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Late Spring 2003

GIRL SCOUT ALUMNAE DUES

Please help us with mailing costs by paying your annual Girl Scout Alumnae dues of \$14. (Financial aid is available for those who need it or would like to donate to it.)

To maintain money in the mailing budget, we'd like to get your dues by the end of September each year. We will then create an "elapsed membership" list of those who did not send in their dues. These people will be taken off the mailing list until dues are paid.

To pay your GSA dues of \$14, or to request financial aid, update your database information, or be removed from the GSA mailing list, please contact:

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E-mail at Lady_bug7878@yahoo.com .



WOMENS WEEKEND '03 AT CAMP BOTHIN

Once again, women are coming together for a relaxing weekend at Camp Bothin in Marin County. We have reserved the camp for September 5-7 (the weekend after Labor Day).

Join the activities and crafts, or hang out at camp and do your own thing. Bring your book, craft, or guitar and your mom, sister, friend. Make new friends and keep the old!

Cost is just \$50 per person for a full weekend of fun; meals, lodging, and most craft costs are included. Fill out the flyer included with this newsletter and send it in by August 1.

We're looking for more volunteer craft teachers for WW weekend. It should be something you'd like to teach a few others and doesn't cost too much.

To volunteer or for more information, please contact the Rachel McMillan at 925.600.7794.

GSA GOES TO KQED

On Wednesday, March 12, at 6:50 pm, fifteen Girl Scout Alumnae and other adult scouts met at the KQED station in San Francisco to volunteer for KQED's pledge drive. Wearing our GSA shirts, the volunteers enjoyed a catered dinner while being trained to answer the pledge phones.

At 8 pm the fun began. While The Big Band Magic played on TV screens, the GSA volunteers answered calls and socialized with other volunteers. The second session was The American Tenors and we were lucky to have one of the young singers in the studio with us. Some of us even got to shake his hand in between the live interview.

The evening ended about 10:30 pm and everyone went home feeling uplifted and excited that we could support such a worthy cause. In a thank you letter, KQED announced that GSA helped raise \$32,195 that shift.

Our group included Elin & Jorie Abbott, Martha Bratton, Claire Heinzelman, Rachel Kwong, Georgia Mann, Claudia McCarley, Carol & Rachel McMillan, Anne Morris, Mary Anne Shaw, Annelies Squeri, Shari Teresi, & Dolly Verplank. Thanks to Rachel Kwong for rounding up about five other Girl Scout volunteers who were invited to join the GSA.

In return for volunteering, these volunteers were shown on TV in their bold green or blue shirts during the pledge breaks, and GSA was formally thanked at the end of the television program with GSA's name, logo and contact information on the screen.

If you would like to be contacted to volunteer in the future, please let me know. The drives are in the months of March, June, August, and December and are a lot of fun. Our group has volunteered twice now and we have gotten a reputation as a fun and boisterous group.

Carol McMillan,
GSA Vice Chair and KQED Coordinator
510-223-3052

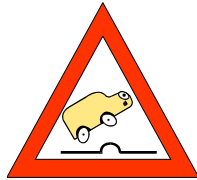
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HONOREES

It came as no surprise that two of our GSA members were honored at the Girl Scouts of San Francisco Bay Area Adult Awards, Luncheon and Silent Auction on April 26, 2003.

Shari Teresi and Dorothy Brown received the Maud Whalen Award. This award is presented to someone who consistently performs above and beyond the expectations, and who is an exceptional role model for other adults and girls.

Jackie Brennan received the Honor Pin which is an award to recognize outstanding service, above and beyond the expectations for the position held. We give great big congratulations to our GSA members. Way to go ladies! Submitted by Carol McMillan and Helen Sitchler.



STILL TRAVELING TOGETHER!

Eleven of the original 14 women, who traveled to Mexico and visited the Cabana a year and a half ago, had a reunion weekend in Calistoga in February. Becky Simpson organized the trip to the wine country along with a fabulous soup and bread dinner for Friday evening. On Saturday, several of the group did the "spa thing" with a massage and a swim in the mineral water pool. Others spent Saturday shopping and wine tasting. The group connected again that evening for a wonderful dinner at a local restaurant and later returning to their rooms for cards, quilting or just gossiping! The highlight of the trip was Sunday lunch at Graystone, the California Culinary Academy. Everything was delicious including the pomegranate margaritas.

The group included: Becky Simpson, Helen Sitchler, Lesley Sklenicka, Mary Anne Shaw, Pat Friedlander, Jorie Abbott, Sara Johnson, Ann Morris, Greta Simpson, Lu Parrish, Carolyn McGee (joining us from Texas) and Priscilla Kennedy. submitted by Pat Friedlander

A NOTE FROM OUR GSA CHAIR

Welcome to another year with Girl Scout Alumnae both old and new GSA members. I look forward to seeing each of you at Women's Weekend, KQED Pledge Drives and all the other GSA events and volunteer activities.

