



2013 ADULT VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

AWARDS PRESENTATION

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GSUSA PRESIDENT’S AWARD

This is a team recognition with guidelines established by GSUSA. It requires timely registration, meeting recruitment goals set cooperatively with council staff members, meeting goals of retention of leaders and girls, ensuring that all adults are properly trained for the positions they hold, diversity of the team represents the area served, maintenance of contacts with the community, timely submission of reports required by the council, ongoing communication with each troop/group and individually registered girls, and demonstrates a plan to inform representatives of each troop/group that cannot, for whatever reason, attend the Service Unit meetings or other council meetings.



Deonna Schmittel, Service Unit Manager Service Unit 226

Lauren Teti, Service Unit Manager..... Service Unit 416

Sharon Bloom and Maxine Brunner, Service Unit Managers Service Unit 431 – Can Do

GSHPA RECOGNITIONS

FOREVER GREEN PIN



This recognition is intended for volunteers actively giving outstanding service to one service unit/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 two additional endorsements.

KIMBERLY BAKER, ORRSTOWN

Kimberly continued her Girl Scouting experience from a girl to adult and has been actively involved for 28 years, holding many different positions from Leader, CPR/First Aid trainer, Day Camp Volunteer, plus she is currently the Service Unit Manager. She still continues to advise the older girl teen troop even though her own daughters are now adults. This person appreciates life and enjoys everything that she does in life. She is a leader/mentor with older girls and encourages the girls by letting them establish their “can do” list for the year and then mentors them to make their dreams and goals become a reality. Congratulations to Kim Baker who is receiving the GSHPA Forever Green Award today.

CAROL BARTOE, SELINGROVE

Carol is the face and heart of Girl Scouting in Snyder County. She inspires, mentors, listens, instills, and breathes Girl Scouting. From planning quality programs for several troops to picking up cookies for her service unit, Carol is dependable, knowledgeable, and someone girls and adults can look up to. She has been a Girl Scout for 58 years and continues to be an effective leader and mentor. She has received almost every award that there is, but we found a new one for her. It is with pleasure that we recognize Carol with the GSHPA Forever Green Award.

DORIS BOSWELL, CAMP HILL

Doris has been a Girl Scout for 86 years. Almost all of those years have been spent in Harrisburg, where she was a Girl Scout as a girl, then a Leader, Service Unit Manager, and member of the Board of Directors of GSHPA’s Hemlock Legacy Council. Doris received the Golden Eaglet award as a girl and was pinned by Ms. Anne McCormick. This year, Doris provided outstanding service to our council’s effort to give visibility to Girl Scouting and our mission. She played a central role in WITF’s television presentation, *Girl Scouts: Shaping a Century*, which was broadcasted by the three public television stations serving GSHPA’s 30 counties. We are honored to salute her legacy with the GSHPA Forever Green Award. Doris received her GSHPA Forever Green pin at the 100th Anniversary dinner celebration in Hershey in September 2012.

FOREVER GREEN PIN (continued)

RUTH BROUSE, DEWART

For 40 years Ruth Brouse has been involved in Girl Scouting. Her hat has changed frequently from young girl recruit to new volunteer Leader, Troop Cookie Manager, Service Unit Events Chair, and currently Service Unit Cookie Manager. Her outstanding interpersonal and organizational skills along with her smiles and sage advice serve her well even in challenging situations. Always willing to help others, Ruth graciously makes trips to the council shop on her lunch break for other leaders. Anyone who spends time and works with Ruth will come away with a good experience. She is truly dedicated to girls and Girl Scouting. We are pleased to recognize the many contributions Ruth has made to Girl Scouting by awarding her the GSHPA Forever Green pin. Congratulations Ruth.

EMMA GEARHART, LEWISBURG

Emmy is an “unsung” heroine in Union County. She has served as Treasurer for the service unit for several years. Union County hosts a large event at Bucknell University called “Bucknell Connection.” Emmy has been the Registrar and Treasurer for this Brownie/Junior event. This event invites troops to enjoy activities with Bucknell students, as well as bridging from Brownies to Juniors. What began as a local event has expanded to a council-wide event – Emma has been a large part of this event for more than 20 years. A Girl Scout for 55 years is an example and milestone we should strive to achieve. “Forever Green” could be another name for Emma Gearhart; therefore, we recognize and thank her with the GSHPA Forever Green pin.

FRANCES HOFFMAN, LEWISBURG

Like her sister, Elsie Mae Meehan, Frances has been a Girl Scout for decades. She has served as a Troop Leader, Camp Counselor, Day Camp Nurse, Service Unit Registrar, and Cookie Cupboard Manager. When Lewisburg was planning their Union County Fourth of July parade, they asked Frances to participate in the parade as a Girl Scout who has dedicated her life to make young women in Union County better leaders in the community. She proudly wore her uniform with her Girl Scout National Roundup pin. Frances is a Girl Scout treasure in Union County. We are happy to present her with the GSHPA Forever Green Pin.

SANDY LEESE, YORK

Sandy served as a Brownie leader for eight years in the 1980’s. At that time, she also volunteered in many other positions. In the 1990’s, Sandy returned to Girl Scouting with granddaughters. During this time she volunteered as a Leader, Assistant Leader and parent helper at many different troop levels. Several years ago Sandy started volunteering at the York office. Sandy volunteered with both product sales, the council store, front desk reception, and assisted the Membership Associates as needed. Sandy has volunteered at day camps for several Service Units and also volunteers with the traveling store when it arrives in York. Sandy has been an asset at recruitment events, as she shares her enthusiasm of scouting and her knowledge of the pathways available to girls and adults. For that reason – and so many others – we are pleased to present Sandy Leese with the GSHPA Forever Green award.

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ELSIE MAE MEEHAN, LEWISBURG

Elsie Mae Meehan has been in Girl Scouting for as long as anyone in our service unit can remember. Elsie has been a leader, camp counselor, and Service Unit Registrar. With her sister, Frances Hoffman, they ran the Cookie Cupboard for more than 20 years. In fact, she and her husband built a garage just so the cookies could be delivered to her house. With her sister, Elsie also participated in the Union County Fourth of July parade in Lewisburg as examples of Girl Scout adults who have dedicated their lives to inspiring young women to follow their steps. It is with pleasure that we honor Elsie Mae with the GSHPA Forever Green award.

