



Council Update

Leading the Way

Dear Girl Scout Family,

We are pleased to announce the election of new officers and three new members to Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore's Board of Directors. Leading the Board for a two-year term are: Chair Teri O'Connor, County Administrator for Monmouth County; First Vice Chair Nina Anuario, Senior Vice President of Business Development at OceanFirst Bank; Second Vice Chair Jacqueline Shea, Vice President and Chief Information Officer at New Jersey Resources; and Secretary Ben Waldron, Executive Director of the Monmouth-Ocean Development Council.

Our newly elected Board members are: Lauren M. Holman, CPA, PSA for Holman Frenia Allison, P.C.; Dr. Michael Maschi, Assistant Superintendent for Ocean County Vocational Technical School; Bob McLane, Senior Vice President of Ticket Sales for Lakewood BlueClaws; and Brian Murphy, lead partner for Adeptus.

We give great thanks to outgoing Board Chair Frances "Fran" Keane for her outstanding leadership and many contributions to our Council over the past 13 years. You can read more about her below. We also thank outgoing Board members Bonnie Chankalian and JoAnn McCann for their years of service.

Strong Board leadership helps fuel innovation, build community partnerships, and deepens impact at Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore. We are fortunate to have a group of dedicated volunteers who bring unique skills and experiences to our Board and share a commitment to building girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.

Best Regards,

Eileen M. Higgins
Chief Executive Officer
Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore

Girl Scout Champion Frances Keane



Frances Keane, or Fran as she is known, has been one of the greatest champions of Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore.

She has a long history with Girl Scouts and credits the organization with giving her essential leadership skills that led her to a rewarding career in human resources. Fran truly portrays Girl Scout foundations in her leadership skills, her confidence and her character. She has kept matters positive and light, and we truly appreciate her dedication to our mission, our Board Members, and most importantly, our girls.

The Vice President of Human Resources for 19 years at CentraState Healthcare System, Fran has shared her expertise with our Council through many changes. She was first recommended to serve on the Monmouth County Girl Scout Council as it was realigned and became Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore. Over the years she has served on numerous Board committees, chaired the Strategic Learning committee, and just completed her third two-year term as Board Chair.

We are truly grateful for Fran's leadership and look forward to honoring her as a Woman of Distinction in July.

GIRL Thoughts

What are the pros and cons of learning from home?
Some of our Middletown Girl Scouts answered that question.
Here are their thoughts.

Amelia C. - Troop 343

Isabella C. - Troop 343

Ella C. - Troop 327

There are a few cons of having to do school work at home. First, you have to sit on the computer all day long and usually, halfway through the day, your computer dies. Another con is not being able to socialize and see my friends at school. A pro of doing school work at home is being able to wear your pajamas. I love that I can sign on and complete my work wearing a bathrobe. Another pro is that I am not forced to eat lunch at 10:00 am and I can take breaks as needed. There is both good and bad when we are distant learning.

It is me, Isabella, at the keys here. I have many pros and cons about working at home. One pro is that you have your own schedule and can work at your own pace. One con though is that it is very hard not spending time with your best friends. I am very thankful that I have a house full of family since my family is huge. I hope that this quarantine ends soon.

Recently, we have been hearing about horrible things caused by the coronavirus, also known as COVID-19. But, something good that has happened during this very hard time is that there is less pollution. In fact, for the first time in 40 years you can see dolphins and fish swimming in the canals in Venice, Italy. The water is not necessarily cleaner, but due to the coronavirus, no tourists have been coming to visit, so there is no need for boats to be in the canals. Usually, the boats churn the sediment around, and now it is just lying on the bottom causing the water to appear clearer. This is one good thing to come out of this bad situation.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS



Stay connected - Enjoy Girl Scouts virtually

Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore is dedicated to keeping girls engaged and connected during these uncertain times. Make sure to check out our updated Online Activities Calendar to discover all the opportunities we're offering. With a variety of live events, Zoom meetings and Google Classroom activities, girls are sure to keep busy. A handful of virtual volunteer opportunities have also been added to our online calendar.

[Visit the Updated Online Activities Calendar](#)

Daisy, Brownie & Junior

- [Disney Trivia](#)
 - May 28 (All levels)
- [Mad Scientist](#)
 - May 21 (All levels)
- [Dance Party for Daisies, Brownies & Juniors](#)
 - June 2 (DBJ)
- [Badge in a Box Programs](#)
 - Daisy Space Science Explorer
 - Brownie Household Elf
 - Junior Outdoor Art Explorer

Cadette, Senior & Ambassador

- [Adulting 101](#)
 - Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. (SA)
- [Girl Scouts at the Ready](#)
 - Now through August 30 (CSA)
- [CSI: Citizen Scientist Investigator](#)
 - May 22 (CSA)
- [Virtual Higher Awards Workshops](#)
 - Silver - May 21 (C)
 - Gold - June 1 (SA)
- [The Cadette Entrepreneur Badge](#)
 - May 28 (C)
- [Dance Party for Older Girls](#)
 - June 2 (CSA)

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Volunteers Opportunities

- [Teamwork and Teamplay for GS Volunteers](#)
 - May 18, Volunteers
- [Troop Financial Report Training](#)
 - May 28, Volunteers
- [Sensitivity Training for Girl Scout Volunteers](#)
 - June 15, Volunteers
- [Mental Health First Aid](#)
 - October 10, Volunteers



Renew your Girl Scout membership today!

We know many of the things she was looking forward to are canceled right now, but Girl Scouts remains a consistent presence. Participate in our Spring Renewal campaign by June 30 and receive this year's Early Bird patch.

Plus when you renew, you'll receive an invitation to participate in virtual activities this summer created exclusively for spring renewal participants.

[Renew When You're Ready](#)



Discover Girl Scout Camp

Need to get outside? Our virtual camp tours will make you feel like you're strolling through Amity Acres or Sacajawea. Take a tour, explore our facilities and get an immersive feel for camp! After experiencing our virtual open house, get your digital hiking boots on, and download our tour!

Join us Saturday, May 30, at 12:00 p.m. for a Camp Q&A Session via Zoom. Registration is required.

[Discover Camp Amity Acres](#)

[Discover Camp Sacajawea](#)



Give a Box of Love

When you purchase a box of Girl Scout Cookies you are providing girls with one-of-a-kind opportunities and leadership experiences that can only come from Girl Scouts.

Give a Box of Love and brighten the day of nurses and doctors at local hospitals. Help us support these everyday heroes, while supporting our future leaders!

Share the Cookie Relief link - GSFun.org/CookieRelief - with your family, friends and coworkers and donate a Box of Love!

[Support the Cookie Relief Fund](#)

Virtual Cookie Booths

Know someone still craving Girl Scout Cookies, but you are no longer selling? Our Virtual Cookie Booth can connect them with the cookies they love. Simply, share this link - GSFun.org/VirtualCookieBooth - with anyone looking to purchase our delicious cookies.

Our Virtual Cookie Booth is user-friendly; just search the map for a troop selling cookies and place an online order for contactless delivery.

If you would like to start selling cookies again using this virtual locator, let us know. Council will accept returns on all unsold cookies.

[Learn More about Virtual Cookie Booths](#)

Girl Scouts in Action



Leaders from New Egypt Troop 440 sent virtual zoo animals to visit with their girls.



USAGSO Troop 77701 is virtually working on their "Girl Power Can't Be Quarantined!" fun patch.



Aubree, a Girl Scout Brownie, enjoyed working on her Household Elf Badge in a Box and is learning about natural ways to clean.



Have a question? Don't be shy!
Contact us for more information.

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