



## ***Be a Voice for Girls***

***Support and champion girls in reaching their full potential as leaders in society.***

*You are receiving this newsletter because Girl Scouts of Orange County recognizes you as a Voice for Girls in Orange County (donor, alum, or Voice for Girls event attendee). You may have previously received separate donor, alum, or Voice for Girls newsletters from us. This new streamlined format is sent quarterly and includes inspiring stories and opportunities to be a champion for girls' and women's leadership in Orange County.*

## **Spring has sprung and Girl Scouts across Orange County are ready to blossom!**

What a hopeful spring this is turning out to be! Following a year filled with more challenges than we could have ever anticipated, we face a year of renewal as Orange County Girl Scouts begin to safely return to some normality. Nothing is more gratifying than seeing our girls and their troop leaders reconnect as they embrace life-changing Girl Scout opportunities to grow, give back, and change the world.

We hope you are doing well too and can't wait to "see" you at **Voice for Girls 2021** in just a couple of weeks. If you haven't yet registered for our FREE virtual program on **May 7th**, please do because you won't want to miss out. Keynote Andrea Bastiani Archibald, a renowned developmental psychologist and former GSUSA executive, will examine the importance of the all-girl environment in developing our future female leaders. We also have an impressive panel of female business and community leaders who will discuss how female affinity groups have

impacted their organizations.

Preparing girls for a lifetime of opportunity and leadership – it’s a vital mission we feel privileged to advance every day – a mission we could not succeed in fulfilling without supporters like you! Thank you, and be well.

Yours,



Vikki Shepp

## Girl Scouts – Rockin’ Rockets



Blast off! Girl Scouts in our Rockin’ Rockets program safely gathered to watch the launch of their model rockets on April 11. Girl Scouts built their rockets during a virtual event in December that was guided by volunteers from Northrop Grumman, Raytheon, and Girl Scouts of Orange County’s (GSOC’s) Volunteer STEM Patrol. For the launch, families viewed from their cars in a drive-in movie set up as our friends from Columbia Memorial Space Center facilitated the launching of the model rockets with each girl. Special thanks to our GSOC STEM Consortium sponsors: Broadcom Foundation (Founding Member),

Blizzard Entertainment, Capital Group, Edwards Lifesciences, Ericsson, Kaiser Permanente, Municipal Water District of Orange County, Union Bank, and Western Digital. And many thanks to Angels Baseball, Columbia Memorial Space Center, Northrop Grumman, Raytheon, Society of Women Engineers, and Anaheim Fire & Rescue for your collaboration and support of this inspiring program.

Help **fund STEM opportunities** for girls in Orange County.

## Challenge Cup – Save the Date



## The Girl Scout Alum Difference: A Lifetime of Courage, Confidence, and Character



Girl Scouting works! The latest Girl Scout Impact Study – released last month by the esteemed Girl Scout Research Institute – confirms that Girl Scouting has a strong, positive impact on girls, helping them develop into citizens who are responsible, caring, and engaged—and prepared for a lifetime of leadership. The study examined how Girl Scout alums rate the impact of Girl Scouts in their lives and provides compelling evidence that Girl Scouts stand out significantly from non-Girl Scouts, demonstrating more well-rounded lifestyles and a stronger propensity for success. **Girl Scout alums are more likely than non-alums to be in management positions at work, more satisfied with their careers, and more likely to want to have a positive influence on society through their work.**

Indeed, Girl Scouts continue to make an impact as alum. A prime example is Isabella Madrigal, a National Gold Award Girl Scout now in her freshman year at Harvard. When Isabella experienced difficulties finding theatrical opportunities that mirrored her own experiences, she wrote, directed, and performed in a play about indigenous women who have gone missing or were killed. The play – *Menil and Her Heart* – was recently showcased in a virtual reading by the AT&T Center for Indigenous Politics and Policy at The George Washington University. **Continuing to shine light on important issues and giving a voice to the voiceless – that’s the impact of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.**



## There's Still Time to Savor the Joy of Girl Scout Cookies!



In a Cookie Season like no other, Girl Scouts are continuing their extraordinary efforts to reach their sales goals. Through April, **order Girl Scout Cookies online** and a local Girl Scout will deliver cookies to your door. (Cookies can also be shipped to you direct.) Your support helps Orange County girls power new, unique, and amazing experiences for themselves and their troops—experiences that broaden their worlds, teach them essential skills, and launch them into a lifetime of leadership.