HEIDI NICHOLAS, STATE COLLEGE

Heidi brought to the Board of Girls Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania a wealth of real estate and financial expertise. She used this to expertly chair the Council's Property Committee and she was incredibly helpful during the sale of the York and Gettysburg buildings and Camp Gi-Sco-Ha, including transferring the camp property to "green" hands. She also helped enhance the Council's relationship with Centre County United Way. Heidi has a powerful commitment to the girls and the mission of Girl Scouting and has been generous with her time, treasure, and talent. We are very pleased to award the GSHPA Forever Green pin to Heidi Nicholas.

DONALD POTTER, STARRUCCA

Donald Potter has been a member of Girl Scouts for 11 years. For most of those years, he has served with his wife as Service Unit Cookie Co-Chair. He cheerfully organizes troop pickups in an efficient manner, always minimizing any potential traffic jams at the site. He has also served as the "cook" at several Service Unit camping events. His willing and positive attitude makes him a joy to be around. We recognize Donald Potter for his outstanding service with the Forever Green award. Don, please wear this GSHPA Forever Green pin with pride!

KRISTIN POTTER, STARRUCCA

Kristin Potter has been a member of Girl Scouts for 25 years; 13 of those years as an active adult volunteer. She successfully juggles several volunteer roles – serving as Assistant Troop Leader, Adult Learning Facilitator and Service Unit Cookie Co-Chair (with her husband.) Kristin has led many different age level troops and previously served as the Service Unit Manager. In recognition of her positive impact on Girl Scouts, we present Kristin Potter with the GSHPA Forever Green award.

MARY ROOT, MIDDLETOWN

Mary has led girls in troops for more than 20 years and most of the years she also served on the service team. Her daughters, now grown and registered Girl Scout adults, were her first introduction to leading troops and she is now our "full time Daisy Leader." Her troops are large, as every girl wants to be in her troop and she can't say no. As a team member she has served in several roles including a previously combined position of Secretary and Treasurer. She still holds the Treasurer position, mentors new Daisy Troop Leaders, directs the Service Unit *Clowning Around* program and of course, her Daisy Troop. Forever Green she is – we are awarding her this GSHPA recognition.

FOREVER GREEN PIN (continued)

MARY JANE SARAS, SUGARLOAF

Mary Jane has been an adult member of Girl Scouts for 15 years. She previously served with distinction as a member of the GSHPA Board Development Committee and most recently worked with the committee which put together the 100th Anniversary Gala held in Wilkes-Barre. Her efforts in promoting Girl Scouts in the Northeast Region contributed greatly to the success of that event and to Girl Scouts in general. Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania is indebted to Mary Jane Saras for her many volunteer contributions and for that reason, we award her the GSHPA Forever Green pin.

VICKY WADDELL, NEW OXFORD

Vicky has shown her outstanding qualities and service to her Service Unit by being their recruiter and coach for troops that are located in three different towns. She is a great support for the new leaders starting in the Girl Scout program. She has regular contacts with them and makes sure they are well informed on all policies and procedures and local information from the service unit to the council level. She has been Service Unit Manager, Co-Registrar, Cookie Chair, Fall Product chair, Family Partnership Chair. She has also planned service unit events for the girls. She is a very organized and knowledgeable. One person stated, "If you have a question, Vicky has the answer." We would like to present Vicky Waddell the GSHPA Forever Green Award.

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 three additional endorsements.

FRANCES BLATCHLEY, NEW BERLIN

The most outstanding facets to Fran's Girl Scout volunteerism are her longevity and dedication. She has been a member since her childhood, but more than 30 years ago she rededicated herself when she started a Cadette troop in New Berlin. Serving both locally and on a council-wide level as a Service Unit Manager, Organizer, Trainer, Delegate, Product Sales Manager, plus more, Fran has weathered the changes in council and program structure. Long after Fran's daughters graduated from Girl Scouting as Senior Girl Scouts, she remained a Troop Leader and volunteer to the service unit. She serves Girl Scouts by always giving of herself. In return of Fran's commitment to Girl Scouts, we are giving her the GSHPA Heart of Pennsylvania award.

LINDA GALL, BOALSBURG

Linda has extraordinary skills to organize and work with individuals to successfully complete the mission. Her work with Girl Scouting began as an Assistant Troop Leader and Cookie Mom. Most recently, she stepped up to serve as the chair of the 100th Anniversary event in State College. She was unselfish with her time, and her leadership motivated all to be involved and committed. The result was a truly successful event. Through her work, Linda has demonstrated her belief in the mission of Girl Scouting. Thank you, Linda – we are proud to give you the GSHPA Heart of Pennsylvania award.

MELINDA INNERS, YORK

Mindy is a vocal advocate on the board for both the girls and the volunteers and she approaches every decision made with those two groups foremost in her thinking. When working on decisions with the board, Mindy always wants to know how it will affect the girls and the volunteers. In addition to keeping accurate minutes of the meetings, she has served on several committees, such as CEO search and planning of the Annual Meeting. Mindy has opened the door to a new partnership with the American Association of University Women, whose members are now running an in-school series for girls in the York area. Mindy was an important part of making the transition from Penn Laurel into GSHPA a success and her calm leadership has set a great example for the other volunteers in days of change. She was an outstanding leader in the consolidation of the councils in central Pennsylvania. Mindy is fun to work with and makes getting the job done, whatever the job, a pleasure. She leads with confidence, courage, and true character, and we are pleased to present Mindy with the GSHPA Heart of PA award.

HEART OF PA PIN (continued)

PAUL LEWIS, YORK

Paul joined the GSHPA board in 2009 and has focused his attention on getting the council's financial "house" in order. His financial expertise has been instrumental in getting GSHPA on solid financial ground. Paul is very detailed oriented, but also can see the big picture. Paul was an advocate for changes in the retail sales, which led to an online store that now produces revenues in excess of those produced through the traditional stores. Paul has the ability to present financial information in a way that is understandable to all. Paul is bright, committed, professional, reliable, and has a great sense of humor. We are so pleased to recognize the many contributions made by Paul with the GSHPA Heart of PA award. Congratulations Paul.

LINDA NEWMAN, MUNCY VALLEY

Linda is willing to do whatever jobs are necessary to enhance the position of the council. She lives in the far north reaches of the council where there are more white tail deer than Girl Scouts. She is Service Unit Manager and is instrumental in providing a great Girl Scout experience for the girls in Sullivan County. Since her last recognition, she accompanied the Girl Delegates to the National Convention in Houston, Texas. In that position, she was expected to lead, supervise, and provide assistance to the several teenagers who attended the event. As a member of the Volunteer Recognition Committee for several years, she provides workshops and assistance to volunteers in her area. She is the positive voice of Girl Scouting. Whether she is solving a problem or sharing experiences, it is always positive and meant to be a learning experience. Congratulations, Linda – we are presenting you with the highest GSHPA award – that of Heart of PA.

