

*Welcome to the January issue of Team Connections: A newsletter for service team members.
If your team members aren't receiving Team Connections, it may be because they are not registered for the 2010 membership year.*



Dear Service Teams:

Welcome to 2010! This is going to be the best year yet for Girl Scouts! We've got some great events planned this year and we are working on more ideas for girls that they will love. **The focus for January is the best program Girl Scouting has to offer – the Cookie Sale Program!** Girls learn great skills, earn money for their troop and cool recognitions, learn the benefits of setting goals and earn camp credits to go to Girl Scout camp. Please check with troop leaders to ensure they are ready for their girls to participate and please have them make sure all their girls are registered prior to selling.

Sometimes in Girl Scouts we run into policies and procedures that don't always make sense. If this happens to you or if you come across a policy that doesn't make sense to you, take the time to ask about it; you may be surprised by the reasons behind it. Most recently I was asked about the number of girls and adults necessary to make up a troop. The GSUSA standard says that a troop is required to have two adults, not living in the same household, and five girls from at least two families. However, sometimes a troop will be in place and then lose a girl or two. If this happens, the troop is still a troop. Ideally, a troop would have five girls, but we will never ask a troop of four girls to disband or become Juliettes. Also, sometimes a troop just getting started may have only two girls; that's fine when the intention is to recruit more girls. Large or small, a troop of girls will have an awesome experience when there is a dedicated adult who cares about them.

Get out your black and gold and make plans to cheer for the University of Iowa women's basketball team at Girl Scout Day with the Hawkeyes on Sunday, January 31 at Carver Hawkeye Arena in Iowa City. Girl Scouts and troop leaders will be admitted for only \$1 and family and friends can attend for \$5. Tip-off is at 2 p.m., but the fun will begin at 11:30 a.m. with a special greeting by the coaches, followed by layups on the court and a mini-cheer and dance clinic. Create and bring a poster as an individual or a troop to show your Girl Scout support of the Hawks and be entered into a contest for prizes! For more information and to register, pick up a flier at your next service unit meeting or visit www.GSEIWI.org.



Brenda Lloyd, VP of Membership

It Takes TEAMWORK ~ You're an Essential Part of Our TEAM!

*Every element of a jigsaw puzzle is vital; a single missing piece leaves it unfinished.
Without you as a part of the big picture; our organization would be just as incomplete. Your skills, talents and attitude are a perfect fit.
Happy New Year and Thank You for being on our TEAM!*

Forever Green Project Spotlight

Troops can work together!

Troops 9311, 1846 and 8122 in Nichols, IA are joining forces to plan a Forever Green Project. The troops plan to "Adopt" their communities of Nichols and Lone Tree by organizing tri-annual trash pickup and recycling days.

They will create posters and provide snacks and drinks to support and involve the members of their communities. To find out more about Forever Green Projects, contact Angela Grunder at the Dubuque Area Service Center: AngelaG@GSEIWI.org or 563-583-9169.



FYI (For Your Information)

New troop leaders were sent a survey. Please let them know that their input is important and ask them to please complete the survey.

SUDs – Don't forget to attend a service unit director meeting in your area in January. These meetings are to gather input and network. If you have agenda items, please let your RMM know. Hope to see you there!

Service Unit Director

Thanks to all of you for planning and hosting a service unit cookie rally!

We've had such a good time with cookie rallies, we would like to give girls the opportunity to come to a camp rally! A camp rally will be a really fun event where girls can come and learn about all the wonderful opportunities at our four beautiful Girl Scout camps. Look for more information coming from your RMM soon!



Give a Day, Get a Disney Day

Please announce at your service unit meeting that Disney Parks is giving away free tickets good for one-day admission to Walt Disney World or a Disneyland Theme Park through their Give A Day, Get a Disney Day program that celebrates and inspires volunteerism. The program is open to anyone age 6 and above and begins January 1, 2010.

