girl Scout Leader for at least ten years. During the past three years, she was the Co-Chair of the Knoebel's Camporee. This takes an extraordinary amount of planning and organization to coordinate numerous troops, food, and activities in conjunction with girls using the amusement park. This event has allowed a positive camping experience plus amusement for hundreds of girls each year. In 2014, under her direction, her Junior troop earned their Bronze Awards, the Cadettes, their Silver Awards, and one of her Ambassadors, her Gold Award. On a personal level, Nabila is a model Girl Scout, demonstrating qualities listed in the Girl Scout Law. She is friendly, welcoming, caring, and fair. She teaches the girls how to be leaders by letting them hold office, help run the meetings, and learn their leadership skills. It is our pleasure to present Nabila with the GSUSA Appreciation Pin.

LISA SALVATORE, Harrisburg

Inspirational, calm, gentle, positive, upbeat and supportive are some of the words used to describe Lisa's approach in her role as Community Lead. Lisa has contributed to GSHPA, Service Unit 178 and Community 284 for over 12 years. An excellent communicator, her Friday E-Blasts email keep the leaders and volunteers of her community informed on Girl Scout news, events and anything leaders need to know. She has also been credited with, in her former life, prior to being Community Lead, organizing volunteer banquets, Junior events, Camporee, Family Partnership, First Aid Training several times a year, and collection of stockings at Christmas for the Food Bank. Thank you Lisa for your outstanding service to Girl Scouts and we hope you continue to bring the benefits of Girl Scouting to girls and adults. Lisa is very deserving of the GSUSA Appreciation Pin.

APPRECIATION PIN (continued)

DENISE STUBBLEFIELD, Harrisburg

Denise Stubblefield has been the Organizer/Manager for our Community Day Camp for five years. She budgets and purchases supplies for the camp each year, storing tents and tubs of supplies for this four-day, all-day camp. Many girls (70+) come to camp each year to enjoy and learn because of her hard work. In addition to Day Camp, Denise is a Cadette troop leader and serves as Community Registrar. Denise's dedication to making Day Camp happen and be successful goes well beyond the duties of a troop leader. She is organized and enthusiastic and has had a significant impact on those girls who have been able to attend her camps for the past five years. In fact, she is so dedicated to this cause that she uses her vacation time from work to accomplish this. Your dedication is notable, Denise. We are proud to present you with the GSUSA Appreciation Pin.

HONOR PIN



The Honor Pin is for volunteers actively giving outstanding service in more than two geographic areas. Have significantly contributed to meeting one or more council goals in two or more geographic areas. Requires nomination plus 3 additional endorsements. Leader and a role-model for girls.

ELLEN BATDORF, New Columbia

Ellen Batdorf has been an active adult volunteer in Community #645 for 20+ years. She has provided leadership for Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, and Seniors and became Co-Chair of our New Beginnings Day Camp. She has served as a Gold Award Advisor, guiding many girls in their quest to earn their Gold Awards. In addition, she also reintroduced a Program Aide project for the council. She successfully trained and we now have several PAs working in our Community and other communities. Ellen also works on a regional level as Coordinator of the North Regional Junior Jamboree. She approaches each project with passion and determination. She has lots of fun while doing these projects and brings a special presence to all the Girl Scouts she encounters. She wears many hats in our community including the “Can Do” hat. It is with much appreciation that we present to Ellen Batdorf the GSUSA Honor Pin.

TAMMY DIEHL, Hanover

Tammy has been a great asset to the Community for many years. In her early years as a Girl Scout volunteer, she was a Leader and Troop Recruiter/Troop Consultant. Since then, she has expanded into many diverse positions. Currently, she is a Leader, our Community’s Event Registrar, a Facilitator for the ropes/challenge course, a Camp Host, our Community’s Treasurer, a member of the Day Camp/Encampment Team, plus the chair of the Community Recognition Team. She is always a calm presence when things go wrong. It is with a proud heart that we present Tammy Diehl with a GSUSA Honor Pin.

CONNIE SCHEUNEMANN, Millville

Connie is a creative thinker and currently has been the backbone and driving force of her Community. As the Community Lead, Connie has spent tireless days and nights working on how to better improve the troops in the Community, the Community itself, and the visibility of the Community. She has been instrumental in bridging the gap between the Danville and Bloomsburg communities. She has worked hand-in-hand with the local MLK Jr. Committee to organize multiple community service projects, has implemented the new model for troops in the Community to be run by a veteran so that a parent can step up as the Leader, and has advised and help implement activities such as swimming, archery, Zumba, astronomy, hiking and spring clean-up on all age levels. Connie is also the person responsible for starting the backpacking program at Camp Louise. Connie is a friendly and very approachable person and most often has a smile as she goes about her job as a volunteer. She has a true love for the Girl Scout experience and believes that no girl should be left without. We are pleased to present Connie with a GSUSA Honor Pin. Congratulations, Connie!