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.

WENDY ACCARDO, DINGMANS FERRY

Wendy Accardo is an active volunteer in Service Unit 520. She serves as a Troop Leader, having stepped up when her granddaughter wanted to join a troop and there wasn't a leader. This is Wendy's second time around as a Leader and she has a large troop of girls who are benefitting from her leadership. She has also helped with several service projects this year. Stocking the local food pantry and making ornaments for soldiers serving our country were two important projects this year. Wendy also planned the recognition dinner for the Service Unit. Her nominators say Wendy is always volunteering and she is willing to help wherever needed. We are pleased to recognize Wendy's contributions to Girl Scouting with the GSUSA Volunteer of Excellence pin.

ALLISON BAXTER, STATE COLLEGE

Starting as a parent volunteer, Allison took over when there was a need for a Troop Leader. Under Allison's leadership, the troop has grown and includes girls from different schools. She has also served the Service Unit, writing the Forever Green grant proposal, and then working with Millbrook Marsh Nature Center to create a new patch program for all of the levels in Girl Scouting across the Council. Most recently, Allison has stepped up to write the Healthy Promise grant proposal. In all her activities, Allison has been a role model for both girls and adults. It is our honor to present Allison with the GSUSA Volunteer of Excellence pin.

KAREN BENJAMIN, HERSHEY

Karen has been a relative newcomer to Hershey Girl Scouts, and jumped right in and took the leadership of a new Daisy troop and now is currently a Brownie Troop Leader. She has provided wonderful programs and activities for her troop. Karen also joined the Service Unit committee for the Adult Appreciation Event and has come up with new and exciting ways to encourage adult leaders and volunteers to attend this annual event. She initiated several new ideas and organized a "swap" table where leaders could take craft supplies and other surplus yarn, construction paper, paints, and fabrics to be used with their troops rather than the items being discarded. Karen certainly deserves a GSUSA Volunteer of Excellence award.

VOLUNTEER OF EXCELLENCE PIN (continued)

BRENDA BLAKENEY, TURBOTVILLE

Brenda has experience as both a Brownie and Junior Girl Scout Leader. She has been a group leader at Day Camp, and served on the Service Unit 100th Anniversary Kickoff Committee. She is on a mission to reestablish Girl Scouting for older girls in the Turbotville area and build girl and adult numbers. Her team has been successful; they deserve to be commended. Brenda dove into the anniversary events last year, working on the parade to commemorate the anniversary. She has shown excellent leadership skills and helps guide girls as they grow in the program. It is with pleasure that we present Brenda with the GSUSA Volunteer of Excellence award.

KATHRYN BOEHMER, TUNKHANNOCK

Kathy has served as a Troop Leader for many troops – often several at the same time. A testament to service in her community, she is also the Fall Product Sales Manager, Cookie Sale Co-Manager and Service Unit Treasurer. For several years, Kathy put together a Girl Scout display at the Wyoming County Fair. This display has won a Grand Prize ribbon three years in a row! In recognition of all she has done for Girl Scouts, we present Kathy Boehmer with the GSUSA Volunteer of Excellence Award.

KIMBERLY BROWN, TURBOTVILLE

Kimberly was new to Girl Scouts just a few years ago, but jumped at the chance to work with girls in several age levels. She is always willing to assist with Service Unit events including Day Camp and was a member of the committee for her Service Unit's 100th Birthday Kickoff and the 100th Anniversary Parade committee. A great asset to the Service Unit, Kim Brown is truly a Volunteer of Excellence. We are honored to present her with this GSUSA award.

ANDREA CAPECI, MILFORD

Andrea Capeci has had a special impact on Girl Scouting in her area. She has helped to form and support troops in an area that had only three troops and now has eight. She also supports the work done to supply needed items for the local food pantry and has been involved in the roadside cleanup effort. Andrea's dedication to Girl Scouting in Service Unit 520 is commendable and we are happy to recognize her contributions to Girl Scouting with the GSUSA Volunteer of Excellence pin.

DIANE DALTON, FACTORYVILLE

Diane is a troop leader dedicated to helping girls grow to be independent, kind, knowledgeable and self-sufficient women. She gives generously of her time, energy and talent as she goes above and beyond the required duties of a Leader. Parents of several members of Diane's Girl Scout troop enthusiastically endorsed her award nomination and cited her positive influence in the lives of their daughters. We are pleased to present Diane Dalton with the GSUSA Volunteer of Excellence award in recognition of her outstanding service.

VOLUNTEER OF EXCELLENCE PIN (continued)

ERICA DIMARZIO, SHOHOLA

Erica Dimarzio took on several important roles this past year. In addition to serving as a Troop Leader, she organized a 100th Anniversary Sing Along and Fashion Show for all the troops in Service Unit 520. She also took the lead in securing a mini grant for the 100th Anniversary project. Erica has served as a council delegate and as the Registrar for the Service Unit. Her troop participates in Service Unit projects such as the food pantry and roadside cleanup. Her contributions have made an impact on the girls in her area and we are pleased to award her the GSUSA Volunteer of Excellence award.

MELISSA ELLIS, MILFORD

Melissa Ellis is a key member of Service Unit 520. In addition to serving as a Troop Leader, she is the Fall Product Manager, Cookie Sale Co-Chair, and Treasurer for the Service Unit. In her role as Fall product and Cookie sale Manager, Melissa holds kickoff rallies and provides support to troops and leaders as needed. Melissa also co-chaired a Halloween Dance this year and participated in the Service Unit service projects. She is described as “willing to help at the drop of a hat” and is a highly regarded team player. In recognition of her support to the girls and adults in her Service Unit, we are pleased to award Melissa the GSUSA Volunteer of Excellence pin.

ERINN GRAMLEY, MIFFLINBURG

One of Erinn’s endorsers says, “It has been a pleasure working with Erinn, as she possesses so many great qualities of character. She sets a good pace for the troop, allows the girls to set goals, and assists them on their journey.” Erinn Gramly has six years of Girl Scout leadership as a Leader, Service Unit Event Coordinator, Team Member, and Day Camp Volunteer. We are pleased to present her with the GSUSA Volunteer of Excellence pin.