I like to suggest a new GSA Project that everyone can participate in. I'd like to see an Alumnae "scrapbook" at WW.

Wendie is the historian, if she were to receive memories of WW they could be put in scrapbook(s). I am hoping that everyone can bring their photographs and memories, to share and add to the "Alumnae" scrapbook.

Our Girl Scout Council has also asked GSA to assist with putting in a hot tub at Bothin to be used for adult and older girl events. Details to follow.

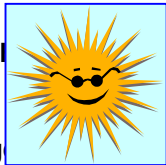
Thanks,
Martha Bratton
GSA Chair

DIANE SURTEES REPORTS FROM REDLANDS COUNCIL IN OKLAHOMA CITY:

Our local Alumnae Association borrowed the SF Bay Alumnae's idea of putting on a bazaar table for fundraising. We raised nearly \$500! A big seller (pulling in over \$100) were the 4 dozen beaded writing pens I made (having learned the technique from Mary Anne at last Women's Weekend). Only half of my pens featured the colored beads, as Mary Anne taught. For the remaining pens, I first covered them with colorful wrapping paper, then wrapped more double-stick tape on top, then rolled in the tiniest clear beads -- very impressive! (the foil and high-gloss wrapping paper is extremely light-catching)

I'd also like to report that we survived the May 8 and May 9 tornados that hit OKC. Our family took cover numerous times in the bathtub when the civil defense sirens sounded. The May 9th tornados were the worst for our area; one hit less than two miles away and we heard it as it passed overhead. All my extended family members (27 in town) are safe. Thanks in advance for keeping the Midwest in your continued weather prayers this summer!

SPOTLIGHT ON A BAILEY



With a smile and a list of connections long as the Nile, Brena Bailey has lent her energy and charm to the Girl Scout Alumnae at two of our past events. Brena first got invited to the Women's Weekend three years ago by her dear friend Betty Tocchini, and has been a great supporter of the group since.

Brena first became involved in Girl Scouts as an adult, helping with her daughter's Junior Troop out of the Buddhist Temple in San Mateo. Though that was better than 10 years ago, and daughter Madeline is now a sophomore in college, Brena's commitment to Girl Scouting remains strong as she ably fills the role of Chair in San Mateo-Foster City Association.

We were all witness to Brena's artsy talents at the 2002 Women's Weekend when she ensnared us as unsuspecting and eager students to the cult, er, craft of pine needle baskets. As a girl growing up in Louisiana, Brena's grandmother introduced her to the art and beauty of the baskets originally woven by Native Americans both for storage and for cooking. We were so fortunate as to learn this wonderful craft last September under her steady and encouraging tutelage, due to its immense popularity Brena taught the craft at Discoveree on January 25th, 2003. Get your raffia and your tapestry needles ready, and break out the arthritis medicine!

Not only is Brena a crafter, she also showed her skills as a veteran party planner as she put together a lovely luncheon for the GSA Midyear Meeting on January 5th, 2003. The luncheon and meeting were held at Carlton Corners, the Girl Scout House in San Bruno. Brena orchestrated the lovely invitations and coordinated a generous and tasty menu of salads, quiches and assorted desserts. In fact, due to the overwhelming popularity of home-cooked food as well as the cozy and convenient location of using a Girl Scout facility for the luncheon and meeting, it was decided that next year's meeting would be a potluck to give everyone the opportunity to share their culinary prowess.

If you've not yet had the opportunity to meet Ms. Brena Bailey, consider yourself introduced, and please be sure to give her a

warm hello the next chance you have to see her. She's great fun and another great member of the Girl Scout Alumnae of the Girl Scouts of the San Francisco Bay Area. Submitted by Michelle Luster

TIDBITS

Those of us who attended the Women's Weekend in September of 2002 enjoyed all the wonderful crafts brought by those organized ladies (and you know who you are). I'm still using my very snazzy beaded pen, wearing my memory wire bracelet with all those great memories of a weekend of Girl Scout fun, using my bread-dough beads as swaps at Association events, and looking at my mournfully unfinished pine needle basket.

That was just to name a few of the great activities we had the chance to participate in. The food was divine, and the company and sisterhood was not to be beaten. Great thanks go out to Brett Collins and her team for organizing such a great event.

On January 5th, we had the GSA Midyear Luncheon and Meeting at Carlton Corners Girl Scout House in San Bruno. There were 17 ladies who attended the meeting, and everyone enjoyed the food and the chance to see their GSA friends. The luncheon and location was organized by Brena Bailey of San Mateo-Foster City Association, and the meeting was run by our Chair, Martha Bratton, our Vice-Chair Carol McMillan, and minutes were taken by recent Past Chair Jeanette Bemis.

If you have specific questions regarding an issue or item, feel free to contact one of the officers referenced above and they'll be happy to bring you up to speed. (Martha at 510.276.1223 or Carol at 510.223.3052)

Submitted by Rachel McMillan



GSA Sings Lively!

Want to reminisce over songs you sang as
a child?

Want to teach your troop songs?

