

It's a great time to be a Girl Scout! It is wonderful to see girls staying in Girl Scouts and to see girls excited to join Girl Scouts. We are happy to let you know our membership numbers are up again this year!

Unfortunately, it proved to be another challenging cookie season. The bakery had issues with staffing and supplies, as well as impacts from severe weather this year. All these issues affected the supply of cookies. The Cookie Program provides our girls with real life experience, and this year they learned things don't always go as planned, but we do our best, learn from it, and keep going.

Camp is already starting to fill up! GSHG is thrilled to be offering 8-weeks of camp to our Girl Scouts this summer. We listened to our older girls and are offering them the opportunity to attend summer camp as participants this summer instead of as counselors. The experiences girls have and the memories they make at camp are one of the main reasons girls stay in Girl Scouts, and we are happy to give them more opportunities to be at camp.

We are grateful to Troop 2012-Savannah members for agreeing to help us with our pollinator garden at the GIRL Center in Savannah. We have installed an observation hive in the GIRL Center and will be introducing bees to it this month. If you are in the area, we hope you will stop by and see how things are buzzing!

Yours for the girls,



Sue Else  
CEO



Save  
These  
Dates!

**Bridging Savannah's  
Bridge**

Saturday, June 10, 2023  
Savannah, GA.

For more information, please  
contact Jami Brantley at  
[jbrantley@gshg.org](mailto:jbrantley@gshg.org).

**More Than Cookies  
Summer Social**

Thursday, August 17, 2023  
Macon, GA.

For more information, please  
contact Dorsha Lee at  
[dlee@gshg.org](mailto:dlee@gshg.org).

**S'morevivor**

Saturday, September 9, 2023  
Augusta, GA.

For more information, please  
contact Shawn Risher at  
[srisher@gshg.org](mailto:srisher@gshg.org).

**Promises to Keep  
Breakfast**

Thursday, September 14,  
2023  
Athens, GA.

For more information, please  
contact LaDon Shaw at  
[lshaw@gshg.org](mailto:lshaw@gshg.org).

## GSHG Council Update

The Program Team has been busy planning Summer Camp 2023. GSHG is proud to offer two-weeks of resident camp at Camp Tanglewood, Camp Low, and Camp Martha Johnston this year, and a STEM Camp hosted on the campus of Valdosta State University.

New this year: Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts have been heard and will have more options! They can choose from traditional camp programs, Counselor-in-Training (CIT) programs, and adventure travel trips. Campers can choose from the following adventure travel trips: a three-night trip to the North Carolina mountains, a 2-night trip to Cumberland Island, or a 2-night canoe trip on the Ocmulgee River.

For Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors who are not quite ready for a week of resident camp, we are offering 2-weeks of Day Camp at Camp Tanglewood and Camp Low and a Mini Resident Camp session for Brownies and Juniors the first week in July at Camp Martha Johnston.

We are bringing back some favorite summer camp themes, like Harry Potter week at Tanglewood and Circus Camp at Camp Martha Johnston.

Alum are invited to participate in an upcoming Program event! We are holding our Bridging Savannah's Bridge event on Saturday, June 10th, and would love to have our alum there! This event will have participants taking trolleys from downtown Savannah over the big bridge to the South Carolina side of the Savannah River. A program will celebrate the significance of bridging in Girl Scouts. Once the participants walk across the bridge into downtown Savannah, they will receive a special patch commemorating their achievement. To learn more or register, visit the events calendar on our website!

GSHG is holding a Capital Campaign to raise funds to preserve and update the Little House. The Little House has been a staple of Columbus, Georgia, and Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia since 1949. Generations of Girl Scouts have utilized this space. Few of these early Girl Scouts meeting places still exist today, so The Little House is truly a treasure for Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia. The expansion project will include an experience center, training facility, and enhanced outdoor space. It will also make it ADA-compliant, increasing accessibility for members and volunteers with disabilities. With these changes, we will offer new programs related to our four pillars: STEM, Outdoors, Entrepreneurship, and Life Skills. We are currently at 75% of our goal. The construction process begins in May 2023. You can learn more about the Little House Campaign on our website. ♦



Interested in making a donation for GSHG?  
Contact LaDon at  
[lshaw@gshg.org](mailto:lshaw@gshg.org).