TAMMY HAASS, SHOHOLA

Tammy Haass has been a leader in Service Unit 520 for a number of years. Always willing to help where needed, Tammy took on leadership of a new troop in her area so the girls would be able to continue in Girl Scouting. An area where only three troops existed now has eight active troops. Tammy also helps with all the Service Unit projects and has been involved in the food pantry stocking and the roadside cleanup. In recognition of her efforts to help girls grow and learn through Girl Scouting, we are pleased to award Tammy the GSUSA Volunteer of Excellence award.

APRIL HARTSHAW, LACEYVILLE

April is another Adult Girl Scout who is always ready to “jump in” and do what is asked of her. She is currently a Cadette leader and has served the Service Unit as a Recruiter, Registrar and Special Event Planner. She encourages her girls to participate in Council-sponsored events, even though Laceyville is at the far northern reaches of our council. She motivates other troops to participate in community events such as decorating their town for the winter season. She is responsible for starting an annual Girl Scout Birthday Party for the Service Unit that everyone now looks forward to attending. We are pleased to present April with the GSUSA Volunteer of Excellence Pin.

VOLUNTEER OF EXCELLENCE PIN (continued)

DEBORAH HOERST, MILFORD

Deborah Hoerst has helped plan many Service Unit events including a Thinking Day event. She designed the patch for the 100th Anniversary Sing-Along. She is the Registrar for one area of the Service Unit as well as a Troop Leader. She has participated in all the service projects that her Service Unit holds. She has made an impact on the girls in her area and we are pleased to give Deborah the GSUSA Volunteer of Excellence pin.

TAMARA HOFFMAN, WATSONTOWN

Tamara Hoffman is a Troop Leader who is selfless and passionate about volunteering her time to benefit the girls in our community. She enjoys spending time with the girls and they love having her as their troop leader. She is a great role model, teaching them lessons for life at each meeting. No matter how hectic her schedule is, she always finds a way to plan interesting and exciting activities for the girls to enjoy. Not only is she a Troop Leader, but she stepped up and ran two Service Unit events. One of her endorsers said, "The gift of her time is creating lasting memories for my Girl Scout daughter and many others." Our gift to Tamara is the GSUSA Volunteer of Excellence pin. Thanks, Tam!

TAMMY HOFFMAN, HALIFAX

Tammy has been a dedicated volunteer with Service Unit 191 for many years. She is a welcome addition to her Service Unit and is a dedicated partner in their annual "Ghoul Scout/Fall Festival" Event. She also works with the Sock Hop/Cookie Bake as well as serving as Service Unit Product Sales Manager. Tammy is community service-oriented, and has encouraged her girls to help in various projects including Meals-on-Wheels, Christmas cards and cookies for our military personnel, and meals for the Ronald McDonalds house. Congratulations to Tammy for her service to GSHPA. Please wear your GSUSA Volunteer of Excellence pin with pride.

TAMMY KEMLER, MIDDLETOWN

Tammy has been an Assistant Leader for many years in her daughter's troops as well as assisting with events in the Service Unit. She will step forward anytime, anywhere – she also volunteers for Boy Scouts. At the beginning of the Cookie Season last year the Product Sale Manager needed to step away for a period of time for her family. Tammy volunteered to make sure the sale and cookie pick up ran efficiently, as well as handling the Service Unit Cookie Rally. Everything went off without a hitch and the cookie sale was very successful. Tammy is an excellent volunteer and therefore is receiving the GSUSA Volunteer of Excellence Pin.

STACEY KURTZ, PORT JERVIS, NY

Stacey Kurtz has been the Manager for Service Unit 520 for many years. In addition to being a Troop Leader, she is always ready to help with all the many events in her Service Unit, even unloading cookies. She helps to plan and carry out the Halloween Dance and the Christmas Parade. One person wrote that she has been a great leader and goes above and beyond to get the job done. It is our pleasure to award Stacey the GSUSA Volunteer of Excellence.

VOLUNTEER OF EXCELLENCE PIN (continued)

MELISSA LLEWELLYN, DINGMANS FERRY

Melissa Llewellyn is the past Cookie Manager of Service Unit 520. For the past six years she has planned the Cookie Rally and schedules the pick up times for troops. In addition to this job, she is also a Troop Leader, and helps with all the service projects in her Service Unit. One person wrote that she makes everything so easy for the troops during the cookie sale. We are pleased to award Melissa the GSUSA Volunteer of Excellence pin.

ELIZABETH “LIZ” MAHONEY, LEWISBURG

Every now and then you meet the kind of leader who steps up to challenges, meets them at the door, and runs with them. Liz Mahoney is that leader! She has as much enthusiasm as the Brownies she leads. She has planned and successfully carried out a Council-wide PJs and Movies event. She added service by asking for donations of cleaning supplies, snacks, and paper goods for our local fire station. Her nominator says, “Through her efforts, we stuffed a rescue truck and helped firefighters.” Liz has also re-energized youth religious awards by planning classes with numerous clergy in our area. Liz pours out her energy for all ages of Girl Scouts and is deserving of the GSUSA Volunteer of Excellence Pin.

JENNIFER MEULE, WATSONTOWN

Jennifer jumped into Girl Scouts when her daughter’s troop was in need of a Leader. Jen was a positive spark for the Service Unit and always focuses on the girls. Her attention to detail and organizational skills made her meetings fun smoothly. Using those skills, Jen chaired a Family Girl Scout Dance for the Service Unit to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Girl Scouting. Helping the girls learn Brownie Try-Its was a program goal for her. We thank her with the GSUSA Volunteer of Excellence pin.

DORETTA MOCK, HALIFAX

Dory plays a vital role in the success of the Halifax Service Unit 191 by not only being a Troop Leader and Service Unit Registrar, but by planning and executing wonderful Service Unit programs. Dory is the woman behind our annual Sock Hop and Cookie Bake. In addition, she is responsible for our fall program known as the “Ghoul Scout Event.” She also played a key role in our 100th year celebration and the SWAP-a-thon. We are pleased to award Dory Mock a GSUSA Volunteer of Excellence award for all her work with Service Unit 191.

JILL REED, HALIFAX

Jill has been a lifetime Girl Scout and has contributed hundreds of hours to Girl Scouts. She was a Troop Leader for her older daughter’s troop, taking her all the way to a Gold Award. She is now a Leader for her younger daughter’s Brownie troop. She has planned and assisted in numerous events in her Service Unit. Her exceptional efforts have made her Service Unit stronger and more productive. Without her help and assistance, many events and functions wouldn't have been successful. We are proud to give Jill an award for her service to girls in Halifax and GSHPA. It is the GSUSA Volunteer of Excellence.