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Here is how it works: Every volunteer who wants a ticket MUST register and sign up for volunteer opportunities at www.DisneyParks.com in order to participate. Deb Boyd at the Rock Island Service Center will post upcoming volunteer opportunities for Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa & Western Illinois from which volunteers sign up to participate. If the opportunity the volunteer participated in isn't listed, the volunteer will have a chance to list it when they log their hours. Once hours are logged, Deb will verify them and Disney will issue the ticket. Ticket quantities are limited and will continue until all tickets are distributed or December 15, 2010, whichever occurs first.

Please contact Deb Boyd with questions at 309-788-0833 or e-mail at DebB@GSEIWI.org.

Service Unit Director Tips

Leaders will look to you to give them guidance and uphold the standards of Girl Scouting. If you're not informed and up to date on the policies and standards, you won't be able to help them learn the right way to do things. When in doubt, refer to Safety Wise.

Don't forget to be looking for people to help out on the service team. Everyone has lots of skills that they could bring to the team; be thinking about the needs of the team and the people who may have those skills.

Just a reminder to make sure that your service unit meetings are pertinent and have useful items on the agenda to assure your leaders are getting the support they need. Your expertise and knowledge is invaluable to helping new leaders along the way.

Do you have troop leaders who are having trouble finding co-leaders? Don't overlook dads! We have some great new co-leaders such as Danny, father of fifth-grader Lizzie who attends Wellman Elementary in Iowa County. Danny is in

the Iowa Army National Guard working full time as a Human Resources Sergeant out of the Cedar Rapids Armory. Danny is extremely dedicated to his daughter's activities and lends his time and talents to help the troop. Thanks, Danny!

School Organizer

Now that we have recruited all these girls, we need to celebrate. Check with your regional membership manager to see whether your school is a bronze, silver or gold star school. We have a great gold star school program that helps us recognize the leaders, school and girls. Check out this link for more information on the [gold star school process and ideas](#).

Leader Mentor

It's cookie time! New leaders are sure to have lots of questions about this – even after taking training. Make a phone call to give some extra support as they work through this first year of product sales. Do they need help understanding the paper work? Talking to parents about the sale? Maybe it is just moral support, but please make that phone call!

Now would be a good time to again ask a few questions regarding troop finances. Does your new leader understand how to keep track of expenses and income? Is she saving receipts for troop expenses? Remind her that one person should be writing the checks and the other person receiving the bank statements as a check and balance.



Our first issue of [Steps of Support \(SOS\)](#) should have hit the doorsteps of all new leaders, and by mid-January we are due to have another issue out. This is the mailed publication that is being sent to all new leaders as a means of additional support. Be sure your new leaders have received a copy, and if they haven't, let [Kim Hull](#) know. I will send a copy out to them or they can access it online. I would love to hear any feedback you or the new leaders may have.

Registrar

We still have lots of girls who haven't registered from last year. Would you please double check your records to make sure everyone is registered prior to the cookie sale? You also can double check your records with what troop leaders have so we have the most accurate information as possible. We don't want anyone left out of receiving pertinent information and being insured. **Be sure and remind troop leaders to make sure their girls are registered prior to the cookie sale.**

Also, if you haven't received an updated troop roster from your council registrar, please contact Kim Kirby at the Rock Island office at 800-798-0833 or e-mail KimK@GSEIWI.org. Don't forget to invite lapsed girls to any upcoming service unit events.

Spring registration is right around the corner. If you have any ideas on what was good last year, or any ideas for changes, please email BrendaL@GSEIWI.org.

Fund Development Coordinator

The fund development team is working on special events and meeting with potential donors throughout the council's jurisdiction.

- Do you have a connection with an individual or business who would like to support Girl Scouts?
- Would you like to make a donation to Girl Scouts?
- Do you have a desire to help with special events in your area?

Girl Scouts can benefit from your volunteer hours.

- Do you work for a company that promotes volunteerism by rewarding the employee with a donation to an organization of your choice?
- Does your company provide matching fund donations?

