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Alumnae Spotlight

Lynne M. Durbin, Esq.

Girl Scout alumna and First Class (now Gold Award) recipient, Lynne M. Durbin, Esq., demonstrated Girl Scout excellence as Chair of the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland Board of Directors, and at GSCM's Annual Meeting on May 16 was awarded the Thanks Badge, the highest honor in Girl Scouts for adult members.

Lynne served on the GSCM Board since 2003 and concluded her fourth year as Board Chair this past May.

"While Lynne's tenure and leadership are worthy of recognition, what impresses me most," said board member Karen Singer, "is the breadth and depth of her involvement and the style in which she achieves results. Lynne has served or led nearly every committee --Finance, CEO Selection, CEO Evaluation committees, to name just a few. Lynne used her legal and professional expertise to establish the disbursement/ spending guidelines for the conservation easement and investment parameters for reserves. She is a consummate professional, always displaying emotional intelligence, empathy and patience."

Lynne's leadership touched the national stage when she attended two national Girl Scout conventions as a Girl Scouts of Central Maryland Delegate. Her service and skills as a fundraiser have been significant to the council; the council has benefitted greatly from her expertise and professionalism.

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"Lynne exceeds all expectations of a Board Chair," said GSCM board member, Gwendolyn D. Skillern. "Her dedication and devotion to Girl Scouts and GSCM is beyond compare."

Harford County Robotics Expo

During the 2017-2018 school year, GSCM held its first after-school robotics program in Harford County. The sessions were held three days per week at four elementary schools: Edgewood, Halls Crossroads, Magnolia, and William Paca/Old Post. Over 60 girls in grades K-4 were mentored and coached on the F.I.R.S.T. Lego League Aqua Adventures project. The teams, who were supported jointly by the Motorola Solutions Foundation and MSDE, participated in Girl Scouts' first Harford County FLL Jr. Expo hosted by Harford Community College on April 29.

Seven teams attended the Expo and displayed their skills and LEGO models to a panel of judges, their families, community members, teams from other schools and representatives from Harford Community College. Feedback was extremely positive.

"Now I understand why within the past months my daughter will not let anyone in the house waste water," one parent remarked. Another said, "My daughter is sad to see this end. She wants to do more Girl Scout STEM programs." Thanks to a grant from Harford County Women's Giving Circle, GSCM will be able to offer more STEM programming for Harford County girls in the 2018-2019 school year. To become a STEM partner, contact Kristi S. Halford at khalford@gscm.org.

Support GSCM

Here are 3 easy ways to make a gift in support of the 24,000 girls served by Girl Scouts of Central Maryland:

1. On our website www.gscm.org/give where you can make a one-time gift or set up a recurring gift.
2. Through your employer's Matching Gifts program or Workplace Giving program. Please use these codes to designate your gift to Girl Scouts of Central Maryland:
   Baltimore Combined Charity Campaigns: 8050
   Combined Federal Campaign: 83032
   United Way of Central Maryland: 050
3. Mail your gift to: 4806 Seton Drive, Baltimore, Maryland 21215.

To Speak with a member of our Fund Development team call 410.358.9711 or email giving@gscm.org

Save the Date

October 5 – October 7, 2018

Camp Conowingo in Conowingo, MD

Join us this fall for the next GSCM Alumnae Association event, our Girl Scout Alumnae & Adult Camp In at Camp Conowingo! Former Girl Scouts, troop leaders, volunteers, camp counselors, and staff members are invited to hike down memory lane and relive their camp experience. Visit www.gscm.org/alumnae for more information! (This event is for guests 21 and over.)

Not Your Daughter's GSCM 2018 Alumnae Camp In

Presented by the GSCM Alumnae Association | Contact kbeckercooper@gscm.org for details.

Visit www.gscm.org/alumnae for tickets.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

*Watch the Lifetime of Leadership video at: **http://bit.ly/GSLeadership**

This spring GSUSA unveiled a new PSA, Lifetime of Leadership, which showcases the many ways Girl Scout alumnae, including Queen Latifah, Tammy Duckworth, Melinda Gates and Susan Collins, have taken the lead and been at the forefront of causes and issues impacting our nation to inspire every G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)TM and demonstrate the power she can wield.

Whether she's trying a new challenge at summer camp, addressing a need in her community through her Bronze, Silver or Gold Award, going on a new adventure through our Destinations program, or earning her first Daisy petals, Girl Scouts provides girls an opportunity to take the lead. These experiences make Girl Scouts more likely than non-Girl Scouts to have a strong sense of self, seek challenges, learn from setbacks and exhibit problem solving skills.

