



# SILVER AND GOLD

San Francisco Bay Girl Scouts Alumnae

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## GSA Sponsors Luncheon for Gold Award Recipients

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On May 7, of this year The GSA sponsored a luncheon for all the Girls of the San Francisco Bay Area Council who had received their Gold Award. The luncheon was held at the beautiful Crow Canyon Country Club in San Ramon. All the girls and their families and guests enjoyed the fabulous Sunday brunch buffet that the Country Club offers to their members.

Our ceremony started with a flag ceremony done by Martha Bratton's troop. We also had a troop of girls do a presentation in antique uniforms, (thanks to Ann Watrous from the Heritage Committee) telling about the evolution of the Gold Award. They described the Golden Eaglet, Curved Bar, First Class and the Gold Award and what requirements it took to earn each one thru the years. The Gold Award Ceremony was hosted by Terri Hague, Senior Program Specialist. She introduced Linda Boessenecker, our Chief Operating Officer, who spoke to the girls.

After brunch, the ceremony continued with the introduction of the Gold Award Committee, Nancy

Corbin, Carol Horatis, Meridith Forristal and Jean Follette. They were given flowers and gifts from some of the Gold Award recipients. The committee members all said a few words about the job that all the girls had done this year.

After this the girls who had earned their Gold Award came up and shared a bit about their project. The girls were given roses, certificates and pins by the staff members Beverly, Nikki and Linda. The event ended with the retirement of the flag.

The afternoon was fabulous. We received so many compliments and thank yous for

such a memorable event.

Next year we have decided to have this event in January. This way we will be able to accommodate more girls. We feel by moving it to January we won't be in conflict with all the Senior year things going on at the end of the school year. Also the girls who have graduated and have gone on to college, will be home on Winter break in January, and can attend the ceremony if they earned it after the last Luncheon. Plans are under way, if you would like to help contact Marcia McGallian or email her at [the3macs@comcast.net](mailto:the3macs@comcast.net).



## FROM THE CHAIR.....



I hope this Silver and Gold newsletter finds each of you in good health and high spirits as we wind down 2006 and head into a new year. While I haven't spent as much time with each of you this year as I usually get to do, it has been nice to catch up with folks at the various opportunities that Girl Scouting always seems to afford for

reminiscing, sharing, and laughing.

If anyone ever asks me what GSA and Girl Scouting provide to me, I usually say that it's an opportunity to provide service through a volunteer organization dedicated to girls and women. Service is the backbone of Girl Scouting, and it's what I always think of first.

In the year to come, I think we'll see GSA's role continue to grow with the changes that are going on nationwide

with Girl Scouting. We have been asked to provide a greater role in supporting our local council's fund raising efforts, and I know there are those within our organization who can respond to this call through their personal and professional contacts.

For others of us in GSA, we've continued to provide the "in kind" support to Girl Scouts of the San Francisco Bay Area with events such as the Gold Award Recognition Luncheon and

the Holiday Extravaganza, both now in their 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup> years. It's so good to see new traditions being set for GSA and for the Girl Scouts here in the Bay Area as well.

I urge each of you to consider what role service plays for you in GSA and in Girl Scouting, as you reflect on the passing year and look forward to 2007. I hope that everyone finds a way to make it a part of their GSA experience.

With warm regards,

Michelle Luster

WOMENS WEEKEND  
2006

"Running Away to . . ." was the theme for Women's Weekend 2006. GSA had another lovely weekend at Bothin, filled with crafts, work, massages and excellent food!! Here are all the details:

Millie Kwan-Lim and Theresa Northcutt were the coordinators for Women's Weekend 2006. Attendance was slightly lower than previous years but it took the pace down a couple of notches or two to give everyone a

chance to truly enjoy the great company and all of the crafts that were presented.

Some great meals were had by all as they were prepared by a gourmet cook (Mechelle and company) that was hired for the event. In addition, we had also hired a dishwasher (Ben Northcutt) to clean up all pots and dishes. How's that for a treat!!

Besides the great meals, this year's crafts consisted of scrap booking, beaded crafts, altered books,



Japanese twisted boxes, and soap making along with many other personal crafts/ projects.

Thank you Martha, Wendie, Karen, Laura, Felicia, and Mary Ann for leading us this year in the crafts.

The work projects were log splitting (many thanks Wendie for coordinating) and hand sewing for the Heritage Committee. The Heritage Committee also opened the museum for us and displayed a . . . . Continued on Page 3



## Womens Weekend Continued .....



new game based around the book "Olivia's Journey" in the dining hall. The game is set in Savannah Georgia in 1912.

During Saturday lunch, we had another lively annual meeting where we all spoke passionately on a number of items and issues. As expected, the

meeting was not concluded until our next women's weekend chair was selected. Thank you Marcia McGallian for volunteering.