While the Fall Sale Program and the Cookie Sale Program are important to the financial survival of the council, we also must continue to look for new funding sources. If you can answer "yes" to any of the above questions, please contact Nancy Renkes at NancyR@GSEIWI.org. Your help today will benefit all GSEIWI girls in 2010 and beyond!

Mobile Market Coordinator

Special Note - Shop Hour Changes

All council shops will be open **January 9** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (This is a change from the first Saturday because of the New Year's holiday weekend.)

- The **Cedar Rapids Shop** will be open on **January 23** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (again a change because of the holidays).
- **On February 6, the Rock Island Shop ONLY will be open from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and reopen at 1 p.m. at the QCCA Expo Center for the World Thinking Day Event.**

All other shop locations will have regular 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. hours on February 6.

It's **"cookie time!"** Stop in the council shop nearest you to purchase **cookie-themed items** during the months of January and February and receive **5 percent** off these items. Some exclusions may apply. Inquire with a shop associate. Check out the [online cookie-themed merchandise](#).

Attend the **"[Cookie Challenge](#)" event** at Muscatine Mall on Saturday, **January 9, 2010, from 1 to 4 p.m.** Be sure to visit the mobile shop and pre-order the cookie tote and flip-flops at the incredible price of just \$6.95.

Call ahead to the shop location nearest you to arrange for a mobile market for a cookie rally, or contact the Retail Sales Manager at 800-798-0833 Ext. 310 or by e-mail LindaH@GSEIWI.org

World Thinking Day is celebrated on February 22 and our council-sponsored event will be held on Saturday, **February 6, 2010 from 1 to 4 p.m.** at QCCA Expo Center in Rock Island, IL. Stop by the mobile shop during the event.

Troop Rebate Certificates were mailed out in late December for the troops that submitted receipts and completed application during the month of November. Remember, the Troop Rebate Certificates are for use in the council shops during January and February 2010.

Remember, to purchase a **reusable "grocery" style GSEIWI tote bag**. This is great for carrying your troop supplies! Purchase at the low



price of \$5 and then bring it back on the Saturday shopping days between now and May 29, 2010, to receive a **10 percent discount** on shop purchases made during those Saturday shopping days.

As a monthly feature, the council shops make recommendations for your consideration for badges and patches that work well based upon the time of year, events or holidays:

- GSUSA Patch Our Rights/Our Responsibilities
- GSEIWI Council Patch Political Power

Juliette Coordinator

Do you know a girl who would be interested in being a Girl Scout Juliette? This is an individual Girl Scout who can work on her own through the Journeys and badge work. She still can participate in council events and even the upcoming Cookie Sale Program. We also have a Juliette Program Packet that is an option for Juliettes to receive. This program packet is \$5 for the entire year (Cookie Program Credit will be accepted). This Program packet includes council information, updated events, games and crafts (with the supplies included). If you have any questions about Juliettes, contact Jamie at 319-232-6601 or JamieH@GSEIWI.org.

Event Coordinator

Check out the [Events at a Glance!](#) It's packed with lots of awesome programs, both local and council wide for your girls to attend.

During these cold months, you'll be looking for some indoor ideas to do with your girls. Talk to them about earning a [Religious Award](#). These are optional opportunities for girls of EVERY walk of life to grow stronger in their faith and fulfill their Girl Scout Promise "to serve God." Girls can work as a group or complete award requirements individually. For more information on Religious Awards or how to get books to get started, contact Hailey Workman, Program Manager, 319-752-3639 or HaileyW@GSEIWI.org.

Believe it or not there are **STILL spots open** for the 2011 International Trip! It may seem a way off right now, but money-earning opportunities are starting soon to help with the cost for all girl participants. Cookie Program Credits can be used to pay for the trip as well. Don't miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! If you're interested in traveling with us, contact Hailey at the above address or phone number as soon as possible. For more information or to download the application, visit <http://www.gseiwi.org/events/trips.asp>.

