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Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois holds 1st Annual Meeting *Board of Directors and CEO recognize outstanding volunteers*

Pam Krauss from Columbia earns Girl Scouts Thanks Badge

Kathy Adams from Altamont earns the Honor Pin

Mary Armes from West Frankfort earns the Honor Pin

Tammy Klapetzky from Okawville earns the Honor Pin

Marsha York from Godfrey earns the Appreciation Pin

Girl Scout Service Unit 511 from Effingham County earns the President's Award

Glen Carbon, Illinois – The Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois (GSSI) held its 1st Annual Meeting on March 27 at the Fountains Conference Center in Fairview Heights, Illinois. During the meeting, approximately 200 Girl Scout delegates from throughout southern Illinois elected Board of Director members, received a “State of the Council” report from Rebecca A. Clark, Board of Director Chair, and Villie M. Appoo, GSSI Chief Executive Officer. In addition, the Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois recognized top volunteers and named GSSI’s President’s Award winner, which this year was awarded to Service Unit 511 from Effingham.

Pam Krauss, a long-time volunteer from Columbia, was awarded the Girl Scouts’ Thanks Badge. The Thanks Badge recognizes an adult member whose performance is truly outstanding and benefits the total council or entire Girl Scout movement. For the past 10 years, Pam has been Columbia area Girl Scout Day Camp director, is the

Service Unit Training Coordinator, Council Trainer, archery instructor and is a member of the Council Leadership Team which plans and conducts leadership trainings for Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors. Previously, Ms. Krauss has earned the Outstanding Leader and Outstanding Volunteer Awards and earned the Girl Scout Appreciation Pin and the Girl Scout Honor Pin.

Kathy Adams from Altamont was awarded the Honor Pin which recognizes a volunteer who has delivered outstanding service to two or more Service Units. Kathy has been in Girl Scouting for more than 20 years and is a former troop leader and Service Unit Director. She currently is the Wassatoga Day Camp chef. She previously has earned the Outstanding Leader Award, the Appreciation Pin and is a Girl Scout Lifetime Member.

Mary Armes from West Frankfort was awarded the Honor Pin which recognizes a volunteer who has delivered outstanding service to two or more Service Units. Mary is a Service Unit Director, Council Trainer, Co-Service Unit Cookie Manager and Service Unit Registrar. She has provided continuous Girl Scout service for more than 21 years and has previously earned the Outstanding Volunteer Award and the Leadership Development Pin.

Tammy Klapetzky from Okawville was awarded the Honor Pin which recognizes a volunteer who has delivered outstanding service to two or more Service Units. Currently, Tammy is the Co-Service Unit Director, Service Unit Cookie Manager, Service Unit Registrar, Troop co-leader and Service Unit Event Planner. She also began the Gift of Caring program where more than 3,000 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies were shipped to service members deployed overseas.

Marsha York from Godfrey was awarded the Appreciation Pin which recognizes an adult volunteer who has delivered outstanding service to at least one Service Unit. Marsha is very active in Girl Scouting and currently serves as a troop leader, Day Camp Director, Service Unit Event Planner and is a former Service Unit Director.

“We were very pleased to present these awards to our wonderful and dedicated volunteers,” said Ms. Appoo. “They are shining examples of the outstanding work our volunteers are doing to provide leadership opportunities and services to all girls in southern Illinois and moving GSSI from Good to Great!”

In addition, GSSI presented Outstanding Leader Awards to Sarah Anderson, Julia Merriman and Lesa Patton from the Jersey County Service Unit and Outstanding Volunteer Awards to JoAnna Espique, Lebanon; Theresa Gratton, Alton; Kathy Hoene, Teutopolis; Cheryl Stutzman, O’Fallon; Lisa Will, Effingham and Dean Wombacher from Mascoutah.

“The Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois provides unique and interesting programs and valuable leadership experiences for girls throughout southern Illinois and I am pleased to have the opportunity to work with volunteers like these outstanding award winners who on a daily basis provide the leadership and resources that are needed to build girls of courage, confidence and character. We couldn’t provide all the wonderful program and experiences for our girls without caring and committed volunteers like those recognized at the annual meeting,” said Ms. Appoo.

The Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois became operational on October 1, with the successful merging of the Girl

Scouts of River Bluffs and the Girl Scouts of Shagbark councils. GSSI is a high-capacity Girl Scout council serving approximately 14,500 girls and 4,800 adult volunteers in 40 ½ counties in southern Illinois.

Girl Scouting has inspired more than 50 million girls and women since its founding in 1912. As we approach the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouting, councils nationwide are joining in a historic organizational transformation centered around the best leadership development experience for girls in the 21st century, while ensuring the traditions and values that have been core to Girl Scouting since its beginning remain strong and relevant.

The Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois is a not-for-profit organization supported by various United Ways throughout the region. The Girl Scouts is a Proud Partner of United Way.

For more information, please call Jay Strobel at (618) 692-0692 or Tricia Higgins at (618) 242-5079.

The Girl Scout Mission: Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place.

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GSSI Recognizes Top Volunteers at First Annual Meeting

On March 27, Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois (GSSI) recognized its exemplary volunteers during its 1st Annual Meeting, held at The Fountains Conference Center in Fairview Heights. "Girl Scout volunteers are very special people...Their dedication inspires us all," said Carolyn Brooks, GSSI Director of Volunteer Development. Awards were presented to several volunteers who provided particularly noteworthy service. Awardees were first nominated for recognition by their peers; these nominations were then reviewed by GSSI's Adult Recognition Committee, a volunteer-comprised group who recommends recognitions to the council. Please recognize the following GSSI volunteers who were selected to receive honors:



Pam Krauss with GSSI Board Chair Rebecca Clark, GSSI CEO Villie M. Appoo and GSSI Director of Volunteer Development Carolyn Brooks.