Pamela Atkinson brought her guitar and helped lead songs around the indoor campfire on Saturday night. It was wonderful to see another tradition come full circle.

Thank you everyone and we hope to see you at Women's Weekend 2007. Invite your friends and relatives for another relaxing weekend in sunny Marin.

Theresa Northcutt and  
Millie Kwan-Lim  
Co-chairs  
Women's Weekend 2006

"When it hurts to look back  
and your scared to look ahead  
you can look beside you and  
your best friend will be there."



## The True Story of How Melinda and Jeanette Met



By Jeanette Bemis

A few years ago I found the cover of a Golden Book, *The Pokey Little Puppy* (my favorite childhood story) in which my mother had written that it was a 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday gift from "Malinda." Melinda is exactly 13 months older than I am, so she must have been close to 4 years old, and I was almost 3

the day we met.

I lived at 571 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Melinda lived at 558 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Anza and Geary in the Richmond District of San Francisco. Our backyards were offset about 3 houses. One day I was playing in my backyard when I saw a little girl on the roof of our garage. I asked her to come down and play with me but she couldn't get down.

Melinda was the oldest of the four Howell children. When she was 4, her sister Mary would have been 2, and the twins,

Charlotte and Albert, would have been six months old. Given the family constellation at the Howells, it's quite understandable how Melinda escaped her backyard

unnoticed.

I, on the other hand, was not an "only" child but I might as well have been, since I my sister was 18 and had graduated from high school the month before I was born. My brother, 3 years younger than my sister, was 15 when I was born and he left for college in Utah the year I met Melinda. Consequently I had developed an imaginary playmate named KB to keep me company.

I went into the house and asked my mother to "get the little girl down off the roof so I could play with her." My mother naturally assumed it was my imaginary friend. Born with tenacity (which is often

seen as stubbornness) I persevered until my mother finally consented to come and look. To her amazement there was a real little girl on the roof. My mother helped her down and that's how my lifelong friend, Melinda Christine Howell, came into my life.



### MINUTES GSA Steering Committee 10/26/06

Discussion of wonderful Copia trip.

### Updates from Committee Chairs

#### Service – Marcia

•Gold Award party scheduled for January 7th, 2007 at Crow Canyon Country Club, San Ramon. Will follow the success pattern of last year's party, with many things to do until then.

#### Fun – Michelle for Becky

•March 4th, 2007 Sunday Theatre outing to be planned.

#### Membership

•The two new leaders: Kathie Woolard and Sharon Sagar will work on recruiting new members for GSA, including graduating senior girl scouts at various events.  
•Membership people will follow up on who is a member and who is not.

•New membership booklet will be made.

#### Website - Jackie

•Jackie is busy working on the new updated website, using a new service provider.

#### Money

•Discussion of the SF Bay Girl Scout administration's interest in making GSA a fundraising organization for Girl Scouts. We need more information and feedback. Noted that we've found we are better for providing service.  
•Discussion of Heritage committee donation, \$100 approved.  
•Discussion of Camp Bothin as donation recipient. Need more feedback from members of GSA.

#### Other Business

•Mid-Year meeting will be Sunday, Feb. 11, 2007 at the San Bruno, Carlton Corners Scout House. It will be a potluck. More information to follow.

#### Donation discussion

•Camp Bothin: Coffee pots, plates and cups, etc. they would like. Professional coffee system for camp main hall

suggested.

•\$500 donation for council (in budget) needs to be specific. Not resolved, need suggestions from membership.

•Heritage donation discussed should be separate, \$100 per year. Proposed, seconded and passed.

•Table other donation discussion until Mid-Winter meeting. Ask for suggestions in newsletter to be sent out.

#### History

•Historian should take finished GSA scrapbooks to Bothin Heritage museum where they will be stored and preserved

#### Newsletter

•Finished newsletter: Marcia proposed to be done by Dec. 1st.

#### Miscellaneous

•Holiday extravaganza was November 3rd-5th. (It was a big success and a lot of GSA members volunteered to help.)  
•Heritage museum might need help from GSA for moving in January.

**Next steering  
committee meeting  
January 22nd,  
2007. Monday.**

Women's  
Weekend  
2007

Put on your hats  
and boots and  
come prepared  
for a **Wild West  
Weekend.**  
BBQ – Line  
Dancing – and  
lots of Western  
fun.

Plan to join us  
Sept 8-9-10  
2007

Don't forget to  
register early.

Marcia  
McGallian  
WW'07

## KQED PLEDGE NIGHT

This is to let you know that we are currently recruiting groups for the upcoming March TV Pledge Drive.

All groups must have a minimum of 5 volunteers in order to get the on-air credit.