Mark your calendar for an evening with Olympic Gold Medalist, Shawn Johnson!

Come celebrate the importance of Character with Shawn Johnson **Thursday, March 25, 2010** at University of Northern Iowa's McLeod Center. Girls will hear about Olympic experiences and enjoy fun, interactive booths and activities. An event flier will be mailed to all households the first week of January.



Outdoor Program Coordinator

Did you know the council owns horses and they live at Camp Conestoga? Our equestrian program manager, Jo Dumar, is awesome at providing a fun, educational horse program for your girls. There's something for girls of all ages to do. Check out the equestrian program page on our Web site or contact Joanne Dumar at 563-349-6149 or JoanneD@GSEIWI.org. You can also find more information in the Program Resource Guide on Pages 13 and 14. Your girls will love taking a trip to camp and getting to know the horses.

Last year for spring registration, one of the incentives was a free overnight stay at one of our four awesome Girl Scout camps. To date, 168 troops have taken advantage of the certificates and have shown their girls a great outdoor experience. If you haven't used your certificate yet, it's not too late; you have until April 30. Please make use of this great incentive and get your girls out to camp – they'll love it!

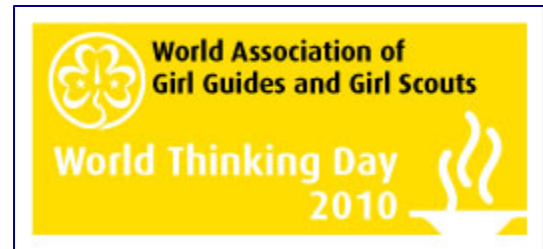
Treasurer

If your service unit is doing a fund-raiser to help raise funds for the service unit, please share your ideas with other service units. Email BrendaL@GSEIWI.org.

Adult Learning Coordinator

Remind leaders who are moving up to the new Girl Scout level to begin thinking about Bridging activities. There will be NEW bridging requirements for each grade level from GSUSA in January, and we will get them out to you as we get them. We also will be doing some training on the new bridging requirements. Be watching for that information.

Also don't forget to mention the call-ins for January and February. Let's Go Global – World Thinking Day and other Girl Scout Traditions will be on Jan. 24 at 4 p.m. and Jan. 26 at 7 p.m. Wrapping Up the year with Spring Registration and Planning for the Future will be on Feb. 21 at 4 p.m. and Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. Call or e-mail Claudia Reich at 800-798-0833 or ClaudiaR@GSEIWI.org to sign up.



World Thinking Day, February 22, not only gives Girl Guides and Girl Scouts a chance to celebrate international friendships, but is also a reminder that Girl Scouts of the USA is part of a global community – one of 145 countries in the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). **“Together we can end extreme poverty and hunger”** is the 2010 World Thinking Day theme.

Visit <http://www.gseiwi.org/events/WTD.asp> to view the 2010 World Thinking Day Resource Guide for some suggested activities to share with troop leaders on celebrating this Girl Scout day. The guide also includes information on the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund, a WAGGGS Fact Sheet, planning a global event for all ages and more.

Safety Zone

Throughout *Safety-Wise*, the term "first-aider" is used. A Girl Scout first-aider is an adult who has taken trainings listed on Page 37 of *Safety-Wise*. First-aiders are needed for physically demanding activities and other activities involving potential for injury. There are two levels of first-aid training for Girl Scouts.

Level I first aid is required of the adult acting as the primary first-aider for the Girl Scout group activities indicated in the *Safety-Wise* activity checkpoints.

Level II first aid is required of the adult acting as the first-aider at a resident camp; in core staff and family camping; at day events, overnights and camping events with more than 200 participants; and when activity checkpoints indicate that Level II first aid is needed.

Leaders should take advantage of the first aid training opportunities offered by local chapters of American Red Cross, National Safety Council, EMP America or equivalent courses as approved by GSEIWI. First-aiders must keep their training up to date as required by the sponsoring organization.

