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girl scouts 
of the jersey shore

2023

Adult Recognition Ceremony

Wednesday, April 26, 2023 • 6:15 - 8:30 p.m.
Girl Scouts' Program Activity Center

Event Program

Introduction Bernadette Brabham
Pledge of Allegiance Girl Scout Alumnae
Opening Ceremony Girl Scout Alumnae
Land Acknowledgment Pat Heaney
Welcome Heather Coburn, Chief Executive Officer

Award Presentations

Good Neighbor Community Awards Pat Zakar
Years of Service Claudine Krosnowski
Numeral Guards. Christina Baldino
Alumnae Awards Noreen Alt
. Gail Grob
Outstanding Achievement Awards Stephanie Boyd
. Jill Wallace
Board Chair Award Teri O'Connor, Board Chair
. Heather Coburn, Chief Executive Officer
Appreciation Pins Cara Davis
Shining Light Awards Cheryl Bontales
Honor Pins Liz Trapp
Meritorious Service Awards. Betty Trivisone
Thanks Badge. Stephanie Boyd
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. Robyn Catalano
. Heather Stout
Waves of Gratitude Donna Tornich
Trefoil Award Ilene Van Duyne
Jessie Blair Above & Beyond Kelley Madensky

2023 Good Neighbor Community Awards

Businesses, Organizations & Facilities

Andrew Anderson, Double Trouble State Park

Andrew has been a huge help to the Girl Scouts in the Bayville area over the years. He has done many programs for our troops helping the girls learn outdoor skills and about the history of our area. He is always kind and willing to help any troop who visits the park.

Jamie Bertram, BlueClaws

Jamie has served as the Phenomenal Woman Under 40 event co-chair for 5 years and has supported GSJS in her capacity at BlueClaws.

Dr. Trish Bogusz, Millstone Twp Middle School

Dr. Bogusz welcomes Girl Scouts into the school with open arms. Girl Scouts meet monthly at the school and they schedule special events as needed.

Brookdale Community College

Girl Scout staff have received non-profit management certification, soft skills and excel training through Brookdale's grant funding for non-profits. Chris Carrol went above and beyond providing technical support and even hand delivered certificates.

Manasquan Bank

Erica Connor, Manasquan Branch

arranged the donation of a refrigerator for camp.

Briana M. Kellems, Wall Branch

was a key contributor to our Golf Classic. Her work as a fundraiser was instrumental to the success of the event.

Kristine D. Zulewski, Shrewsbury Branch

has been a supporter for many years and most recently was a key contributor to our Golf Classic. Her work as a fundraiser is greatly appreciated by the Council.

Kate Dowd, New Jersey Resources

has served as co-chair for Phenomenal Women Under 40 for 3 years and has been supporting GSJS for over 5 years.

Troy's Tree Service

is always mindful of safety in camp by taking preventative measures to keep our staff, members, and guests safe. Troy Ebner, owner, supports Grinchmas by bringing his jeep which “adds to the fun”. Troy and his team are great supporters of Girl Scouts.

Fairview First Aid

Fairview First Aid graciously allowed us to use their facility for our Middletown South Cookie Depot. During the depot, they assisted us in moving cookie cases and helped our leaders quickly load their vehicles. They have been GREAT neighbors to all of us in Middletown, beyond their First Aid service to the community - they even bought boxes of cookies!

Allison Hartman, Pinelands Adventures

Allison of Pinelands Adventures and Pinelands Preservation Alliance voluntarily worked with the program department to present “Spooky Tales of the Pine Barrens” to our GSJS members; the program was focused on sharing Pine Barrens history and folklore in a campfire-storyteller setting. Allison was an energetic and charismatic presenter and participant, sharing her knowledge and limitless passion for local and oral history which was well-received by participants and their families.

Tom Hayes, New Jersey Natural Gas

Tom serves as an ambassador of Girl Scouts in many ways... he has served as co-chair of our gala for over 20 years! He supports gala personally and through NJResources with donations, auction items and sponsorships. Tom also connects other businesses to GSJS. He is instrumental to the success of our mission.

Debi Heptig, Monmouth Park Charity Fund

Debi supported our 2022 Golf Classic as an exceptional volunteer helping to check in guests, raise funds and make the event successful!