### Marshmallows, Mixology and Magic



On March 12, 2021, we celebrated Girl Scouts' Birthday via Zoom with "Marshmallows, Mixology and Magic" – a special event with chefs Ann Crane (from the Culinary Arts Program at OCSA-Orange County School of the Arts), and Joe Guillena (Watermarc Restaurants). We had 96 **Promise Circle** and **Juliette Gordon Low Society** members and prospective members attend. They demonstrated how to make homemade marshmallows, an amazing candy using the marshmallows, chocolate, and our new Toast-Yay!™ Girl Scout Cookies, and a Cookie Drop and Layered Rumchata Coffee that can be paired with the Girl Scout Lemonades® and Caramel deLite® cookies respectively.

The Promise Circle is made up of generous supporters who join together with their investment, advocacy, and networking to help ensure sustainability of the life-changing benefits girls gain through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. Become part of this inspiring group of committed Promise Circle members who know that when we invest in girls, they will change the world.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROMISE CIRCLE**

**A Special Girl Scout Lifetime Membership Promotion**



Thank you for your dedication to Girl Scouting. A Girl Scout Lifetime Membership is now available at a special rate of \$200 — reduced from \$400 — for volunteers who have served for ten years or more. Find more information [here](#).

When you **upgrade to lifetime membership during spring renewal**, you benefit from:

- Continuous membership in Girl Scouts
- A lifetime membership card and pin
- 10% off Girl Scout merchandise purchased from [girlscoutshop.com](http://girlscoutshop.com)
- A variety of limited-time discounts from women-led brands
- An invitation to join an annual call hosted by GSUSA's CEO
- Our monthly Girl Scout Network digital newsletter

Best of all, **\$25 of your dues automatically fund one-year of Girl Scout membership for a girl in an underserved community in Orange County**. Thank you for all you've done to help create the next generation of female leaders. We couldn't do it without you.

**Juliette Gordon Low Society Spotlight – Ann A. Crane**





With a heart of gold and a talent in culinary arts, Ann A. Crane is whipping up inspiration daily as a Juliette Gordon Low Society Member! Ann, a life-long Girl Scout, earned the First Class Award, and is now recognized as a Gold Award Girl Scout!

A huge believer in Girl Scouts and the Girl Scout Gold Award program, Ann has served as a Girl Scouts of Orange County Board Member and Committee Member on multiple committees. She is also a current Girl Scout Gold Award trainer and interviewer. Ann regularly makes time to help girls gain leadership skills and earn their Gold Award, providing mentorship and guidance on their service journey. Over her years of serving, Ann has received the Thanks I and Thanks II Awards, as well as the Volunteer of Excellence award.

"I feel a real commitment to help all girls rise, take risks, grow and become leaders in the world. Girl Scouts of Orange County provides that opportunity for our girls here in the OC, and I am honored to support their efforts to create our future leaders."

To join Ann in investing in girls who will change the world, discover how you can become a **Juliette Gordon Low Society member** by including Girl Scouts of Orange County in your philanthropic plans.

[READ ANN'S FULL STORY HERE](#)



## Invest in Girls. Change the World.

### Donate Now

Your gift in any amount will support Girl Scouts of Orange County in bringing life-changing experiences to more OC girls.

### Many Ways to Give

Learn more about our Juliette Gordon Low Society for estate gifts, matching gifts program, in-kind donations, and more. Help bring the life-changing leadership development programs only Girl Scouts provides to more girls all across Orange County!

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