



# Inspire!

Girl Scouts of Northern California  
Spring 2011



Girl Scout Junior Troop 70181 from McKinleyville organized a book drive to benefit the Africa Library Project.

## Woman of Distinction, Iconic Chef and Girl Scout Alumna Cindy Pawlcyn



Cindy Pawlcyn and emcee Sara Cakebread

Girl Scouts of Northern California hosted the gala dinner honoring Cindy Pawlcyn on February 3 at Charles Krug Winery in St. Helena.

An icon in the world of cooking, Cindy is a pioneer of wine country cuisine and one of the first proponents of the farm to table philosophy. **A former Girl Scout herself, Cindy earned her cooking badge at age eight.** Cindy is executive chef and owner of three Napa Valley restaurants and has authored four cookbooks. She was featured on Top Chef Masters and oversees all restaurant and catering operations at Monterey Bay Aquarium.

***"This award means a lot to me. It's heart-warming to know girls are still into scouting and that I might actually be a role model."***

**This sold-out event netted \$25,000, including \$14,000 for outreach programs in Sonoma and Napa counties.**

## National Young Woman of Distinction Monisha Dilip

Every year, Girl Scouts of the USA recognizes 10 outstanding Girl Scouts who demonstrate exceptional service through Girl Scouts. Congratulations to Monisha Dilip from our Northern California Council!

Monisha's Gold Award Project created a "cyber-café" in Chennai, India for people with print media disabilities (including blindness, low-vision, severe learning- and/or physical disability that prevents them from using books). Through Monisha's international network of support, she and friends raised money to buy computers and create a free internet browsing center exclusively for the print disabled. Monisha's project makes it possible to offer computer classes to help people read, use text-to-speech software, browse media, find jobs and become independent. Monisha is especially gratified to know her project will put many children on the path of literacy and education.



# LEGO Robotics Tournament

Recently, 139 students had an opportunity to design and build their own robots using LEGOs, the popular plastic pieces used to assemble models of everything from trains to airplanes, at NASA Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, California.



NASA Ames Research Center is a longtime collaborative partner for our Girls Go Tech programs and recently hosted the inaugural FIRST LEGO League (FLL) tournament at Moffett Field. Young students form teams to design and build their own robots using LEGOs. The competition allows students to practice hands-on critical thinking using math, science and engineering skills. More than 50% of the participants were all-girl teams!

**One Girl Scout Team from Cupertino, called “4EverGreen,” won the top award – the Champions Award – for their overall strength in all four categories: robot performance, robot design, teamwork and project.** Shoba Krishnan, Girl Scout Board Member and a mentor from the 4EverGreen team, said that two of the girls from the team plan on earning their Girl Scout Silver Award by organizing summer workshops on programming and robot design. The Silver Award is the highest award earned by Girl Scout Cadettes. Go Girls!

## Do You “LIKE” Us?

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Search for: Girl Scouts of Northern California and click “Like!”



## S.D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation

Donor Profile

The S.D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation has partnered with Girl Scouts of Northern California for eight years, providing funding to launch long-standing programs like Girls Go Tech (launched in 2004) and Girl Scouts Save The Bay (launched in 2005; now called Green By Nature). **Recently, the foundation awarded a \$100,000 grant for our Tech Choices program, as well as \$125,000 to fund ongoing outreach efforts in San Francisco, Oakland and Richmond.** Over the years the S.D. Bechtel, Jr. foundation has been extraordinarily responsive to the varying needs of Girl Scouts. Thank you!

## Girl Scouts are Green By Nature!



Girls in Gualala planted 110 trees with the help of community partners and as part of our Forever Green Tree Planting project.

## The Sierra Club Foundation

### Donor Profile

Since 2007, The Sierra Club Foundation has supported our Green By Nature program with \$144,000. Their unique funding has enabled us to increase outdoor experiences for girls everywhere, and especially for girls in low income neighborhoods where they may not have access to outdoor spaces and programs. In particular, **The Sierra Club Foundation helps fund transportation for low-income girls which is a major barrier to those outdoor experiences. In 2010, we were able to serve 12,600 girls throughout Northern California!**