Join the  
On My Honor Society!  
Your donation of  
\$1,000 or more provides  
GSHG with  
much-needed funds to  
support girls at GSHG.

# Troop 2012

## Savannah Alumni

The members of Troop 2012-Savannah began the new year with a weekend retreat at Epworth by the Sea, where they enjoyed crafting, games, fellowship and the beauty of the island. During the March meeting, troop members made swaps for those attending the GSUSA Convention this July in Orlando. Troop member, Ann D. Long, will be attending the Convention as a delegate. The Troop assembled 24 hygiene kits for the homeless as part of the council-wide service project.



On April 1st, several members of Troop 2012, in partnership with the Savannah Tree Foundation, planted three oak trees at Camp Low as part of GSUSA's Girl Scout Tree Promise. Girl Scouts participating in Serendipity Weekend at the camp assisted with the plantings.



Troop members turned out in force for this year's Legacy of Leadership Luncheon with keynote speaker Dr. Kristen Lear, Girl Scout alum and bat conservationist. Some troop members participated in the evening bat walk, which was great fun.

The High Awards Ceremony was held in Savannah on May 7th. The council honored Sharon Seng with her 60-year membership pin, Monica Harris with her 25-year membership pin, and Carolyn Metroz and Karin Normindan with their 20-year membership pins, Pam Sapp with her 25-year of volunteer service pin, and Milann Gannaway with her 35-year of volunteer service pin. Council also honored Carolyn Metroz and Pam Sapp with the Courage, Confidence and Character Award, Monica Harris with the Outdoor Enthusiast Award, and Tamara Daughtry with the Sustained Service Award.



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much-needed funds to  
support girls at GSHG.

## Gainesville Alumni

We relived some of our Girl Scout memories at the Spring Meeting of Troop 2012 in Gainesville, Georgia on Thursday, May 25, 2023, hosted by Reneigh Satterfield!





## GSHG Alum Spotlight

### Nancy Reimer

Nancy Reimer, a proud Girl Scout alum, became a Brownie in the fall of 1963 and thus began her journey in Girl Scouts with her troop leader Dorothy “Dot” Dowling. She advanced from Junior to Cadette to Senior levels under Dot’s guidance before she graduated high school. Nancy credits Girl Scouts with making her who she is today and says she made a lifetime of memories and friendships through Girl Scouts.

Nancy’s Girl Scout adventures included camping, cooking, canoeing, parades, community service, hiking, summer camps, Eco Action days, Girl Scouts Sundays, badge work, and trips to Gatlinburg, Atlanta, Savannah, the beach, Disney World, and the highlight trip, a two-week stay in Mexico when she was in high school. As an adult Girl Scout, Nancy has served on the 100th anniversary planning committee, chaired a fundraiser for heat and air for the cabins at Camp Okit, and still advocates for donations for Girl Scouts today.

Nancy’s journey with Dot Dowling did not end when she graduated high school. She and Dot reconnected in 2021. Nancy is now calling and visiting Dot weekly. Nancy even hosted Dot’s 88th birthday party in 2022 and is already planning to host her 90th birthday party in 2024! Nancy says she loves spending time with Dot and feels it’s the least she can do for all Dot did for her during her formative years.



## In Memorium

### Ann Glendenning



Vera Ann Skipper Glendenning, 84, of Savannah, Georgia, passed away on March 14, 2023. Ann was a founding member of Troop 2012-Savannah, and a beloved and courageous Girl Scout leader. Ann was the first Ride Leader for BRAG (Bike Ride Across GA), and an active volunteer in church and community.