FirstEnergy Corp – JCP&L Green Team

Annette Kavenagh representing her employer, First Energy Corp donated over 1,000 saplings to GSJS. Annette has surveyed our Camp Sacajawea property and recommended the best native NJ trees to plant and their locations. Her commitment did not stop there. She spent the day helping us plant over 100 trees in camp on our Dungaree Day!

Michele Baboomian, Simon Outlets Janice Mannino, Monmouth Mall

Outstanding supporters who set up product sales kiosks at their prospective malls for several years.

Fulton Bank, Sean Murray

Many thanks to Fulton Bank for their generous contribution to our area's depot days. Last year they helped secure a location and the staff joined us to help on their day off. They provided breakfast, lunch, snacks, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. The bank is so kind and generous with not only financial contributions but also with their constant support of our goals. We are so grateful as a community to have their support every year.

Olsen Private Vineyards

Krista Olsen-Dibsie donated wine to our Phenomenal Woman under 40 event, helping us keep expenses low and thereby furthering the success of the event.

Helene Ruggieri, Q-Search Partners LLC

Helene has been an avid supporter of GSJS fundraising events. Currently she is also getting involved as a mentor and in older girl programs (specifically the 2023 Young Women's Leadership Summit). Helene's contributions have led to the success of Gala and other fundraising events.

V. Rev. Alexander “Moonpie” Smida

Fr. Alexander (“Moonpie”) volunteered for multiple presentations during the summer camp program and the Homeschool Adventures series; as a certified professional jeweler and gemologist. He was an enthusiastic and engaging presenter that was able to share not only information, but also physical specimens of many types of rocks and gemstones. Participants learned how rocks are formed, what minerals and elements would be involved and the specific circumstances that would cause formations and changes. They also learned why some stones are far more valuable than others, as well as how raw rocks become beautiful, prized gems and jewels.

Tinton Falls Fire Company #1

Year in and year out, the Tinton Falls Firehouse hosts our community meetings of leaders and team members plus several troops’ meetings.

Stephanie Toal, OceanFirst Foundation

Stephanie has served as a Phenomenal Women Under 40 co-chair for the past 3 years with support for our organization for over 5 years.

Denise Wegeman MSW, LCSW

Denise has been volunteering with the council for many years, offering her expertise as a LCSW. She has helped guide leaders, council and girls through mental health crises, as well as provided training for camp staff to recognize the signs of mental health issues in campers. This year, Denise has been instrumental in guiding the council in the mental wellness awareness strategy being implemented. Denise’s expertise has helped lead council to provide resources that will help our girls and members.

Whiting Volunteer Firehouse

Every year they allow Girl Scouts to use the fire house for product sales depots.

Edward A. Zakar

Ed is an avid supporter of Girl Scouts for many years. He has done it all: picked up and delivered cookies, danced at dances (even in glittery high-heels), helped with baskets at the Spring Frolic, delivered, sorted and loaded bags of clothing into the delivery truck, and more. He is great at helping with getting out CPR/AED equipment at classes and is willing to help whenever called upon.

2023 TopCookie Dessert Competition Supporters

Amelia Caverly, Booskerdoo Coffee & Baking

Amelia has contributed continually to support GSJS's TopCookie Competition, she donated over 200 desserts to Gala, presented at TopCookie Pull, former judge, donated gift cards and more!

James Costello, Ohana Grill

James has supported TopCookie for years as competitor, judge and supporter!

Courtlyn L. Crosson, Coffee Corral

Courtlyn selected GSJS to be the recipient of sales for the Month of March from her business, Coffee Corral. She also hosted Girl Scout cookie booths and has volunteered to support various GSJS events.

Shannon Phillips, E. Holland Sundries

Shannon participated in TopCookie and then very generously prepared and donated over 150 desserts for our Phenomenal Women Under 40 event!

Interns and School Helpers

Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore would like to recognize the college interns and school helpers who have provided great support by delivering program to Girl Scouts who otherwise would never have access to the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.