VOLUNTEER OF EXCELLENCE PIN (continued)

KIM SCHON, WILLIAMSPORT

Kim is an outstanding Girl Scout Leader – she is very committed and puts much time and effort into the meetings and many outings. She has been leading a Brownie troop and has taken on a Junior troop, when a leader could not be found. She instills the values of helping others in the girls and lets them help decide how they will use their funds for charity. From making Valentines for nursing home patients to putting together an awesome “End of the Year Banquet,” Kim does it all with dedication. We present Kim with the GSUSA Volunteer of Excellence Pin for her continued service to Girl Scouting.

JULIE STARLIPER, MIDDLETOWN

Julie has been described by her peers as the most positive person they know, a creative idea person, a good listener and a facilitator for solving problems. She is an Assistant Leader of two troops her daughters are in and has organized Service Unit events, including a Service Unit-wide SWAPS Workshop that the girls loved. She has been known to run a meeting on a moment’s notice from her wash basket of supplies. Julie is more than just a right hand – she is right there with you every step of the way. It is a privilege to award an excellent volunteer with the GSUSA Volunteer of Excellence pin.

SARAH VAN FLEET, TUNKHANNOCK

Sarah has been a dedicated and hard working Co-Leader since she joined Girl Scouts several years ago. She is a wonderful role model and encourages her Junior Girl Scouts to attend Council and community-sponsored events. Her troop participates in the annual Camp Archbald spring cleanup. The troop has committed to visit local senior citizen centers and assisted living centers, and do crafts or share treats with the residents. We are please to present Sarah with the GSUSA Volunteer of Excellence Pin.

JEN VOGEL, MILFORD

Jen Vogel is an asset to Service Unit 520. One person wrote that she is always ready to help wherever she is needed. Jen planned a Service Unit camp out, even though she had never been camping before. She took the required training, and carried out a very successful camping event. She is a Troop Leader and has participated in the Food Pantry and Roadside Clean-ups service projects. In recognition of her support of the girls in her service unit, we are happy to recognize Jen with the GSUSA Volunteer of Excellence Award.

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 two additional endorsements.

CHRIS ADAMS, STATE COLLEGE

Chris has made significant contributions at both the troop and service unit levels. She became a Troop Leader when her daughter was in kindergarten, and has continued as the troop has moved through successive age levels. When it was needed, she started a second troop and for several years led two troops. Going beyond the troop, Chris organized a Brownie Sing-along at State College's Festival of Trees. It grew into a Service Unit event that over 80 girls attended and enjoyed. Chris continues to demonstrate creativity, vision, and willingness to contribute wherever help is needed. We are pleased to recognize Chris with the GSUSA Appreciation Pin.

MICHELE ADDAMS, CAMP HILL

Michele had been an Assistant Brownie Leader for three years. She then moved into a Junior troop, becoming an effective Assistant Leader there. Michele always puts the girls first. She helps make special events and activities possible, even for girls who are not in her troop. When we needed help to provide a flag ceremony for the Commonwealth Girl Scout Troop of State Representatives and State Senators, she was willing to give aid. She worked with rehearsals and drove girls to the Capitol for the ceremony. At the Service Unit's 100th Anniversary Event on Harrisburg City Island, she helped set up tents and displays. We are very pleased to present Michele with the GSUSA Appreciation Pin.

NATALIE BAKER, SPRING GROVE

Natalie has been a volunteer for over 15 years. She has helped in many positions at the troop level. She has been a Leader, Co-Leader, Treasurer, Chaperone, and Product Sales Chair. Recently, she has been an Advisor of a Senior/Ambassador troop in the Heidelberg/Jefferson area. Natalie has also served on committees for day camp and encampment. To the older girls in her Service Unit, she is known as the Program Aide Advisor. Natalie does a great job of preparing the girls for their duties as Program Aides at camp. She instills good organizational skills, being responsible for their duties, and having fun while completing their tasks. Whatever Natalie volunteers for, she always has her funny sense of humor with her. Natalie is certainly deserving of a GSUSA Appreciation Pin.

SHANNON BECHTEL, MIDDLETOWN

Shannon is a Co-Service Unit Director for the Middletown Area. She is also wearing multiple hats as Troop Leader of several troops, trains her leaders, oversees day camp, and ensures there are activities for the girls in her unit. Most importantly, she is dedicated to the girls and volunteers of this Service Unit, developing a good team of individuals that have the same strong commitment to Girl Scouts that she does. She is an exceptional volunteer and greatly deserves recognition – we are pleased to award Shannon the GSUSA Appreciation Pin.

APPRECIATION PIN (continued)

LAURA BENDER, WAYNESBORO

She has been a strong, active leader in the Service Unit, from being a Brownie Leader through currently an older girl Troop Leader. Her girls have planned and led the Daisy level event in her Service Unit for many years. She gives the girls the opportunity to work on their leadership skills with the younger girls. She likes to teach the girls to give back to their community by having the girls do projects for the Fire Hall where her troop meets. She has been a Service Unit Delegate and currently is a Daisy coach for the leaders from one of the school districts in our service unit. She is a great mentor in helping to get the new leaders established with meeting places, training, and troop bank accounts, in addition to Girl Scout programming. She provides stability that the new leaders need. It is a great honor to award the GSUSA Appreciation Pin to Laura Bender for her outstanding service to girls in her area.

SHARON COLE, PA FURNACE

Sharon has been a fantastic leader for eight years. As a result of her work, she retained 22 girls in her troop from kindergarten through fifth grade. Most recently, her troop organized and ran a camporee for the Service Unit. Additionally, she has coordinated the girls' decoration of the Service Unit tree in the annual Festival of Trees, and she has served as Registrar and Troop Travel Liaison for the Service Unit. Sharon gives freely of her time and energy, and is a model for all. Sharon is very deserving of the GSUSA Appreciation Pin. We are happy to present it to her today.

DONNA CONKLIN, SUSQUEHANNA

As Service Unit Manager, Service Unit Fall Product Manager, Leader and Assistant Leader, Donna has been a dynamo, energizing her Service Unit with her ideas and her smiles. Her outstanding spirit of leadership has had and continues to have a positive impact on the lives of the girls and adult volunteers in the Mountain Ridge Service Unit. Because of her unselfish dedication to Girl Scouts, we are pleased to recognize Donna Conklin with the GSUSA Appreciation pin.