## Did you know...?

- ...Our Green By Nature (GBN) program and Girls Go Tech (GGT) program teamed up to create a cutting-edge curriculum. **We combined environmental challenges WITH technological solutions!** How's that for a dynamic duo?
- ...In 2009-2010 GBN provided Girl Scouting, **environmental stewardship and outdoor experiences to 3,400 youth** that would never have had the opportunity.
- ...Over 600 Girl Scouts pledged and campaigned to neighbors and family to **reduce their carbon footprint** by lowering thermostats, turning off water faucets, and driving less!
- ...**Nature-Smart kids** (who have regular exposure to nature) demonstrate strong knowledge of science, conflict resolution, and are more cooperative, show improved self-esteem and are more motivated to learn. WOW!
- ...In 2011, with help from volunteers, funders and community partners, we will install an **instructional organic garden at Camp Bothin in Fairfax**. It's AMAZING what a garden can do: Connect youth with the outdoors, encourage healthy eating and cooking, integrate multiple concepts (math, science, history, tradition) into building a sustainable program for future generations.



# Wells Fargo Supports Outreach Programs

Donor Profile

Thank you to Wells Fargo, who donated \$10,000 to the Got Choices program for at-risk girls. **Reaching out to girls in shelters, detention centers and students at-risk, the program uses group dynamics to create the safety and support of a “family system” to help the girls make positive changes in their lives.**

Debra Rossi, Executive Vice President of Merchant Services and Girl Scouts of Northern California Board Member since 2005, was instrumental in securing this grant. “When my daughter was in the Girl Scouts, I watched many young girls benefit from learning to set and achieve goals and they had the advantage of secure and supportive home lives,” Rossi said. The Got Choices program offers the same important mentoring to young women from less stable backgrounds, whether they are already in the justice system or headed in that direction.”



## Got Choices teaches girls practical life skills:

- ✓ Managing stress & peer pressure
- ✓ Job interviewing
- ✓ College readiness
- ✓ Financial literacy and budgeting.

*Wells Fargo executives Jim Foley and Debra Rossi present a \$10,000 donation to the Girls Scouts of Northern California: Marina Park, CEO; Maria Buxbaum, Director of the Got Choices program and Nicole Jones, Community Development Director, Outreach.*

## Join the Girl Scout Alumnae Association!

There is no one who better knows the positive impact that Girl Scouting can have on a girl than a former Girl Scout! Our Girl Scout alumnae are an important part of our Girl Scout family, reconnecting with us as adults to help support our lifechanging Girl Scout program with girls today!

Are you a former Girl Scout who wants to reconnect? Whether you'd like to give your time as a volunteer, make a financial donation, or stay connected with other Girl Scout alumnae, our Girl Scout Alumnae Association is the place for you! **As we celebrate our 100th Anniversary of Girl Scouting and launch our second century of transforming the lives of girls, we have lots of ways for you to get involved.**

You can visit [www.GirlScoutsNorCal.org/alumnae](http://www.GirlScoutsNorCal.org/alumnae) to learn more, including how to join our national alumnae association, get involved in one of our active alumnae chapters in the North Coast and San Francisco Bay Area, and attend special alumnae events! You can also find our Girl Scout Alumnae group on LinkedIn, and stay informed by following GSNorCal on Facebook and Twitter.

We'd love to have you continue your involvement in our rich and vibrant movement!



## A 73-Year Wait, and Finally a Golden Eaglet!



Nancy Morrow celebrated her 89th birthday at a quiet retirement home on the Peninsula. Nancy has great stories to tell. She grew up in Oregon, joined the Army and was promoted to Lt. Colonel - a rare achievement for a woman in the 1940s. But it always bothered her that although she met all the requirements in 1937 for the Golden Eaglet (the highest honor in Girl Scouts between 1919 and 1939), she never received the award. Her mother was a senior volunteer within the local Girl Scouts and thought it would show favoritism for Nancy to receive the award.

This year Nancy's family and friends traveled from Australia, New York, Tennessee, Georgia, Colorado, and San Jose for her birthday. Each family group surprised her as one by one they entered the room. Girl Scouts was the final surprise. As CEO Marina Park entered the room, Nancy didn't miss a beat, **"Girl Scouts! I loved being a Girl Scout. And, do you know, I met every requirement to earn the Golden Eaglet, but mother was the commissioner and wouldn't let me have it because it would show favoritism."** Well, there you had it - the story the family had been hearing for 73 years.

Marina presented Nancy with a plaque and read from an original 1934 Girl Scouts pamphlet about the Golden Eaglet so her family would understand why this missing award meant so much to her.



*Golden Eaglet Pin (1919-1939)*



Girl Scout Daisies cross the Sundial Bridge in Redding as they symbolically "bridge" to the next level of Girl Scout Brownies.