Product Manager

Fall Sale: Please contact Kirk Watson at 319-363-8335 or KirkW@GSEIWI.org with any recognition prize issues that need to be resolved before February 1.

Cookie Sale: We need your help in promoting the www.abcsmartcookies.com Web site, goal setting program, and especially the new eCards as well as the Facebook application for girls age 13 and older.

Don't forget that the initial order period for the Cookie Sale Program **begins on January 15, 2010, and runs through January 31, 2010.**



Please stress how important it is that girls DO NOT sell early. Early sales will not count toward recognitions. Customers still will receive their cookies, but unfortunately girls will be penalized for not following the guidelines.

Once initial orders are placed, girls still can be taking orders while they wait for cookies to arrive. These orders can be filled through troop extras or a cookie cupboard. Remember that girls continue to earn recognitions from January 15–March 21.

Recognition Coordinator

February 1, the submission date for recognition forms, is fast approaching. Please encourage everyone to get their nominations in. If anyone wonders whether the awards are a big deal or not, just ask someone who has received one. It is a very proud moment for that person to know that someone else noticed the good work they have done.

Don't forget that the Girl of Courage, Girl of Confidence and Girl of Character awards also are due by February 1. These monetary scholarships for girls are reviewed by the Recognition Committee along with the adult awards.

The date for submitting the Doneta Schaffer Scholarship has changed to February 15. Please announce this change to the Service Unit and update and any forms you may have on hand.

Mark your calendars now! The Girl and Adult Recognition event is scheduled for **Saturday, April 10** at the Coralville Holiday Inn. The time will be determined at a later date. You won't want to miss this one, as there will be some changes and a whole lot of fun.

Leaders Day Contest

Leaders continue to tell us that the most meaningful recognition comes from their girls. So, this year we have put together a contest for girls to submit photos, stories or videos honoring their Girl Scout leader. They will be on our Web site, and we plan to choose random winners in each grade level and each media type. Information went out in Momentum, Girlfriends, and at program events, but we would really appreciate it if you could help by talking to the girls in your Service Unit. Whenever you have opportunity over the next month or so, please encourage them to go to the Web site at <http://www.gseiwi.org/events/leadersday.asp> and submit a photo or a word or two of thanks to their Girl Scout leader. For questions, contact Kim Hull at 319-752-3639 or KimH@GSEIWI.org.

Don't forget to check out this month's issue of [Recognition Tips](#) for ceremony ideas. There is also an answer to a great question from a new Recognition Coordinator that may be a question you have, too.

Community Information Coordinator

This is a perfect time of year for our Community Information Coordinators to get to know your local news media – weekly newspapers and local radio stations. You can help spread the word about this year's Girl Scout Cookie Sale Program to others in your community. Post the sale dates on community calendars on the Web. Use the online Cookie Booth Locator to notify area residents when your local cookie booths are being set up. This is information you can give to your local weekly newspapers and radio stations, as well as the online community calendars, too. Most media properties have online community calendars where you can post events. Make sure you are using these to post information about your Service Unit's activities, too.

We still need additional Community Information Coordinators. If your Service Unit doesn't have one in place, know that this is an essential position that should be filled as soon as possible. We offer training to get you started, too. Contact Chuck Gysi, vice president of marketing and communications, at 800-798-0833, Ext. 716, or send an e-mail to ChuckG@GSEIWI.org.

Troop Spotlight

Michelle DeWaard is the new leader this year of Daisy Girl Scout Troop 8558 in Pleasant View, Iowa. We wanted to share with you a letter that Michelle sent to her girls' parents after a community service project that the girls participated in:



Hello, Daisy Parents!

Our food drive to "Help the Hungry" was a huge success! I just delivered 14 full bags of non-perishable food items to the food pantry at First Presbyterian Church in LeClaire.

They were thrilled at the amount of food we donated and it comes at a time of year when many families are in need. When I told them that the girls were kindergarten and first-grade Daisy Girl Scouts, the staff of the food pantry

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were very surprised at how much could be accomplished by such young girls.