- Laisha Carillo Outreach Intern Monmouth University
- Kaieta Farley Outreach Intern Rutgers University
- Tiffeny Andrews Thurgood Marshall Elementary School
. outreach
- Archeland Belfort Bradley Elementary School outreach
- Jaime Clark Bradley Elementary School outreach
- Jessica DiStasio Bradley Elementary School outreach
- Christina Lassik Bright Harbor Healthcare outreach
- Ebone Lawrence Gregory Elementary School outreach
- Katie Olsen Bradley Elementary School outreach
- Ruth Rynearson Thurgood Marshall Elementary School
. outreach
- Holly Terracciano Gregory Elementary School outreach
- Christina Vlahos Red Bank Primary School outreach
- Carol Wisniewski Thurgood Marshall Elementary School
. outreach
- Melanie Zahn Freehold Learning Center outreach



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2023 Council Award Honorees

Years of Service

15 Years

Coleen Walter, Sunset Shores
Kimberly Morrison, Sunset Shores

30 Years

Joyce Anderson, Sandy Hook
Cheryl Bontales, Sandy Hook
Pat Heaney, Colonial
Mary Anne Linder, Sandy Hook
Debbie Wiedow, Shore Pines

35 Years

Maureen Kovach, Sandy Hook

40 Years

Betty Trivisone, Sandy Hook

Membership Numeral Guard

5 Years

Gayle Dettlinger, Staff

10 Years

Valerie Mahon, Staff

20 Years

Christine Brys-ye, Sandy Hook
Allison Filosa, Colonial
Susu Garcia, Staff
Stacy Petti, Staff
Gabiella Pettinato, Sandy Hook
Kristin Ramsay, Shore Pines
Erick Rommel, Shore Pines
Cynthia Streeter, Colonial
Kimberly Yue, Sandy Hook

25 Years

Aileen Christiansen, Staff
Barbara Cruz, Staff
Vivian DiLella, Colonial
Jen Holmes, Staff
Nancy Suszko, Sunset Shores
Coleen Walter, Sunset Shores

30 Years

Joyce Anderson, Sandy Hook
Dena Mayo, Staff

35 Years

Yvonne D'Agostino, Colonial
Chris Filosa, Colonial

40 Years

Bahiyah Abdullah, Shore Pines
Jenny Cody, Shore Pines
Sajdah Muhammad, Shore Pines

45 Years

June Chernetz, Alumna
Dolores Dzubaty, Colonial
Terri Peterson, Staff
Evelyn Strain, Colonial

50 Years

Betty Trivisone, Sandy Hook

55 Years

Kathy Graves, Alumna

70 Years

Mary Anne Gearing, Alumna

Alumna Awards

Edith Poole, Alumna
Jacquelin Woods, Alumna

Outstanding Achievement

Fundraising

Jackie Garbe, Alumna
Karen Porcello, Shore Pines

Carol Stillwell, Sunset Shores
Ilene Van Duyne, Alumna

Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE)

Heather Barberi, Sunset Shores
Rhonda Baumann,
Sunset Shores
Susan Bielicki, Sunset Shores
Denise Buchner, Shore Pines
Penny Burr, Shore Pines
Linda Butler, Sunset Shores
Alicia Wood, Colonial
Nicole Countryman, Colonial
Laura Doyle, Sandy Hook
Michelle Duffy, Sunset Shores

Sharon Hood, Sandy Hook
Pam Martino, Colonial
Amy Musselman, Colonial
Kevin Reck, Colonial
Jenn Rich, Shore Pines
Chrissy Risdén, Colonial
James Risdén, Colonial
Kellie Ritter, Sandy Hook
Reginia Vassilatos,
Sunset Shores
Alana Vega, Sandy Hook

Product Sales

Meghan Atkins, Shore Pines
Kyle Darnell, Sunset Shores
Nicole Francavilla, Shore Pines
Andrea Kankowski, Shore Pines
Darcie King, Shore Pines

Margo O'Shea, Sandy Hook
Diane Paquet, Sandy Hook
Rebecca Ponder, Colonial
Jill Schmid, Colonial
Melodee Whitfield, Colonial

Meritorious Service

Stephanie Bedore, Colonial
Christine Brys-ye, Sandy Hook
Kathleen Caines, Sunset Shores

Cheryl Cortopassi, Sandy Hook
Vivian DiLella, Colonial
Claudine Krosnowski, Colonial

Volunteer Support

Bernadette Brabham, Colonial
Christina Bucco, Sandy Hook
Jill Wallace, Shore Pines
Robyn Catalano, Shore Pines
Cara Davis, Sandy Hook
Jen Fonti, Shore Pines
Kelly Gifford, Shore Pines
Susan Gordon, Sandy Hook
Gina Kubis, Sandy Hook
Jennifer Lee, Colonial
Mary Anne Linder, Sandy Hook