MARCY COOVER, SHIPPENSBURG

Even though Marcy Coover lives in Shippensburg, she regularly travels to Chambersburg for meetings with her large multi-age level troop. Marcy never turns any girl away; she believes all girls should have the opportunity to be involved in the Girl Scout experience. When not enough volunteers could be found for new Daisies, Marcy agreed to help out and assist. When a Fall Product Sale Manager was need for the service unit, Marcy didn't give a second thought and agreed to take it on. She has done an outstanding job training the volunteers, troubleshooting, solving problems, and being accessible to anyone who needed help. When the local Girl Scout camp closed, it affected several service unit day camps. Rather than let the camp go by the wayside, Marcy jumped right in. Through her time, talents, and visions, Day Camp 2011 was an outstanding camping experience for all age levels from several service units. Many new friendships were made and the outdoor experience allowed much learning, sharing, and growing together with 'sister scouts'. It is with pleasure we recognize Marcy Coover with a GSUSA Appreciation Pin for her commitment and service to Girl Scouting.

APPRECIATION PIN (continued)

ANITA HOUSMAN, MIDDLETOWN

Anita has been a Girl Scout Leader in Hershey since her daughter became a Daisy Girl Scout. The troop members are now Ambassadors and five of the girls will be receiving their Gold Awards this spring. Along the line, Anita rescued a few of the girls from a troop ready to fold. Adding girls from home schooling, and three different school districts, the troop has been a huge success, including a trip to Savannah. She is very crafty and has been willing to share her talents with the girls. Thank you so much, Anita. Anita has certainly earned the GSUSA Appreciation Pin.

KRIS LANDVATER, HERSHEY

Kris has always put the interest of her girls first in Girl Scouting. She has had ups and downs with girls and numbers and has always come through with an excellent troop, keeping the girls interested and always coming back for more activities., The girls have learned the importance of giving of themselves and have participated in various service projects from collecting soda tabs for the Ronald McDonald House to making blankets for the NICU at the Hershey Medical Center. She has guided the troop to receive their Silver Award and some of the girls are preparing to work on their Gold Award in the future. Kris has also served on the Girl Recognition Committee for the Service Unit, which plans an annual event to honor all the girls receiving awards during the year. We are pleased to award Kris the GSUSA Appreciation pin award.

JANET LENZE, PINE GROVE MILLS

Janet has been a tremendous asset to Girl Scouting and to her Service Unit. When her daughters each joined troops, she was ready to help with both and provided assistance with a rafting trip and camping. When there was a need, she worked with another parent to start a new troop and became its leader. Janet has also been a member of the Service Unit Team, and took over as Treasurer. Janet is especially skilled in outdoor activities, and has been helpful with Service Unit camporees and as a unit leader for summer camp. Janet's contributions to Girl Scouting are numerous, and she is truly an outstanding volunteer. It is with pleasure that we present Janet with the GSUSA Appreciation Pin.

ANGELA LLEWELLYN, HANOVER

Angela Llewellyn is a volunteer in the Codorus Service Unit who serves as a Daisy and Cadette Leader, the Administrative Assistant and Newsletter Editor for the Service Unit, and a Day Camp volunteer. Angie was described by her nominators as giving 125% every time she is called upon to serve. One of her peers said, "Her dedication to her girls is wonderful to observe. The girls keep coming back year after year due to the great program Angie shares with them. She is a firm believer in girls planning." We are pleased to recognize Angela's many contributions to Girl Scouting by awarding her the GSUSA Appreciation Pin.

APPRECIATION PIN (continued)

JEN MANFRED, MIDDLETOWN

Organizing camporees, planning service unit events for all age levels, leading a troop offering an exceptionally wide range of experiences, and ensuring her girls have many opportunities to earn their badges are the tasks Jen has assumed. Jen researches new ideas for leaders and communicates them constantly. Oh, did we mention that she is part of the Middletown Service Unit team as Registrar, serving as an excellent liaison between the schools and the Service Unit; she also is the Recognition Chair. Girl Scouts are fortunate to have Jen Manfred as a caring volunteer – we are awarding her the GSUSA Appreciation Pin.

LAURIE MAST, LEWISBURG

Laurie Mast has been a Girl Scout volunteer for over 20 years. From Co-leader to Service Unit Treasurer, she is willing to serve in many capacities. She was always ready to embark on an adventure, bringing tents, tarps, and whatever was required. She was also the Troop Photographer who followed the girls through candlelight ceremonies, parades, and troop meetings and activities. As Treasurer, Laurie has been trustworthy, financially astute, and meticulous. Although she is a behind the scenes person, her contributions to the organization are unbeatable. We are pleased to present Laurie with the GSUSA Appreciation pin.

THERESA MINCEMOYER, WATSONTOWN

Theresa has shown skills in Girl Scouting at various Service Unit events. She volunteered with Daisy Girl Scouts, then moved on as Assistant Leader for Brownies and Juniors. She also served as troop Fall Product Sales Manager for five years and at day camp for a total of eight years. She has the initiative to complete additional Girl Scout trainings so that she can share the latest information with others. Terri has a great spirit and understanding of Girl Scouting. We are proud to honor Theresa with the GSUSA Appreciation pin.

BARBARA MOBLEY, LITITZ

Barbara has been a member of her Service Unit for seven years. In the absence of a Service Unit Manager, she has stepped up to provide leadership to the Service Team members, while still leading her Senior/Ambassador troop. She has helped many other leaders by providing answers to their questions, or finding the answers if need be. Barbara lives by the Girl Scout Promise and Law, and is a positive role model for both girls and adults. She has been described as fair, understanding, and always making troop meetings fun and meaningful. One person wrote, “Our world will be a better place with the future leaders she is helping to shape.” In recognition of Barbara’s hard work, we are pleased to give her a GSUSA Appreciation Pin.

DANA MYERS, MIDDLETOWN

All of the girls love “Miss Dana.” Handle challenges with humor and a giggle – check. Excellent role model – check. Troop Leader – check. Service Unit Product Sales Chair for many years – check. Cookie Cupboard organizer – check. Coaching leaders – check. Volunteers like “Miss Dana” – Priceless. Dana is receiving the GSUSA Appreciation Pin in recognition of her commitment to Girl Scouts.