Ann worked as a nursery school teacher, at The Gingerbread House, with her good friend Carol Giles. After 11 years, she began working at The Village Craftsmen, on River Street, selling her pottery from which she retired in 2011. She spent later years volunteering at the St. Thomas Thrift Store. Ann was a Girl Scout leader and took a group of girls to Wyoming in the summer of 1977, sightseeing on the way to the Girl Scout Camp. She led many girls on camping trips and other Girl Scout adventures. She most recently joined the retired leader troop in Savannah

## Past Events

### **Cookies & Cocktails, Augusta**

The Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia, Edgar's Hospitality, and Goodwill Industries of Augusta partnered for Cookies & Cocktails, a unique Girl Scout event for the Augusta community. On Friday, February 17, chefs created specialty Girl Scout inspired cocktails, appetizers and desserts from iconic Girl Scout cookies! It was a chance to socialize, nibble the special appetizers, drinks and desserts, and support Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia. There were 120 in attendance.



## Augusta

### **Woman of Distinction, Gainesville**

The Gainesville Woman of Distinction recognized Mrs. Mary Lynn Coyle March 15, at the Chattahoochee Country Club. She has truly devoted herself to her family, friends, and community, spending a lifetime working to meet the needs of others.

The Girl Scouts Woman of Distinction award honors a woman who reflects the values in the Girl Scout Promise and Law and who serves as an excellent role model for girls. Mrs. Coyle is the chair for the Northeast Georgia Health System (NGHS) board, which is dedicated to improving health and quality of life in Northeast Georgia.



## Gainesville

### **Legacy of Leadership Luncheon, Savannah**

The Legacy of Leadership Luncheon was held April 19th at the Hyatt Regency Savannah. The keynote speaker was Girl Scout alum Dr. Kristen Lear, an international bat conservationist. GSHG honored Girl Scout alum Jenny Gentry with the Legacy of Leadership award for her impact in the local community.

In conjunction with the luncheon, Dr. Lear held a bat program at Camp Low that evening. Girl Scouts made bat wings, learned bat facts, and went on a bat walk where they were able to use a device that plugs into a mobile phone or tablet and allows you to hear bat echolocations in real time, record them, and identify the species. The girls were able to identify 5 different types of bats during their walk.



## Savannah

### **Women of Distinction, Columbus**

The Columbus Women of Distinction on April 20th, 2023 at the Columbus State University Cunningham Center. It was a delightful evening honoring four amazing women in the local community: Irmgard Cordell, Jennifer Joyner, Dr. Tiffany McBride, and Barbara Motos. Friends and family were able to speak on behalf of the honorees, and GSHG CEO, Sue Else, presented their awards. The emcee for the night was the Region 5 Gold Award Honoree, Nancy Laughbaum, who was able to share her Gold Award project and Girl Scout experience. Special guests included the Muscogee County School Board, State Representative Carolyn Hugley, and United Way of Chattahoochee Valley Directors.



## Columbus

## From First Headquarters to You

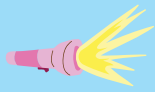
*...I Would Like to Sail the Ocean Blue...*

Spring has sprung and the Daisies – and other Girl Scouts, of course – are in full bloom all over Savannah! “Spring Break Season” is a busy time for historic sites across the city, especially at GSHG’s own Girl Scout First Headquarters Museum. We’ve recently had Girl Scouts of all ages, from our tiniest Daisies to our most experienced Alums, visit from across the nation. One troop who stopped in for a tour in March was a treat to FHQ staff, as well: Troop 6320 from the Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast – a Mariner Troop! The girls made the switch from being a traditional Girl Scout troop to a Mariner troop just prior to the pandemic, and they’ve been learning new skills and planning adventures - on land and water - ever since. Speaking of water; the girls left Wisconsin in a blizzard only to visit Savannah during a time of active thunderstorms. They asked to extend their stay at FHQ to avoid getting caught in one such storm only to end up helping another Girl Scout troop visiting from Tennessee who weren’t as lucky dodging the downpour. Talk about begin friendly and helpful, considerate and caring, and a sister to every Girl Scout!