So I would like to thank YOU, my Daisy parents, for supporting your Daisy in her "Help the Hungry" efforts this year. We couldn't have done it without you!

Congratulate your Daisy today on what a great job she and her sister Girl Scouts have done! Daisy Troop 8558 girls should be proud to be recognized for such generous and great community service!

Thanks again for all your help with this project! -
-Michelle D.

Thanks Michelle, for helping your "young" girls to make a difference in their community. You're changing the lives of girls in ways that will last them a lifetime!

SAVE THE DATE!

- January 9 – Cookie Challenge in Muscatine
- January 15-31 Cookie sale order taking
- January 31, Girl Scout Day with the Hawkeyes: Women's basketball – televised live
- February 6 – World Thinking Day, QCCA Expo Center in Rock Island, IL
- February – Camp Guides mailed
- February 27–April 30 – cookie cupboards and cookie booths available
- February and March – town hall meetings
- March 25 – Shawn Johnson event in Cedar Falls/Waterloo area
- April 24 – Girls Go Global, Coralville Marriott Hotel and Convention Center

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

- Tuesday, February 16 - Dubuque
- Thursday, February 18 - Waterloo
- Monday, February 22 - Quad Cities
- Tuesday March 16 - Burlington
- Thursday, March 18 - Galesburg
- Monday, March 22 - Cedar Rapids/Iowa City

For more information on these events and others, please check out our Web site at www.GSEIWI.org.

Take Action

Take Action projects get girls motivated and excited about making an impact on their community that can be felt in the long term. Take Action encourages girls to think bigger and to address problems in such a way that they do not reoccur. And, perhaps most important, a girls Take Action project changes the world in a meaningful way. For more information on getting girls involved with Take Action projects, [consider working on a Journey](#), [earning a higher award](#) or participating in [Forever Green](#).

Service Unit Spotlight

Congratulations to the following service units for hitting their end-of-year membership goal:

Service Unit 97, which covers the communities of Abingdon, Galesburg, Knoxville and Williamsfield in Knox County, Ill., decided they wanted a theme for their monthly service unit events this year. The theme for the year is "Helping Hands" and it will end with the theme being incorporated into their "Little Day Camp on the Prairie" in June. In order to accomplish this, they chose a different community organization each month to be the recipient of their service projects.

In November the girls baked 76 dozen cookies and donated them to the Elks Lodge, to be included in their holiday food baskets, as well as to some of the local nursing homes and to the Rescue Mission. The girls also brought in donations of birthday party items. They decorated paper gift bags, made birthday cards, and then each bag was filled with the necessities for a birthday party. The Girl Scouts made 42 bags and those birthday bags were distributed to various schools and the school outreach worker will then pass them on to families of children who might not otherwise be able to have a birthday party. The girls in Knox County truly know the value of giving back to their community and being a "sister" to every girl.

Service Unit 808 covers the Iowa towns of Central City, Coggon, Center Point, Urbana, Walker, Troy Mills and Alburnett. School organizers in this area are really great about making sure that every girl has the opportunity



to join Girl Scouts. They have really stepped up in the last few years and have changed the way Girl Scouts is viewed by the community and have been instrumental in establishing new troops and more participation in the area. 60 percent of the schools are Gold Star Schools.

The Service Unit also retains leadership by getting together at their Service Unit meetings and each age level breaks up and plans one or two events per year for their age level, so each leader is helping out with the events and the girls get a wonderful program in their local area.

Nice work, SU 808! You're amazing!

Service Unit 821 is comprised of all of Washington County and Lone Tree in Iowa. This Service Unit has rocked recruitments across the board. There are troops for every age level at all the elementary schools. St. James Catholic Elementary School in Washington has two new troops this year, where they haven't had a troop in years. The elementary schools in the Mid-Prairie School District also are feeling the influence of two enthusiastic dads who are leading three of the troops.