Girl Scout Junior Troop 70065 (right) earned their Bronze Awards by spending 15 hours to move rocks and build fences and pens for rescued horses at the NorCal Equine Rescue Center in Oroville.



# Congratulations to our Gold Awardees!

We are proud to list the 240 girls who earned the highest award in Girl Scouting, the Gold Award. This list includes girls since our last Inspire Newsletter (October 2009) through part of the 2011 year.

Adriana Aboumrad	Mary Kate Dec	Natalie Laconsay	Sarah Sampson
Sonia Abraham	Rachel DeMatei	Katie Lanfranki	Julie Sanders
Miranda Adams	Dana Deras	Michelle Langlois	Andrea Say
Ali Albiani	Kathleen Doi	Megan Langner	Haley Schmidt
Mary Albright	Spencer Ann Downing	Allison Lee	Phoebe Schmidt
Melissa Ali-Santosa	Asha DuMonthier	Miriam Lennig	Risha Shah
Katherine Almas	Shirley Duong	Olivia Leong	Carly Shelar
Jackie Andreucci	Annie Dupont	Nicole Lindars	Alice Shen
Nicole Andrews	Sarah Dutchover	Teresa Liu	Kathy Shield
Sarah Andrewson	Kristin Easley	Priscilla Lok	Achira Sheth-Shah
Amberlee Armintrout	Petra Eberspacher	Megan Long	Catherine Shir
Ashleigh Armstrong	Amanda Eisenberg	Claudia Lovell	Emily Shively
Erin Ashe	Amanda Erb	Katie Lund	Kimberly Sims
Sarah Aspell	Megan Estelita	Stephany Ly	Kali Slaughter
Madeline Atkinson	Katie Evans	Taylor Lyons	Alexa Smith
Margaux Attard	Donna Farvard	Dana Maccarone	Marion Mae Smith
Alyson Au	Katherine Feaster	Valerie Major	Erika So
Christine Austin	Katie Felong	Maya Maniar	Carolyn Spahr
Kelsey Bagelmann	Erica Filarski	Aly McDonald	Lauren Speers
Amelia Bell	Paige Fischer	Lauren McQuinn	Kim Stephenson
Catherine Binder	Christine Franks	Karen Meng	Emily St. Pierre
Sasha Bishop	Shelby Funez	Casey Mensinger	Mariela Stuber
Kellyn Blaisdell	Connie Gardner	Sierra Mitchell	Valerie Su
Emily Blemker	Christina Garges	Victoria Morgan	Rebecca Sullivan
Gabriela Blum	Sarah Gasman	Leslie Moura	Michele Sum
Jessica Bondi	Abigail Gebhart-Hardin	Laura Murphy	Jackie Summers
Hannah Borosky	Caitlin Giddings	Stephanie Nakamae	Rachel Sweet
Sally Branscum	Natalia Giles	Swathi Narahari	Amanda Swenson
Anne Bremer	Carolyn Glaser	Jacqueline Neuman	Janel Takeda
Megan Bridge	Janece Graves	Elizabeth Newey	Kaitlyn Tallarico
Emily Brock	Hilary Golden	Neris Newton	Charlotte Tanner
Laurel Brodzinsky	Cristina Gonzalez	Ivy Nguyen	Natasha Thapliyal
Taylor Brown	Haley Graham	Nhi Nguyen	Emily Thomas
Julianne Marie Butz	Jenna Green	Stephanie Nguyen	Haley Thomas
Nicole Diane Brunn	Erin Griffey	Andrea Nishimi	Jane Thomas
Megan Cable	Karen Gruschka	Kanani Okamitsu	Emily Truax
Kaycee Lynn Calleja	Lindsay Hamilton	Lyndsie Okumura	Jacqueline Uranga
Ellen Cannon	Evangeline Healy	Elena Olufson	Sarah Vanek
Bridget Carlson	Cara Henderson	Victoria Owens	Katherine Walton
Rachel Cefalu	Lisa Hendryx	Kiran Palla	Samantha Watt
Stephanie Cervi	Jessie Hernandez	Punam Patel	Laura Weber
Annelise Chin	Amanda Hillar	Courtney Payne	Alyssa Wendt
Taylor Chin	Olivia Hirsch	Meghan Perfect	Laura Wetherell
Michelle Chu	Nicole Hoey	Anna Perry	Sierra Wheeler
Claire Coffrin-St.Julien	Katie Hoffman	Lin Philpott	Anna Wietelmann
Sydney Collins	Hayley Hofstetter	Shannon Powers	Kailin Williams
Deanna Colombo	Annika Holmlund	Danielle Pruitt	Brendalyn Wilson
Corinne Cooper	Andrea Hoyt	Abirami Rajasegaran	Ellen Wilson
Kate Cooper	Megha Jain	Chelsea Randel	Leanne Woehleke
Nicole Cooper	Katelyn Jarvis	Jennifer Reed	Rachel Wolfson
Julia Cratty	Colette Jaycox	Heather Reichenberg	Adrienne Wong
Chelsea Crawford	Shelby Jennings	Alanna Reyes	Emily Wright
Ada Crutchfield	Paige Johnson	Kayla Rice	Karen Wright
Madison Cullen	Allison Jones	Audrey Riddle	Michelle Yee
Marissa Cunha	Alexis Kageyama	Madeline Riley	Phoenix Ying
Lindsey Cunningham	Brittany Kelleher	Sarah Riley	Elise Zarri
Malia Curby	Caety Klingman	Hannah Robinson	Sophie Zeck
Heather Dale	Katie Knutson	Sarah Romero	Cheyenne Ziermann
Georgina Daly	Candice Koh	Laura Rossiter	Jessica Ziganti
Briana Davis	Rebecca Krantman	Aura Roy	Danielle Zimmermann