APPRECIATION PIN (continued)

KATIE OLIVER, PA FURNACE

Katie first became involved in Girl Scouting as an adult when there was a need to form a new troop and find a leader. Katie volunteered to be one of the Troop Leaders and then, when there was a need a few years later, became an Assistant Leader for a second troop. In her troop leadership, Katie truly embodies the concept of girl-led programming, letting the girls work things out while keeping them safe. Additionally, Katie serves as Service Unit Secretary, and has served as a unit leader at camp. Katie has been an exceptional asset to Girl Scouting. She is a delight to work with and she is well deserving of a GSUSA Appreciation Pin.

BARBARA PLAZA, NEW CUMBERLAND

After having been a Brownie Leader for about three years, Barb moved up to be an Assistant Leader with a Junior troop. This fall when we needed a Cadette Leader, Barb volunteered. This year, Barb took over the position of Service Unit Treasurer and Chair of the Family Partnership Campaign. Her background as a CPA helped analyze the funds available and, with the Service Unit Team, she made recommendations for the Service Unit to purchase needed items for each troop. Many troops were able to avail themselves of *Journeys* materials to help the girls. Barb, it gives us pleasure to present you with the GSUSA Appreciation Pin.

NORMA REICH, MIFFLINBURG

Norma is never afraid to step up to a challenge. When a leader was needed for a scouting program, Norma took on the task. Several years later, when some of our older members were stepping back, Norma took on the job of Service Unit Registrar and Cookie Manager. Additionally, Norma has helped with the Mall Event, Camporee, Day Camp, and planning large scale trips within the service unit. Though not a trainer, Norma has been a support to our Service Unit Manager, Kim King, who provides Learning Facilitation. Norma is the extra pair of hands to keep things organized and to give moral support to people taking the classes. Norma exemplifies what we want to teach our girls—to be community leaders, strong in mind and spirit, and always willing to challenge themselves. Congratulations, Norma – we are honored to give you the GSUSA Appreciation Pin.

CATHY SCOTT, HERSHEY

Cathy has played a vital role in many girls' lives in the Hershey area. She has been a Troop Leader for Daisies through Ambassadors. She has inspired many girls to stay in Girl Scouting, especially in that time through middle school and high school. She has shared her many creative ideas and organizational skills with the girls as well as inspiring them to work together. Under her direction, they were able to plan and carry out a troop trip to Savannah to the Juliette Low Birthplace and all the surrounding activities available there. It was a trip the girls will always remember. Thank you, Cathy, for all the years and hard work you have done for the girls and Girl Scouting. We are proud to present you with a GSUSA Appreciation Pin.

APPRECIATION PIN (continued)

AMI SPRIGGS, FAYETTEVILLE

This is one determined and ambitious lady. Her philosophy is that NO girl should be turned away from Girl Scouting. She is the Assistant Leader of a group of 30 girls from Juniors through Ambassadors. Recently, with the help of her Troop Leader, they started a new Daisy/Brownie troop in the area. She is the Troop Coach for the older girls, Service Unit Delegate, and Day Camp Registrar. She has no problem giving up her time to help an older girl work on her Program Aid training or with requirements for the Silver Award. She is an inspiration to all that work with her – both girls and adults. She has proven daily even disabilities or hardships cannot prevent you from being a role model and an inspiration to all of us. We appreciate her great enthusiasm for Girl Scouting and enthusiastically award her this GSUSA Appreciation Pin.

TIM STARLIPER, MIDDLETOWN

Tim's "Cookie Dad" shirt that he wears pretty well describes his total commitment to helping with the cookie sale. He has been the Troop Product Manager for six years, is extremely well organized, and creates activities to get the girls excited about their product sales. Beyond that, he helps with the Fall Product Sale and Cookie Sale for the Service Unit, helps other troops organize, has developed and shared a tracking program for monitoring booth sale tallies, and volunteers to staff the Service Unit Cookie Cupboard. He also serves as the Service Unit Photographer at events. We are pleased to award the GSUSA Appreciation Pin to a very much appreciated volunteer, Tim Starliper.

MARILYN TAYLOR, MIDDLETOWN

Marilyn truly lives and shares her commitment to the Girl Scout law with the girls in her troop. Her guidance with the girls will benefit them throughout their lives. Currently a Brownie Troop Leader, she involves the girls in decisions about their troop activities, of which there are many. Marilyn also is the Service Unit Secretary and, although her personal plate is more than full, she finds time to do it all well. A great asset to the Service Unit Team, her clear thinking and positive input helps everyone achieve better results. It is an honor to present Marilyn with the GSUSA Appreciation Pin.

LAURA WHITE, WAYNESBORO

Laura has been in Girl Scouts for approximately 17 years. Some of those years were as a girl; later she became Leader for her daughter's Daisy Girl Scout troop. She has continued through the levels – her troop members are now Ambassadors. She has also supported the girls in her Service Unit by volunteering for other positions such as Co-Cookie Chair, Nurse and Craft Leader at summer camp. She was Event Chair of Thinking Day activities a few years ago, with her troop coordinating activities. She is a Red Cross First Aid/CPR instructor and has taught many leaders in her area. Most recently, for the Service Unit's participation in the 100th Anniversary of Girl Scouting in Washington, D. C., she coordinated a bus trip for the girls and leaders. Not long after that, she led another trip to Savannah, Georgia, for the girls and leaders to visit the birthplace of Juliette Low and places of interest. We are presenting Laura White with the GSUSA Appreciation Pin today.

APPRECIATION PIN (continued)

WENDY WHITEHAUS-COLE, HERSHEY

Wendy has been with Girl Scouting from Daisies through Ambassadors, and the girls love her. She became a Co-Leader of a troop that was about to fold when the girls hit the middle school age and it was not the thing to be a Girl Scout. Wendy helped to keep the troop together and even recruited some additional girls to join. She has shared her expertise and talents with the girls in the troop as well as in the community for them to develop leadership skills and have fun along the way. Wendy has also been on the girl recognition committee for the Service Unit and helped with designing and printing flyers for the annual event. She is very active in the community as well, and it gives us great pleasure to “thank” Wendy with a GSUSA Appreciation Pin.

CONNIE WISDO, TUNKHANNOCK

Connie is an asset not only to Girl Scouts, but also her community. She is involved with her church, Boy Scouts, and the Swim Team. However, it is her commitment to Girl Scouts that is notable. She is the Leader for Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors. Her other hats include Service Unit Secretary, Service Unit Special Events Committee, which includes educational trips, and being the emcee for the annual Green and Gold Ceremony. She gets her girls involved in volunteering at the local SPCA and Soup Kitchen, collecting children's books for the flood-damaged library, visiting the local nursing homes, and participating in Veterans' Day Ceremonies. We are proud to present Connie the GSUSA Appreciation Pin.

