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Friday, May 6, 2022, 8:00AM – 10:30AM
Newport Beach Country Club

Join business and community leaders to rally Orange County around girls and their leadership potential. Our 2022 topic, *Press Play on Gender Equity in the Workplace*, is more important than ever given the broad impact of the pandemic on companies and businesses.

REGISTER TODAY

2021 Annual Report



Girl Scouts of Orange County's **2021 Annual Report** is now available online. It highlights a vibrant year of accomplishments by remarkable Girl Scouts who persevered to learn, grow, connect, and lead. We invite you to explore the many ways Girl Scouts across Orange County are building the courage, confidence, and character to become the leaders our businesses, communities, and world need.

[READ THE 2021 ANNUAL REPORT](#)

2022 Girl Scout Cookie Sale



The annual Girl Scout Cookie Program has begun – that sweet time of year when consumers can purchase their favorite cookies and support local Girl Scout entrepreneurs. *Did you know that eighty percent of all female entrepreneurs were once Girl Scouts?* It makes perfect sense when you consider that the Girl Scout Cookie Program is the largest girl-led business in the world and that Girl Scouts in Orange County sell over 2 million packages each cookie season.

This year, Girl Scouts are selling a sweet new creation coined Adventurefuls™—a crunchy, brownie-inspired cookie with caramel-flavored crème and a hint of sea salt—an adventure in every bite! Adventurefuls join the **portfolio of iconic Girl Scout Cookies** sold in OC, including favorites like Thin Mints®, Caramel deLites®, and Peanut Butter Patties®.

There are many ways to get your cookie fix and fuel girls' entrepreneurial goals:

- Order in-person or online through your favorite Girl Scout.
- Get connected to a local Girl Scout – just enter your info at www.girlscoutsoc.org/cookiebuy and a local Girl Scout will contact you to complete your order.
- Join Southwest Airlines and the Anaheim Ducks as **Back Her**

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MORE ABOUT COOKIES

From Menorahs to Mechanical Engineering



Maddie Kent, 6, with Girl Scout Troop 9390 out of Huntington Beach, licks the jelly out of a sufganiyot, an Israeli donut, during a Hanukkah event for the Girl Scouts of Orange County at Congregation Shir Ha-Ma'alot in Irvine. (Scott Smeltzer / Staff Photographer Daily Pilot)

The past few months have demonstrated the breadth of experiences available to Orange County Girl Scouts. More than 130 Orange County Girl Scouts from all backgrounds gathered at our first ever **Girl Scouts Celebrate Hanukkah** event, learning about the holiday, enjoying traditional foods, and each creating a menorah craft. And our STEM Expo brought together exhibitors like Raytheon Technologies and Northrop Grumman to inspire girls to explore life through the lens of **Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)**. Whatever her unique interests or passions, there are opportunities to grow with Girl Scouts.

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Gold Award Girl Scout Earns Philanthropy Award



Gold Award Girl Scout Saachi Pavani is pictured here at National Philanthropy Day with (L-R) GSOC board member Christine Scheuneman, GSOC CEO Vikki Shepp, and GSOC board chair Molly Jolly.

Girl Scout Ambassador Saachi Pavani from Troop 990 in Irvine was honored at the Annual National Philanthropy Day Orange County Awards Luncheon as Outstanding Youth 2021, designating part of her award to Girl Scouts of Orange County in homage to her many years of Girl Scouting. Saachi, who also serves as a Girl Advisory member of the GSOC Board, truly embodies the spirit of service. From collecting and distributing food and masks during the pandemic to leading "Stop the Bleed" emergency preparedness sessions, she takes action to create lasting impact. Saachi is truly the best of us!

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2021 GSOC Highest Awards Yearbook



Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place! Check out exactly how Girl Scouts took action in 2021 in our [Highest Awards Yearbook](#) recognizing [Bronze Award Girl Scouts](#), [Silver Award Girl Scouts](#), and [Gold Award Girl Scouts](#) – girls who went above and beyond to positively impact our community and the greater world.

HIGHEST AWARDS

OC Girl Scouts Recognized Nationally for STEM Accomplishments

Two Orange County Girl Scouts were recently recognized on the national stage for their remarkable accomplishments in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) fields. STEM is one of four pillars that form the foundation of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.



Diya Sreedhar (age 15) of Irvine won **The Congressional App Challenge** for California's 39th District. A Girl Scout Senior, Diya was inspired to provide others with direct access to vital health services by creating the app "AURA," which uses AI machine learning to predict the disease prognosis of Glioblastoma patients.



Gold Award Girl Scout Melody Chang (age 17) of Irvine was chosen among three finalists as winner of the **2021 Dragon Challenge**. Melody designed a Girl Scout Gold Award project, "Let's Learn About Public Health," to expand public health education and understanding of the importance of early detection and prevention among youth.

Juliette Gordon Low Society Spotlight: Nancy and Scott Nygren



Driven by a lifelong passion to help girls “see what they can be,” former CEO of Girl Scouts of Orange County (GSOC) Nancy Nygren and her husband Scott continue their quest to champion girl ambition through their estate pledge to Girl Scouts of Orange County’s Juliette Gordon Low Society.

Nancy attributes her love of adventure and being a lifelong learner to her days as a Girl Scout growing up in Florida. The experiences she enjoyed and skills she gained played a pivotal role in her career and leadership journey through the aerospace and nonprofit sectors. Throughout her life, Nancy has had a strong affinity for helping girls and women live their best life.

As CEO of Girl Scouts of Orange County from 2005 through 2017, Nancy saw firsthand the dramatic impact Girl Scouts has on girls’ lives. “Watching girls grow from Daisies to Ambassadors and take on amazing Bronze, Silver, and Gold Award projects; seeing them become wiser through financial literacy workshops and badges; and watching

that ‘aha’ moment as girls discover STEM, has been immensely rewarding. Girl Scouts provides an incredible breadth of unique experiences that have a lifelong impact on girls as they become strong, successful, independent women,” says Nancy.

A “STEM Girl” herself, Nancy shares that one of her proudest moments is the 2017 opening of the Argyros Girl Scout Leadership Center in Newport Beach, a first-of-its-kind leadership venue where girls enjoy the waterfront surroundings while they explore careers, the role STEM plays in them, and learn to take action to create sustainable solutions to community issues through GSOC’s signature INSPIRE program.

For Nancy, enjoying retirement means remaining active and continuing to give back. She paints in watercolors, enjoys running and walking, and is currently writing a book, *The Adventures of Jamocha*, about her beloved chocolate Labrador. Nancy is also trying out volunteer activities, looking for something that speaks to her as Girl Scouts did. Her husband Scott has a passion for flying and, until recently, owned a Bonanza V-tail airplane. Today, he keeps busy golfing, practicing golf, and watching golf on TV, leading Scott to recently break 80, a very good thing! The two have been enjoying touring California and are looking forward to a five-day biking excursion in France this fall.

Scott and Nancy’s aspiration is that every girl experience the lifelong benefits that Girl Scouts provides. They joined the Juliette Gordon Low Society so that their last gift memorializes their commitment to ensure that Girl Scouts’ time-tested, research-backed programs are available for future generations of girls.

For more information on how you can become a Juliette Gordon Low Society member, contact Barbara Powers at bpowers@girlscoutsoc.org or (949) 461-8814.

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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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