Want to give a special Girl Scout gift?

Send for your song tape while supplies last!
"Sing Lively" has 27 great songs
and comes with a pocket-sized songbook!

Now only \$12 – no extra charge for mailing!

Also available:

GSA Note cards

They have our own logo on the front.
Perfect for those special thank yous or give
as a gift! Pack of 8 notes and envelopes.
Only \$5.00

Send check to:

Girl Scout Alumnae
c/o 105 Hawthorne Way
San Rafael, CA 94903



How to submit articles/content for the GSA Silver and Gold Newsletter

Send your info, questions, & photos:

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Thank You to my SF Bay friends

who wrote testimonial letters about the benefits
of an Alumnae association. Using a mediator
from the NY office, our local group resolved the
issues with our council. We believe we came
out smelling like roses, but better yet: we will not
be forced to disband our Alumnae!

Thank you, again, for your support!

Diane from Oklahoma

GSA Mid-Year Meeting (January 5, 2003) Condensed Minutes

The meeting was held at and coordinated by
Chair Martha Bratton and Brena Bailey. Past
Chair Jeanette Bemis reiterated GSA's decision
to hold our annual meeting in September at
Women's Weekend and to elect our officers at
that time. Thus the January meeting is
considered mid-year.

Dues will be collected with Women's Weekend
Registration. Those who do not pay dues, nor
request financial aid, will be archived and not
sent newsletters. However, their names will
remain in the database.

The recruitment brochure will be revised by a
committee of GSA members.

The GSA Newsletter should be issued twice a
year. Melina Bratton will coordinate it and she
will work with Rachel McMillan, Brena Bailey,
and Michelle Luster for circulation.

Vice Chair Carol McMillan reported favorable
interest to repeat our stint on KQED Auction
Night. It was fun and excellent publicity for Girl
Scouts.

Becky Simpson will complete the
Red/White/Blue quilt from last Women's
Weekend in time for the Auction at the Annual
Council Meeting and Luncheon.

Women's Weekend 2003 will be under the
leadership of Rachel McMillan. Melinda Comier
will coordinate the food and Helen Sitchler the
service project.



A Note from E K Butler:

I am alive and (fairly) well up here in Bellingham WA. My Girl Scout commitment on the Service Unit Team is meeting card sender-outer to the leaders, which I enjoy creating on my computer. I also set up a display in our library during March featuring some of my old GS stuff and some contemporary items, "Girl Scouts then and now".

My daughter, Heidi's Junior troop meets in my family room downstairs and I enjoy that contact. As a service project for me they cleaned up my backyard, which was in bad shape and dug a fire pit there, rimmed with rocks so they can have campfires. On my recent trip to CA I went out to Bothin to visit my "things" in the Heritage Museum, and met with Mary Nordquist and the committee. What a great project. It was 75 years ago this summer that I first attended Girl Scout camp in New Jersey. Time flies when you are having fun!! I have Scouted across the generations. I really enjoy reading your newsletter, and wonder how much I owe for my dues??.

Best to you all....ek butler

DISCOVEREE

Thanks go out to all of the GSA members who volunteered to work and lead workshops in January at Discoveree 2003.

Jackie Brennan, Workshop Leader Co-Liaison
 Anna Van Syckle, Workshop Leader Co-Liaison
 Phyllis Lun, Lunch Coordinator
 Carol McMillan, Traditional Girl Scout Songs
 Rachel McMillan, Traditional Girl Scout Songs
 Sharon Collins, Geometric Shapes
 Brett Collins, Geometric Shapes
 Paula Ash, Crocheting
 Brena Bailey, Pine Needle Baskets
 Martha Bratton Angels, Dolls, Baskets, Stenciling
 Melina Bratton Angels, Dolls, Baskets, Stenciling
 Anne Morris, Serenading
 Carol Shaini, Papermaking
 Mary Anne Shaw, Memory Wire Bracelets
 Becky Simpson, Amate Bark Painting
 Sara Johnson, Amate Bark Painting

GIRL SCOUTS ALUMNAE **Girl Scouts of San Francisco Bay Area** **Financial Summary 1/01/03 to 5/02/03**

Submitted by Millie Kwan-Lim, GSA Treasurer

INCOME	Amount
Category	
Song Tapes	
Song Tapes - Direct	\$ 144.00
Song Tapes - Council	\$ 64.00
Stationary	\$ -
Sportswear	\$ -
Pins	\$ -
Dues	\$ 29.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 300.00
Total	\$ 537.00

EXPENSES	Amount
Category	
Postage	\$ 75.51
Meetings	
Meeting Fees	\$ -
Meeting Supplies	\$ 51.57
Meeting Expenses	\$ 73.16
Bank Fees	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 339.82
Donations	\$ -
Total	\$ 540.06

Checkbook

Beginning Balance	\$5,680.79
Checks Paid Out	\$ 290.06
Deposits	\$ 537.00
Funds set aside for new brochure	\$ 250.00
Available funds for use	\$5,677.73