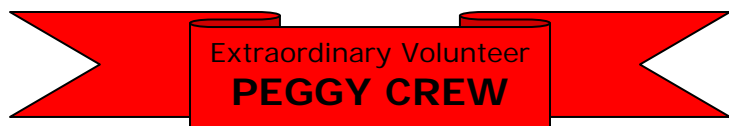
With new leaders across the county, they are supported by a marvelous Service Team which is always ready and willing to answer questions.

This Service Unit hosts four events each year and an excellent day camp in the summer. Every event is much anticipated by both girls and adults. Keep up the great work, Service Unit 821!

Walcott Service Unit 856 - This Service Unit is comprised of three elementary schools that feed into one middle school. The elementary leaders are open to taking new girls in to their troops no matter what school they come from. The middle school troops are eager to help the younger girls out and let them know what they have to look forward to. It's difficult finding someone from the area who isn't willing to volunteer to lead or help out. They have a strong dedicated group of individuals who come together every month to plan Service Unit lock-ins, cookie rallies and camping experiences that nearly every troop and girl chooses to participate in. Great job, Service Unit 856!

Service Unit 868 – Moline, came out on fire this fall. The Service Unit has remained strong despite not having a SUD. Root beer float and savvy crafters nights were held at every elementary school in the Moline/Coal Valley area. 868's newest School Organizers, Mary Killian-Meier and Dawn Anderson, were amazing at setting up and holding recruitments at Seton Logan Elementary Schools. Both schools have reached Gold Star status already! WOW! Kathy Larson did a wonderful job, as usual, in helping Hamilton Elementary achieve Gold Star status for the fourth year in a row. Amazing! The SU is currently working on planning a Cookie Rally, Movie Night and Mother/Daughter Dodge Ball Night, which is always a huge hit! Way to go, 868, on getting girls in your area excited about Girl Scouts and giving them a quality program!

NEW! – Extraordinary Volunteer



Peggy Crew has been chosen as this month's extraordinary volunteer. Peggy has been involved with Girl Scouts for more than 26 years. Peggy is currently a service unit director for SU 940 in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, and runs a great service unit. Most recently, Peggy created an amazing event called "Let's Cook." She not only did this event for the girls of Service Unit 940, but also for SU 941. She has been such a team player and has done an awesome job of getting girls involved in Girl Scouting! "Let's Cook" gives girls an opportunity to get hands on and take part in making their own food! It's such a great event because the girls learn team work, skill building and communication skills along with having a blast. The event consists of having nine stations – eight where they deal with food and one where they sing songs! In SU 941, she had 24 girls show up and in SU 940, she had 80 girls take part! Peggy Crew said: "Girls had a great time and if any other SU would like to have this event, let me know and we can try to help them do this. The girls like to travel and put this event on!"

Thanks, Peggy, for being creative and bringing girls a program that they enjoy and for your MANY years of volunteering for Girl Scouts!

KUDOS KORNERS

There are many fabulous volunteer opportunities that girls can participate in where they can make a difference in their communities, and the decision on who to help can be difficult for them when there are so many choices. Kudos go out to all the girls, and the adults who encourage them, for choosing to help their Girl Scout Council, Service Unit, or troop. The slide show of girls for the annual meeting, teaching songs for the new Daisy troop, or baby-sitting for the Service Unit meeting, are just some examples of what girls are already doing to help the Girl Scouts. There are many more ways they reach out to their Girl Scout sisters to provide service. Be proud of what you do to help, as we couldn't do it without you.

Program Resource Guide (PRG)

Event Registration Information: Pages 38-40. Remember to check the event registration information as you are registering for spring council events. Some key things to remember:

1. Unless the event is canceled for the weather, or a girl or family member becomes sick we cannot provide refunds for events after the registration deadline has passed.
2. Registrations **MUST** be received by the deadline listed for the event, or GSEIWI cannot guarantee your girl or group will be able to attend the event.