Arianna Lynch, Sandy Hook
Kathleen Pearson, Sunset Shores
Sherri Prout, Sandy Hook
Nanci Radzewick, Colonial
Mary Rosenberg, Sunset Shores
Corrine Stinemire-Tordik,
Shore Pines
Kelly Tatarka, Sandy Hook
Kelly Wahl, Sandy Hook
Samantha Willmot, Sunset Shores

Board Chair Award

Jody Herkloz, Board
Jay Whalen, Board
Aileen Christiansen, Staff
Lauren Colon, Staff
Barbara Cruz, Staff

Linda Lennon, Staff
Kayla Prendergast, Staff
Kristen Somerville, Staff
Ivonne Varela, Staff

Appreciation Pin

Bahiyah Abdullah, Shore Pines
Jenna Aldellizi, Shore Pines
Danielle Asbjorn, Shore Pines
Paige Baran, Shore Pines
Dr. Marisa Beckett, Camp
Olivia Bullock, Colonial
Kimberly Capasso, Colonial
Amanda Davies, Shore Pines
Kristen Davies, Shore Pines
Anne Davis, Board
Deirdre Donovan, Colonial
Shannon Duffy, Sunset Shores
Tracey Edwards, Colonial
Maria Farhat-Tanzola, Board
Ashleigh Halpern, Sunset Shores

Jaclyn Kosco, Shore Pines
Megan Loftus, Colonial
Melissa Lorincz, Shore Pines
Shannon Maida, Sandy Hook
Melissa Melber, Shore Pines
Sarah Moore, Shore Pines
Jacki Mullis, Sunset Shores
Tanya Perez, Sandy Hook
Glen Ramsay, Shore Pines
Janice Reese-Berardo,
Sandy Hook
Samuel Shapiro, Colonial
Barbara Singer, Sandy Hook
Trish Tammara, Camp
Becca Timpanaro, Shore Pines

Shining Light Award

Stephanie Boyd, Shore Pines
Lisa Combs, Sunset Shores
Susan Grau, Colonial
Sue Halsey, Alumna
Theresa Nielsen, Alumna

Ann Petronaci, Board
Susan Pontoriero, Alumna
Annette Soucy, Shore Pines
Kim Tuvey, Sunset Shores

Recruitment

Maureen Kovach, Sandy Hook
Kayla Sprofera, Shore Pines

Lori Ulrich, Sandy Hook
Katie Ward, Sandy Hook

Honor Pin

Christina Baldino, Colonial
Amy Birns, Colonial
Susan Emitt, Colonial
Allison Filosa, Colonial
Kristin Lee, Sandy Hook

Meredith McGee, Sandy Hook
Staci Primmer, Shore Pines
Cynthia Streeter, Colonial
Kyril Suszko, Colonial

Thanks Badge

Kelley Madensky, Shore Pines

Trefoil

Edith Poole, Alumna

Thanks Badge II

Barbara Duzelman, Alumna
Cathy Grant, Shore Pines
Nancy Peterson, Sunset Shores

Waves of Gratitude

Linda Klose, Sandy Hook
Evelyn Strain, Colonial
Betty Trivisone, Sandy Hook

Jessie Blair Above and Beyond

Pat Zakar, Shore Pines

Outstanding Achievement (Multiple Areas)

Alumnae

Noreen Alt
June Chernetz

Fundraising, Volunteer Support
Fundraising, Volunteer Support

Colonial

Catherine Dzubaty
Dolores Dzubaty
Chris Filosa
Pat Heaney
Barbara Napolitano
Donna Tornich
Nikki Weeks

Product Sales, Volunteer Support
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Sandy Hook

Liz Trapp

Product Sales, Volunteer Support

Sunset Shores

Nancy Suszko

GSLE, Volunteer Support

Shore Pines

Nadine Foreman

GSLE, MarCom, Product Sales, Recruitment,
Volunteer Support
Recruitment, Volunteer Support
GSLE, Recruitment
Fundraising, Volunteer Support

Kelly Rodriguez
Debi Sanguinetti
Debbie Wiedow