Pam Krauss Awarded Thanks Badge

Pam Krauss of Columbia was the recipient of the Thanks Badge, an honor bestowed upon volunteers whose performance is truly outstanding and benefits the total council or the entire Girl Scout Movement. Pam serves GSSI as a Council Trainer, Day Camp Director, Service Unit Training Coordinator, and Archery Instructor. She is also on the Council Leadership Team, planning and conducting Leadership Trainings for Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors. Among her other achievements, she was instrumental in starting the Program Aid training program during day camp and is an invaluable asset to council level program opportunities such as Kamp Kaper and Summer Sizzler.

Kathy Adams, Mary Armes, and Tammy Klapetzky Receive Honor Pin

The Honor Pin is presented to volunteers actively giving outstanding service in two or more Service Units. Kathy Adams of Altamont, Mary Armes of West Frankfort and Tammy Klapetzky of Okawville were selected to receive the Honor Pin.

Kathy Adams has provided the council with over 20 years of continuous service and is considered a leader and motivator of girls and adult Girl Scouts in her region. Through her role as a Day Camp Chef, she has shared her love and talent for outdoor cooking, as well as a contagious enthusiasm for Girl Scouting and the new experiences it brings.

Mary Armes has provided over 21 years of continuous service and has served on the Council Cookie Committee. She serves currently as a Service Unit Director, Council Trainer, Co-Service Unit Cookie Manager, Delegate Chair and Service Unit Registrar. Her commitment, advice and moral support have helped to retain both girls and adults in Girl Scouting.

Tammy Klapetzky is a Co-Service Unit Director, Service Unit Cookie Manager, Service Unit Registrar, Troop Co-leader and Service Unit Event Planner. She has also served on Council advisement committees for the Girl Scout Gold and Girl Scout Silver awards. She has planned, organized and implemented the Gift of Caring Program to share Girl Scout cookies with U.S. servicemen and women who are deployed overseas, as well as provided extraordinary assistance to GSSI's Product Sales Team.

Pictured from Top: Kathy Adams, Mary Armes, Tammy Klapetzky with GSSI Representatives (left to right) Rebecca Clark, GSSI Board Chair, Villie M. Appoo, GSSI CEO and Carolyn Brooks, GSSI Director of Volunteer Development





Marsha York with GSSI Board Chair Rebecca Clark & GSSI CEO Villie M. Appoo

Marsha York Awarded Appreciation Pin

The Appreciation Pin recognizes adult volunteers who have delivered outstanding service to at least one Service Unit. Marsha York of Godfrey was presented the Appreciation Pin for her outstanding contribution to Service Unit 101, which serves Girl Scouts in the Alton, Godfrey, Wood River and Roxana region. Marsha has served as a troop leader for a decade, keeping girls from several different schools together in one troop. She has also served as a Service Unit Co-Director, Troop Organizer/Consultant, and Day Camp Director. Through her efforts, the Service Unit 101 Day Camp has continued to grow every year.

Service Unit 511 of Effingham County Awarded Presidents Pin

The President's Award recognizes a Service Unit Team who moves its area toward achievement of Girl Scout council goals. Headed by Service Unit Director Dawn Quicksall, Service Unit 511 has currently surpassed its 2010 girl membership goal and is outpacing last year's progress. The Service Unit Team Members have cultivated local community support of Girl Scouting and support to the council's annual golf tournament. In addition, the Service Unit team maintains ongoing communication with each troop and Leaders, for instance, by establishing a "Yahoo" e-mail group as a means of communicating among volunteers in the Service Unit. The Team also sends letters and postcards to girls, particularly in the summer months, to remind them of upcoming events and keep them active in Girl Scouting. Furthermore, Service Unit 511 conducts "mini" United Way presentations at the first two service unit meetings of the membership year urging volunteers to support the United Way and describing how that supports translates into assistance to Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois.



Service Unit 511 Director Dawn Quicksall with GSSI Board Chair Rebecca Clark, GSSI CEO Villie M. Appoo and Director of Volunteer Development Carolyn Brooks

Six GSSI Volunteers Receive Outstanding Volunteer Honors

The Outstanding Volunteer award is for an adult member, in a position other than Troop Leader, whose service benefits a service unit in a way that is beyond the expectations of the position. Outstanding Volunteer award recipients were acknowledged during the GSSI Annual Meeting and will receive their awards during special ceremonies in their respective service units. Award winners were JoAnna Es-pique of Lebanon, Theresa Gratton of Alton, Kathy Hoene of Teutopolis, Cheryl Stutzman of O'Fallon, Lisa Will of Effingham and Dean Wombacher of Mascoutah.

Three Jefferson County Volunteers Receive Outstanding Leader Honors

The Outstanding Leader award is for a troop leader or co-leader whose performance in working with girls is so outstanding that it merits recognition.

Sarah Anderson, Julia Merriman and Lesa Patton, all of Service Unit 30 from Jefferson County, were recognized as Outstanding Leader Award winners during the GSSI Annual Meeting. The volunteers will receive their awards during special awards ceremony in their service unit.

Congratulations

to all GSSI volunteer award winners!

To learn more about Adult Recognitions and the nomination process,

please visit the Volunteer section

of our website at

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