



## Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways Volunteers of the Month for January 2013

*Congratulations to the following volunteers!*

**Lori Van Allen** has been a Girl Scout volunteer for nearly 10 years in the Lakeview Service Unit. During this time, she has served as the service unit media contact, registrar, QSP coordinator and cookie coordinator and assistant troop leader for Troop 11013. She and her husband Scott have also hosted a cookie cupboard in their garage for the past three years. Lori is one of those volunteers who prefer to work behind the scenes to make sure that the leaders are well informed and have everything they need. When she offers to do something, you know that it will be done well and with a smile!  
(CICERO SERVICE CENTER)

**Miriam Jacobs** has been a longtime volunteer in the Oneida community and has impacted the lives of many girls and adults involved in Girl Scouting. Miriam was a Girl Scout herself and then when her daughter entered first grade, she returned to Girl Scouting as a volunteer. Since then she has put in over 30 years of service to Girl Scouting. Miriam is currently the unit registrar and the unit treasurer for the Oneida area. She wears so many hats to work behind the scenes to get Girl Scouts up and running. Miriam helps with recruitment of new girls and adult volunteers every fall, setting up registration events, collecting information, placing girls into existing troops and working on recruiting adults to lead new troops, and getting the proper paperwork turned in to the council. Miriam helps plan events for the unit, such as a unit sleepover that was a huge hit with all the girls. Wherever there are gaps, she is willing to go in and take on that role, whether it is leading an event or troop, paperwork, organizing the QSP sale for the unit, processing new volunteer information. Miriam is a volunteer that never looks for a pat on the back, but continues to do more and more, so that the girls in the Oneida area have a place where Girl Scouting can thrive. Currently, she is also helping to lead two different troops. Miriam has a passion for travel and has taken extensive trips with Girl Scouts. She has been to Europe with Girl Scouts and recently she has planned and taken girls to Savannah, Georgia and Florida. She also devotes a lot of time to assist with her church, St. Paul's Methodist Church in Oneida. Because of Miriam's church involvement, they have also opened their doors to provide a space for numerous Girl Scout events and troops over the years. Thank you Miriam for all you do!!!  
(NEW HARTFORD SERVICE CENTER)

**Sandy Kelly** is from the Three Sister's Service Unit. Her commitment to volunteering for the better of Girl Scouting is the highest. She has served for over 35 years, serving in the positions of leader, troop adviser, product sales depot manager for surrounding areas as well as her own, product sales manager for the service unit, publicity chairman and has served on numerous committees for service unit events. She is always there when you need a hand and goes beyond to help a new leader or even a seasoned leader. She is our outdoor specialist we call on for many a service unit encampment and shares with young troops the true meaning of being a good citizen as well as the correct flag etiquette for ceremonies. She will never tell you no if you ask her for help and she truly lives by the Girl Scout Law.  
(PHELPS SERVICE CENTER)

**Julie Smith**, also known as “Tissue” at Amahami, is a lifetime member that serves many roles in and around the Oneonta area. She is an Adult Learning Facilitator, troop leader for two troops, a mentor and a great friend to many. Julie has a wealth of knowledge that is so valuable to Girl Scouts and she is always willing to help plan and implement programs for girls that are fun and educational such as compass skills, trail signs, fire building, knife skills and so much more. Her dedication to Girl Scouts is unwavering as she takes the lead on a multitude of projects sharing her skills and love of Girl Scouts. She once said she always wanted to be a professional Girl Scout and she is a shining example! She always loves to share her knowledge with others and we are so glad she is part of our team!

*(JOHNSON CITY SERVICE CENTER)*

**Terry Streeter** serves as Service Unit Manager and is the backbone of the Oswegatchi Service Unit. Her commitment to providing Girl Scouts for girls in the Gouverneur, Russell, Edwards and Star Lake areas is unwavering. Terry is a vital connection with these communities and is active in other organizations as well as Girl Scouts. While Terry gives her time as the Service Unit Manager, she is also involved in recruiting for girls and adults alike. You can find her at anything from school open houses to summer recruitment events. Her knowledge of Girl Scouting has been of great help to the new volunteers she has mentored. Girls and adults in this service unit and in the community respect and value Terry for her hard work, her commitment and her warm and caring attitude. Terry is willing to help anytime she is asked and does so with the interest of the girls and volunteers in her service unit at heart. Terry not only believes in the Girl Scout Promise and Law, she lives it.

*(WATERTOWN SERVICE CENTER)*

**Diane Tomlinson** is a Brownie leader in Canton, PA. Diane has been serving as a leader for the past two years and is very active with her girls. She and her husband, Robert, who serves as an assistant for Brownie Troop 40255, tackled hosting a haunted house this past fall based on the local legend of the Mysterious Ice Mine of Barclay Mountain and how the mine first came about. Participants toured the haunted house of the late Henry Stratford and his long line of decedents. Finally, you then entered the “Ice Mine” where you were transported to the spirit world surrounded by spooks, ghosts and goblins, not to mention GHOUL SCOUTS. This event was opened to all girls and their families in the Sugar Creek Service Unit. The Haunted House was held at the Leroy Community Center and over 150 children attended the event. Kudos to Diane and Robert!

*(HORSEHEADS SERVICE CENTER)*

*Council staff will be choosing a volunteer from each service center’s area each month. Look for the February 2013 Volunteers of the month in a few weeks! Volunteers may also submit nominations for Volunteer of the Month by contacting your council representative.*