# Remembering Our Girl Scout Friends

Girl Scouts treasure friendships – both new and old. We lost some longtime friends this year, but we will always remember their profound impact on the Girl Scout Movement.



**Jacque Ginn** – Lifelong Girl Scout who held almost every volunteer position during her 73 years as a member. She will be remembered most as a trainer extraordinaire and a whimsical potter.

**Mary Givens** – Saratoga, California. Longtime volunteer, troop leader and service team member in the 1970s and 1980s while her daughters were girl members. Mary was also vice president of the Board of Directors for Santa Clara County Council.

**Lynn Esposito Kovach** – Gilroy, California. Girl Scout Cadette troop leader who loved to cook, camp, bike, and hike with her three children.

**Robert J. Streich** – Napa, California. Robert and his late wife, Ellen, were longtime donors and volunteers for Girl Scouts, particularly the Napa Solano Council.

## **Richard Goldman**

– San Francisco, California. Longtime supporter of Girl Scouts. He and his late wife, Rhoda, credited their love of nature with their experiences in Scouting. With funding from The Richard & Rhoda Goldman Fund, Richard helped launch Girl Scouts Save The Bay (now called Green By Nature) and continued to fund the program for more than five years. We honored him as our 2009 Person of Distinction Honoree.



## **Jody Bannon Ludwig**

– Redwood City, California. Longtime volunteer and troop leader who looked forward to every summer as “Willow” at Girl Scout day camp in Huddart Park. Jody made a bequest to Girl Scouts to support recognition of Gold Awardees.



**Rene Lepiane-Newberry** – San Jose, California. Staff member with Girl Scouts of Santa Clara County for 10 years. Well known for her positive energy, kind spirit, sense of humor, and great laugh. She was a beloved Camp Metro director for several years.

**Michael Meese** – Kelseyville, California. Michael was a member and service unit volunteer for three years with wife, Michelle, who is our staff community development director for the region.

**Kris Olson** – Menlo Park, California. Longtime troop leader and volunteer at Girl Scout day camp in Huddart Park. Kris led her troop for 12 years and helped her girls earn their Gold Award. She also took her troop to Our Cabaña, World Center in Mexico.

**Meg Quiggle** - Chico, California. Found her first job after graduating from Stanford University as a Girl Scout Field Worker in San Jose in 1945. In 1966 she became Executive Director of Girl Scouts of Sierra Cascade Council, a position she held for 8 years. In her retirement she followed Girl Scout activities and maintained long time Girl Scout friendships.

## **Shirley Smith**

– Morgan Hill, California. Longtime volunteer who tirelessly served the Gilroy and Morgan Hill Girl Scout community as treasurer and historian, and touched many lives as a mentor and trainer. Shirley earned many Girl Scout awards during her 45 years as a member.



**Amber “Calvin” Stumbaugh** – Longtime camper, CIT and staff member at Camp Skylark Ranch.

## **Margaret Wiltshire**

– Kenwood, California. Longtime volunteer who organized a troop of 18 blind girls in the East Bay.



## Girl Scouts are so **COLORFUL!**

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*Girls and dads from San Leandro and San Lorenzo hosted a cake auction to raise money for the Family Partnership Campaign.*



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## The Girl Scout Mission

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

## Diversity & Inclusion

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