THANKS BADGE



The Thanks Badge is awarded to volunteers actively giving service impacting the council or the entire Girl Scout movement. Such volunteers have taken a leadership role at the council level in areas such as membership growth, adult generated funding, program opportunities, policy-influencing, and ensuring that inclusive behavior is recognized, understood, and practiced at all levels. Requires nomination plus 4 additional endorsements.

KAREN POE, Carlisle

For over 30 years, Girl Scouting has been a very important part of Karen's life. Earning her Girl Scout Curved Bar, she continued as a Leader when her first daughter became a Brownie. She added the role of Daisy Leader when her second daughter joined the ranks. For several years, Karen ran two different troops, at two different times, with different programs, service projects, and outings. Where did she find the time? She has served at every age level. Her older girl troop even went international to two World Centers. As part of her dedication to Girl Scouting, she became a team member and has helped with or run many events. Some of those include: presenting badge workshops, troop and Community service projects, Thinking Day, Camporee, cookie distribution, and hosting a cookie cupboard. She has started many new volunteers on their journey to becoming Leaders by mentoring them for a year. Probably her favorite job has been co-directing Great Beaver summer camp that serves the local Communities plus some girls from other Girl Scout Councils. Karen feels that the outdoor program is vital for a person—she encourages all to experience new things and have fun! For all of this continued commitment supporting the beliefs of this organization, we are honored to present her with the GSUSA Thanks Badge.

JANE RANSOM, Carlisle

Jane has done an amazing job of leading GSHPA through the complex challenges of our council's post-merger transition. She stabilized and strengthened the organization internally and significantly broadened stakeholder support over the past six years. She built an outstanding management team and with the help of staff and the Board of Directors, she led the council to financial stability without ever losing sight of the Girl Scout Mission. With seemingly tireless energy, Jane has driven throughout our 30-county council, at all times of the day and night, through good weather and bad, meeting with volunteers, making award presentations to girls, and attending signature programs, kick-offs, annual meetings, and, of course, she wouldn't miss a volunteer recognition luncheon. In addition she was instrumental in leading the way for the council to achieve its \$5 million goal for the 100th Anniversary. Most recently, she worked with the Board to develop an ambitious strategic plan that will enable the council to more effectively evaluate programming, increase membership, and provide services to at-need girls. We will hate to see Jane leave GSHPA, but wish her the best in the future. Please join with all of us in awarding Jane the GSUSA Thanks Badge at this time.

THANKS BADGE (continued)

CAROLYN WARMAN, York

Carolyn has served on the Board of Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania since its inception in 2007 when four councils were merged into one. Before becoming the Board Chair, she served as Vice Chair and has chaired the Board Development Committee and the Executive Compensation Committee. Carolyn has provided strong leadership in overseeing the development of GSHPA's strategic plan and has devoted herself to ensuring that Girl Scouts in the Heart of PA is properly positioned for the future. Her leadership style embraces and fosters collaboration. She excels in advocacy and connecting people with Girl Scouts. Known for her analytical mind, grasp of governance, sense of humor and ability to assign board members to projects where their skills and personalities are most needed, Carolyn Warman is eminently qualified to receive this award. Carolyn – on behalf of a grateful Council, we are pleased to present you with this Thanks Badge.

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ALICE RAE KUTISH, Kingston

Alice Rae has been a Girl Scout volunteer for over 40 years. She has served as Service Unit Manager, Trainer, Fall Product and Cookie Sale Manager, Gold Award Advisor, Delegate, Volunteer Recognition Committee member – and, of course, Troop Leader. Down through the years, Alice Rae has mentored many, many girls and adults and continues to do so. She has volunteered for and worked at nearly every Service Unit or Community event. She has held classes and demonstrations of quilting, beading and general crafting for the girls of her Community and taught those same skills and others at sessions held at Camp Louise. A great role model, Alice Rae exemplifies the attributes we all strive to attain as volunteers and leaders. She gives 150% no matter what position or task or time involved. As one troop leader put it “There is no one else like her out there; she is one of a kind.” We are extremely pleased to recognize Alice Rae Kutish with the Thanks Badge II.