



## 2011 Annual Meeting Recognitions



### Appreciation Pin

This pin is given only once to recognize outstanding service to a geographic area or program delivery audience that furthers the council's goals.

#### Kevin Gareau - Foster

Kevin is a Camping Consultant on the Yankee B service team and volunteer facilitator of the GSRI Camping Committee which was formed in 2009. Over the past two years the committee has developed a series of workshop to prepare girls and adults for camping experiences beyond lodge camping. Kevin assisted in developing Hiking 101 and 102 workshops which were offered this spring. He has even developed workshop demonstrations to show girls how to cook a turkey in a garbage can! He has a lot of experience taking girls camping and hiking and he is forever encouraging other troops to do the same. Kevin has staffed all the workshops held by the committee and has evaluated each event to help improve the next one. His enthusiasm for outdoor activities and commitment has enhanced the camping committee and benefitted the entire council.

#### Donna Lewis - Attleboro, MA

Donna has been a member of Girl Scouts for 15 years and is a third generation scout. Donna became the service unit manager in Attleboro at the time GSRI acquired 8 new MA cities and towns. Her positive attitude ensured a smooth transition. She contributes on both the service unit and council level. She was an active participant on the council Program Task Force and has led many council programs; she is a council trainer. As the service unit manager she was concerned about girls dropping out of Girl Scouts when they reached the 5th grade so she developed the Attleboro GoeS program. This is a program of adventure to keep girls interested in Girl Scouts. Donna uses her community connections to develop programs such as snow tubing, snow shoeing, curling and more. The program currently has 50 girls, including 5 who were never Girl Scouts but joined just to participate in this program. Her dedication to the Girl Scout movement is evident in all that she does. Donna has been nominated as an alternate delegate to the 2011 National Convention



### **Honor Pin**

This award is given only once to recognize outstanding service to two or more geographic areas or program delivery audiences.

#### **Kerrie Foley and Lois Dexter - North Kingstown**

Kerrie and Lois have worked with girls and adults in outdoor programs for over 10 years. They are both council trainers and rangers at Camp Hoffman and volunteered for council events such as Campfest, Go Green Globally and currently on the Hoffman 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee. Since receiving the Appreciation Pin in 2005 Kerrie and Lois have both continued their hard work in the out of doors. They are co-founders of T.R.E.C. (Teens Reaching Extraordinary Challenges) an outdoor skills program for Cadettes and older. They helped develop the program and wrote the training manual. Over the past five years this program has attracted girls from New England and NY and has grown from 24 girls in 2006 to 98 girls in 2010. Both women have been members of Girl Scouts for over 30 years and have held various positions of leadership.

#### **Judy Lonardo - East Greenwich & Christine Roy - Woonsocket**

Both Judy and Christine have been members of Girl Scouts for over 22 years holding a variety of positions. They have been council trainers for over 5 years and have embraced and implemented the New Leader Training from GSUSA which incorporates the new Journey program activities and the new Volunteer and Troop Essentials manual. In 2010 Christine and Judy took over the Train the Trainers course which trains new GSRI trainers. They are Master Trainers in our council. Christine trains in all areas: New Leader Training, Age Level change workshop, troop trips II, Program aide and all of the outdoor trainings. A few years ago she attended training in New Jersey to learn about the new GSUSA Journey program. This winter she attended the GSUSA ACT NOW conference in Boston which focused on ways in which to introduce and facilitate the new program and new program books to be published this fall. As we educate a new crop of council trainers, Judy Lonardo is a leader and mentor to them. This year Judy took on two new responsibilities: running the Train the Trainer course and writing a new curriculum for Troop trips II and revising the manual. She has helped to develop a course for leaders of older girl troops called "The Big Trip" which will incorporate GSUSA's Global Travel Kit materials.

#### **Colleen McBride - Rehoboth**

Colleen is currently Service Unit Manager for Rehoboth and Seekonk. In 2007 Seekonk did not have a leadership team and membership was declining. We approached Colleen with the hope that she would provide leadership and support to the girls and volunteers in Seekonk so they could continue to have a positive Girl Scout experience and she did. Under Colleen's leadership Rehoboth membership has increased the last two years and this year Seekonk increased in girls and troops. In 2009 Colleen was the Chair for the Service Unit Committee for Go Green Globally, our council event. She developed publications and flyers with detailed information on how to run a successful booth, including environmental initiatives. In 2010 Colleen was appointed to the Policy Review Task Force where she recommended a much needed policy to address bullying which unfortunately has become a national issue. Colleen has been nominated as an alternate delegate to the 2011 National Convention.