The following is a list of all shifts that are currently open or "on

hold." We are signing groups up on a first come, first served basis so please e-mail (volunteer@kqed.org) or call Kathy or Susan ASAP at 415-553-2153 for the latest updates and to hold or commit to a shift.

#### Times Available:

##### Sat., 3/4

4:30pm-8:30pm (est.)  
8pm-11pm (est.)

##### Tue., 3/7

6:50pm-11pm (est.)

##### Wed., 3/8

6:50pm-11pm (est.)

##### Thu., 3/9

6:50pm-11pm (est.)

##### Sat., 3/11

3:30pm-7:30pm (est.)

7pm-10:30pm (est.)

##### Sun., 3/12

3:45pm-10pm (est.)

##### Sun., 3/19

3:45pm-11pm (est.)

40 slots open

**These shift times are  
all estimates**

## Holiday Extravaganza 2006 -- Camp Bothin Youth Center

After 12 months planning, this year's Holiday Extravaganza was another HUGH success, serving 83 "older" Girl Scouts and 31 adults. Our Hawaiian theme included yarn leis, and poster sized photographs with colorful tropical background by "Coyote" (Brian Sowers), were loved by everyone. Some girls brought flip-flops to decorate with our fancy yarn.

We were able to offer wood burning (thanks to Jeanette

Bemis); everyday tiaras (thanks to Catherine Reed); jewelry (thanks to Anna VanSyckle); fleece scarves (thanks to Sue VonHagel and Nancy Deras); wood mosaic picture frames (thanks to Wendie Wu); spa package (thanks to Linda Wilson and her co-leader); gel candle and tags (thanks to Karen Johnson and Catherine Ghirarduzzi); designer note cards and folder (thanks to Rita DeLucci); decopage purses (thanks to Katelyn Lucas), and the

colorful calendar tote bags were assisted by Kathie Woolard and many wonderful troop leaders who attended. Special thanks to our council liaison, Joscelyn Lampman (and her friend Keith), who took beautiful photos of the participants. Thanks also Elizabeth Smith, our First Aider, and to Becky Simpson for her scarf patterns and ideas.

A BIG thanks to Carol Nolan and Millie Quan-Lim who stepped up to the plate at the last minute to help with the weekend meals.

Everything was superb! You would have thought Emeril Lagasse was in the kitchen cooking.

We are looking forward to "Holiday Extravaganza 2007" (November 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, & 11<sup>th</sup>), with more new and exciting projects.

*Happy Holidays,*

*Carleen Butz  
and  
Martha Bratton*



The Edible Garden Festival was held at the beautiful COPIA Event center in Napa the Weekend of August 19 and 20 this summer.

Several of us from the GSA Alumnae members attended this event.

It was a festival of

cooking demonstrations, garden programs, wine tasting, live music and more. They had a Festival Marketplace in the morning where you could purchase fresh vegetables, home made jams, jellies and many other delectable items.

They had venues to inspire décor to take home, we were able to watch some of the Bay area's most talented chefs as they created distinctive, lively

## A DAY AT COPIA

dishes using the season's freshest produce.

There was a tour of the "diner culture" exhibition that was really captivating.

The COPIA Event Center is 3 ½ acres of organic edible gardens and an event building. On the grounds we were entertained by two stages with live music. Inside the event building is a restaurant that featured Julia's Kitchen. It was quite spectacular, but we all

ate at the American Market Café. The weather was fabulous, we couldn't have asked for a better day.





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*Mary Beth Thrash*

I was married on May 29<sup>th</sup>. ...  
and moved to North  
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<http://homepage.mac.com/elizabethrose/PhotoAlbum15.html>  
<http://homepage.mac.com/elizabethrose/PhotoAlbum16.html>  
here are the wedding and honeymoon pictures, thus far.

## GSA CALENDAR

### Important Dates to Remember

#### JANUARY 2007

7 – SUNDAY

Gold Award Luncheon – Crow Canyon Country Club  
San Ramon

22 – MONDAY

Steering Committee Meeting – Hayward Cabin

#### FEBRUARY

11 – SUNDAY

Bi- Annual Luncheon Meeting – Scout House  
San Bruno

#### MARCH

4 – Sunday

**Theatre Day - TBA**

#### SEPTEMBER

8 – 9 - 10

Wild West Women's Weekend – Camp Boothin

#### NOVEMBER

9-10-11

Holiday Extravaganza – Camp Boothin

## GSA WEAR

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Jeanette Bemis at 415 587 7183  
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## So you want to help? Looking for. . . .

- Helpers for Gold Award Ceremony Set up – 1/7
- Someone to lead and teach *Line Dancing* at WW07
- Any Western Themed Crafts

If you answered **YES** to any of these - contact Marcia  
McGallian at 510 352-1914 or email [the3macs@comcast.net](mailto:the3macs@comcast.net)