

Girl Scouts of Connecticut Alumnae News

Once a Girl Scout at heart, always a Girl Scout!

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GSOFACT Alumnae Association—Be Part of our Community

Our association brings together former girl and adult members, and current adult Girl Scouts. Unity gives us the opportunity to support girls and women, recognizing that in Girl Scouting, one always has a friend.

Be sure to have your Girl Scout Friends join!

Meet Anne and Caroline—Our New Alumnae Co-Chairs!

I agreed to serve in this capacity because I have enjoyed being a Girl Scout so much for over 40 years! I'm proud to tell people that I'm still a Girl Scout (I'm a Lifetime Girl Scout) and that I have participated and served on many different levels — Girl Member, Troop Leader, Board Member, National Council Delegate, World Conference Volunteer. My mom and sisters were Girl Scouts, and both of my daughters are Lifetime Girl Scouts.

I know there are women of all ages in the State of Connecticut who were once Girl Scouts at some point in their lives and this is a great chance to reconnect with them and tell them about what's going on in Girl Scouting today. As we approach 100 years of Girl Scouting, it is a great opportunity to get some of them involved in Girl Scouting again. ~ Anne Hayes



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Thanks for helping us save resources and our planet!

The other day a young friend proudly showed me her Girl Scout membership card. When I shared mine with her, she was amazed that I am also a card-carrying Girl Scout. We had an immediate connection and discovered that Girl Scouts is something we share with our families as well. How charming to see a ten-year-old so thrilled with the opportunities that her membership offers.

With the formation of Girl Scouts of Connecticut and the Centennial of the founding of the movement just two years away, this is a perfect time to reconnect with women who have been Girl Scouts and leaders in the past and invite them — you — to be involved again. As a onetime Brownie (in the UK), Girl Scout mother, current Board Member and Past Board Chair, I am delighted to have an opportunity to work with Anne Hayes and we look forward to hearing from you with your ideas. ~ Caroline Sloat

All Things Alumnae

- Have questions?
- Want to register?
- Get involved!

Please contact:

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Be a Hero . . .

Please reach out to a young Girl Scout in your community and purchase a box or two of cookies for our service men and women overseas. When you participate in our **Cookies for Heroes** Program, you are a hero, too — to a young Girl Scout and to our troops overseas. No matter where you are in the world, Girl Scout cookies always bring a smile to someone's face!



Join us March 20th to Fill the Truck with Cookies for Heroes. Details at www.gsofact.org

The Strategy Team, which is an eclectic group of people with varied experience and perspective, has done extensive research to evaluate Girl Scouts of Connecticut's current state, identify key priorities for the future, and determine a winning proposition. Input was provided by Girl Scouts across the state, staff members, and the Board of Directors. The Winning Proposition, Competitive Focus, and Key Priorities, the culmination of work done at two strategy retreats and approved by the board, can be found on our website.



Strategic Learning

Our Winning Proposition: To be Connecticut's recognized girl-empowerment organization dedicated to lifelong success through values-based leadership development and personal growth.



Events Calendar—Join the Fun!

As Girl Scout Week comes to an end, Girl Scouts all over the country have been celebrating the 98th Anniversary of the movement. Continue to celebrate with Girl Scouts of Connecticut by joining our upcoming events. Meet fellow alumnae and network with new friends.

If you have an event to add, please contact Martie Kaczmarek at 800-922-2770, x3265 or mkaczmarek@gsofct.org.

Women of Achievement

Join us in celebrating extraordinary women from the greater New Haven community on **Tuesday, April 6, 7:30 a.m.** Fantasia Banquet Facility, 404 Washington Avenue, North Haven. Please contact Pam Amodio at pamodio@gsofct.org or call 860-522-0163, ext.3226.

Girl Scout Alumnae "Meet & Greet"

Spring is the perfect time for all Girl Scout alumnae to gather, learn where Girl Scouting is today, and how to get involved. Please join us—and bring a friend—for light refreshments on:

Tuesday, April 20th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.,
North Haven Service Center 20 Washington Avenue

Saturday, April 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Candlewood Program Center, 29 Bogus Hill Road
New Fairfield

Please contact Kelly O'Connell at koconnell@gsofct.org or call 203-239-2922, x3356, if interested in attending this free event.

Tea Party and International Costume Display

Share your Girl Scouting memories and hear stories from other alumnae on **Tuesday, May 4th from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.** at Bristol Library. Reconnect with Girl Scouting in Connecticut, see what today's girls are discovering in summer camp and more! Please contact Eloise Robinson at eloisecollects@yahoo.com to attend this free event.

Annual Meeting, Tuesday, May 4th. Location to be determined.

Woman of Merit

Join us at a spectacular event honoring Connecticut native, actress, Anika Noni Rose on Wednesday, **June 9th from 5:30 to 10:00 p.m.** at Hartford Marriott Downtown, 202 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford. Please contact Pam Amodio at pamodio@gsofct.org or call 860-522-0163, ext.3226.



Volunteer for our Forever Green Project

Girl Scouts of Connecticut is celebrating Earth Day on April 24 and ***we need your help!*** Join us at the Westfield Trumbull Mall on **Saturday, April 24 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** We need volunteers to help facilitate Go Green activity tables, assist with stage activities, and help at the check-in tables. If you are unable to join us but would still like to be a part of this important event, we can use your help in preparing for the big day.

Additionally, we are always looking for volunteers to help our girls with the Girl Scouts Forever Green environmental projects they work on throughout the year. For more information please contact Elynn Savard at esavard@gsofct.org or 800-922-2770 ext. 3018, or Debbie Braun at dbraun@gsofct.org or 800-922-2770 ext. 3312.