Many thanks to our donors, funders, families and volunteers, who believe in the power and potential of our G.I.R.L.s, and invest in our girl-only, girl-led programming.

Yours in Girl Scouting,

Violet M. Apple
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GSCM HOSTS FUTURE LEADERS CONFERENCE

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On March 10th, GSCM hosted its first Future Leaders Conference at Notre Dame of Maryland University (NDMU). More than 80 middle and high school- age Girl Scouts attended. The day kicked off with a fun session facilitated by Girl Scout parents Keith and Rebecca Scott who led the girls through activities to improve their public speaking skills.

Girls then had the opportunity to choose their next session- a panel of women leading in male dominated fields or a panel of women working in a variety of STEM fields. During an interactive lunch session MaryBeth Hyland helped girls discover their gifts and passions via creation of vision boards.

The afternoon also offered two sessions- learning about financial investments with financial expert Deborah Owens and a panel of alumna and current Girl Scouts talking about how they leveraged their Girl Scout experience to pursue education and career goals. The day ended with Regina Robinson sharing tips and information for post high school success and a tour of campus with members of the Notre Dame admissions team.

Girl Scout Senior, Emma H., said, "I came today because I aspire to be a lawyer. You need a lot of leadership skills in the courtroom. I learned how other women took charge in their careers and I can use that knowledge I gained to take charge in mine."

We are grateful to all of our presenters who spent the day helping each Girl Scout find her inner G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)TM and to NDMU for their support and partnership.

To read more stories about our awesome G.I.R.L.s, visit www.gscm.org/blog.

FIVE WOMEN HONORED AT THE DISTINGUISHED WOMEN'S AWARD CELEBRATION

On April 18, 2018 at The Center Club, five women business leaders were honored at othe 38th annual Distinguished Women's Award Celebration, our annual signature fundraiser.

Congratulations to honorees Swata Gandhi, DAP, Kristin Herber, Under Armour, Dr. Redonda Miller, The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Alicia Ritchie, Miles & Stockbridge, and Stacie Tobin, Venable LLP. At the event, each Honoree had the opportunity to share the experience she had with her Shadow Girl Scout.

The event raised more than $130,000 to support the more than 20,000 girls served through GSCM's outdoor, financial literacy, STEM, in-school, after-school and summer programs.

Visit www.gscm.org/dw to view photos, learn more about the 2019 event, and to nominate a woman as a future honoree.

To sponsor the 2019 Distinguished Women's Award Celebration, contact Kristi Halford at khalford@gscm.org.

BEYOND BARS DOCUMENTARY RECEIVES

Congratulations to Girl Scout alumna Tanya Spann Roche for her recent Emmy® Award nomination for her documentary about our Girl Scouts Beyond Bars program, which has served more than 500 girls in 25 years.

Her company, Think. Speak. Act. LLC, produced the GSBB 25th anniversary video at the Maryland Correctional Institution for Women in September 2017.

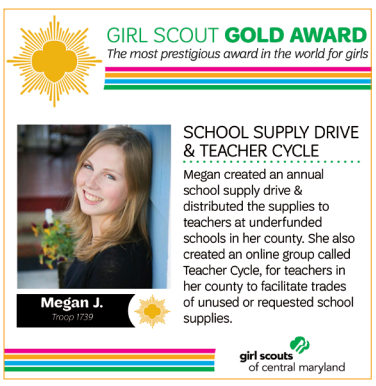
While the company did not receive an Emmy this year, it did receive a Telly Award in the Non-Broadcast, Not-for-Profit category. Receiving over 12,000 entries from all 50 states and 5 continents, the Telly Awards showcase the best work created within television and across video.

GSCM has served more than 400 girls through the Beyond Bars Program. To make a donation, visit www.gscm.org/

GIRLS EARN THE HIGHEST AWARD IN GIRL SCOUTING

We are extremely proud to celebrate the 51 Girl Scouts who have earned the highest award in Girl Scouting, the Girl Scout Gold Award. Nationally, only 6% of eligible Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors achieve this honor. The Gold Award reflects the skills a girl has learned through her years as a Girl Scout. Her Gold Award project encompasses organizational, leadership and networking skills that culminate in a project that has a positive, lasting impact on the community. This is the impact Juliette Gordon Low believed girls and young women could have on society when she formed the Girl Scout Movement 106 years ago. We are proud of the way our 2018 Award recipients have carried out her dream and legacy.

We have highlighted five of the amazing girls who earned the Girl Scout Gold Award this year. To read about all 51 of their projects, visit our blog at blog.gscm.org.



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