While Troop 6320 was visiting, because of their understandable interest, we shared a more in-depth history of the Mariner program. We always share some of the basics of Mariner Girl Scouts with our visiting Troops; how they were “launched” in 1934 to give (at that time) “Senior” Girl Scouts additional opportunities to pursue sailing, boating, and other water-based activities. We were also excited to share with them a bit about one of Savannah’s Mariner Troops. In the 1940s, the girls of Senior Troop 21 had earned 21 badges – intentionally, to match their troop number - and achieved their “Curved Bar,” the highest award in Girl Scouting at that time. They were looking for another challenge to tackle, so many of the girls decided to make the switch to the Mariner program. The girls became known as the Mariner Ship “Savannah” (as Mariner’s used honorary ship names rather than troop numbers) and were led by Mrs. Cunningham. Her daughter, Sue, was a member of both Troop 21 and the Ship “Savannah” and two of her uniforms are currently on display in the Museum, including her mariner midy blouse and shorts, seen behind the girls (on the right). We were also glad to allow the girls and leaders to spend time looking through a vintage Mariner handbook with the plan of incorporating some of the traditional activities into their current program.

For more information about the Mariner program, past or present, the Girl Scout High Awards (from the Golden Eagle of Merit to today’s Gold Award), or to just reminisce about Girl Scout history or to share your memories with us, stop by or contact Girl Scout First Headquarters (FHQarchives@gshg.org)





## Troop Spotlight



Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts of Troop 30235, joined by a sister Girl Scout from Troop 549 (SC), took to the water for a much-anticipated white water experience. The troop traveled from Effingham County, GA to Columbus, GA for a weekend that balanced camping, adventure, and time spent hanging out and relaxing with their Girl Scouts sisters.

These amazing young girls arrived after dark at Blanton Creek campground, set up camp, and settled in knowing they had an early morning. They were up with the sun, cooked breakfast on a camp stove and then headed out to White Water Express for their experience on the river. These girls were excited and nervous as they attempted to suit up in wetsuits, something most girls had never worn before. After a quick ride to the put-in spot, they met their guides and loaded the rafts for their trip. Some girls (and adults) were flipped out, tossed out, and some even opted to jump out into the river when given the chance. The guides were all amazing, both in giving instructions and in retrieving the girls from the water. All the girls said that they would definitely go rafting again!

After rafting they spent the rest of the day relaxing at the campsite, hanging out on the dock, and playing cards in the tents. They then enjoyed a rare dinner out at a local pizza shop. "When most of society thinks of Girl Scouts, they imagine younger girls, but these girls are at an age that is golden and I cannot wait until these girls plan their next adventure, and invite me along." said troop leader, Carolyn Metroz.



# Volunteer Opportunities

## Camp Low A.C.T. Workdays (Savannah, GA)

Come help the Adopt-A-Camp Team work on various projects at Camp Low. Projects range from cabin clean up, to painting, brush pick up, building projects, etc. The workday is typically from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., but you don't have to stay the whole time. Upcoming workdays: September 16, 2023, and November 4, 2023. For more information, please contact Diana McDaniel at [dmcdan@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:dmcdan@georgiasouthern.edu).

## Camp Martha Johnson A.C.T. Workdays (Macon, GA)

Come help the Adopt-A-Camp Team work on various projects at Camp Martha Johnson. For more information, please contact the CMJ Adopt-a-Camp Team at [cmjadoptacamp@gmail.com](mailto:cmjadoptacamp@gmail.com).



Mrs. Phyllis Rosen, a Girl Scout Alum in Seattle, Washington, is asking for Girl Scouts near and far to donate their sashes so her quilting group can make a Girl Scout themed quilt. The quilting group is looking mostly for Girl Scout sashes but are willing to accept vests and other uniform pieces. Please keep in mind that the uniform pieces may be taken apart to fill in space on the quilt.

If you decide to donate your sash, please include: your name, a return address, troop number, and special memories from your time in Girl Scouts.

For the mailing address, please contact us at 888-689-1912 or by email at [gshg@gshg.org](mailto:gshg@gshg.org).



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Please include this form and mail your donation to GSHG at 6869 Columbus Rd, Lizella, GA 31052, or visit [www.gshg.org/donate](http://www.gshg.org/donate).

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