KRISTA YODER, WATSONTOWN

Krista Yoder has been involved in Girl Scouting as an Assistant Leader and Leader for both Daisy and Brownie Girl Scouts. She has Co-Chaired the Sunnybanks Day Camp and also was Chair of the Service Unit Girl Scout 100th Birthday Dance. She does an excellent job working with girls and keeping them excited and energized. She is truly a sister to every Girl Scout. We are happy to give Krista 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 three additional endorsements. leaders and a role-model for girls.

BETH ANNE BODTORF, LEWISTOWN

Beth Anne has been a long time volunteer. She has been a Leader at every age level of Girl Scouts. She has been on staff for two Wider-Opportunities, worked at resident camp and day camps. She has served on many council task forces. Beth Anne is on the Service Unit team and is the Fall Product Manager for Service Unit 435, and the Troop Travel person for the Service Unit as well. Beth Anne is on the GSHPA Archives Committee and works with the Nature Explorers. She is also a Facilitator for the Star Center. She has a true commitment to Girl Scouting and deserves recognition for her service to Mifflin County Girl Scouts and GSHPA. It is with great pride that we present the GSUSA Honor Pin to Beth Anne Bodtorf.

TRACEY DOOMS, STATE COLLEGE

Tracey first became involved in adult Girl Scouting nearly 20 years ago as a Leader for her daughter's troop. Following that, she became a Leader for a new Daisy troop, and stayed with the girls in that troop through an Older Girls' summer trip to Europe, including a visit to Pax Lodge in London many years later. She has also been a part of the Service Unit Team for over ten years in many roles, including Summer Camp Director, and as an Adult Trainer. Excellence has always been Tracy's standard. She is the embodiment of Girl Scouting's best principles. She is well deserving of the GSUSA Honor Pin.

SANDY KIME, GARDNERS

With a very uplifting and go-get-'em attitude, Sandy Kime is an inspiration to others. Even though she has no daughters or granddaughters in Girl Scouting, the girls' best interests are always her concern. She wants them to have fun while learning new things and instills good values that are sometimes lost in this life. Sandy is always positive, with a determination to do the impossible, even when faced with many challenges that make it difficult to continue. Her performance is always exceptional, whether she is working with the girls in a troop, at camp, Service Unit events, serving on the Team, at workshops, or council committees. She is very deserving of this GSUSA Honor Pin.

HONOR PIN (continued)

DEBBIE MORROW, PORT MATILDA

Debbie is a committed and energetic Troop Leader. Her flexibility and creativity have kept girls involved in the Girl Scout program through the middle-school years. Most recently, her troop planned and hosted a Juliette Gordon Low birthday party to kick off the 100th Anniversary Celebration, attended by over 100 members from several service units. Girls in her troop have also served as mentors to younger girls, helping them to earn the Junior Aide patch. Debbie has also served on Service Unit Recruitment and Recognition committees. Debbie's leadership and experience are great assets to the Girl Scout community. We are please to recognize Debbie's many contributions to Girl Scouting by presenting her with the GSUSA Honor Pin.

KATIE NURMI, STATE COLLEGE

Though she has no daughters in Girl Scouting, Katie has adopted troops and stepped in wherever there was a need. She has served as Leader of two troops at different age levels, as Service Unit Cookie Manager for six years, as an Adult Learning Facilitator, and as Service Unit Manager. She has developed day and overnight programs to teach Girl Scout traditions, and the girls in her Cadette troop organized an event for other girls in the Service Unit as part of their Silver Award activities. Katie has been an inspiration to both girls and adults with her kindness, her selflessness, her enthusiasm, and her love. Katie, we are pleased to present you with the GSUSA Honor Pin.

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 four additional endorsements.

KATE CROWLEY, TUNKHANNOCK

How does one describe Kate Crowley and what she has done for Girl Scouts, in particular for Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania? Words which come to mind when thinking of Kate include: tireless, supportive, honest, dedicated, courageous, effective, fair and compassionate. Kate's service on the Council Realignment Committee led to her election to the GSHPA Board where she served as Board Secretary her first year. Her commitment to Girl Scouts only increased when she assumed the role of Board Chair, a position she has held for four years. For her unparalleled efforts in working with staff and volunteers to get GSHPA on firm financial footing and on the right track into the next century of this great organization, we are pleased to present the GSUSA Thanks Badge to Kate Crowley.

KIM KING, LEWISBURG

Kim King has been in Girl Scouting for 25 plus years and has been Service Unit Manager for at least 15 years. During this time, she took on more responsibilities including Gold Award Advisor and Adult Learning Facilitator. In addition to all that, she has organized the Service Unit Cookie Rally and Co-Chaired the Fall Product Sale. She has also organized the Girl Scout Birthday Event at the local mall for more than ten years. This event is open to all Girl Scout Service Units in the surrounding area and attracts several hundred Girl Scouts each year. Two years ago, the theme was "Milk and Bookies." The girls brought slightly used books – they were donated to local organizations that help children. She tells her girls that there are no limits to female achievements anymore, and that they can go and do whatever they set their minds to doing. As a Gold Award Advisor, Kim is skillful in assisting the girls, encouraging them to reach further than they anticipated and to help them develop their leadership skills. Her continuous service is 110 percent in whatever she does! We are pleased to recognize Kim's dedication and service by presenting her with a GSUSA Thanks Badge. Congratulations, Kim.

THANKS BADGE (continued)

SUSAN MUMMERT, CHAMBERSBURG

Susan has been involved in Girl Scouting for 50 years. After ten years as a girl, she continued to help as an adult, beginning by helping her mother with a Cadette Troop. She has served in many positions in her Service Unit as well as on a council level. Currently, she serves as a Delegate and is a member of the Scholarship Committee. Susan was the Service Unit Cookie Manager for over 20 years and implemented a process that is still being used today. Susan and her husband, Dave, were active members of the Camp El-Wa-Ho's site team. In 2008, Susan was involved in the Celebration of the Camp's 50th Anniversary. She helped to capture camp memories by printing photographs for GS alumni before they left camp that day – snapshots of them standing by the camp bell, or on a memorial bench, and of course, the totem pole. Over the years, Susan has shared her skills, her commitment to the out-of-doors, and given of her time to Girl Scouts, her church and her family. She is truly committed to the Girl Scout Mission, and it is with great pride that we give Susan a GSUSA Thanks Badge.

Thank you, Volunteers!