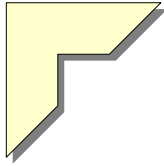


# Girl Scouts of Genesee Valley Delegate Bulletin

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## *Girl Scouts of Western New York Provide Another in our Continuing Series ...*

### *Meet Our Directors-at-Large*

#### **Monique Crawford - Term July 2008 / May 2009**

Monique has served on the Board of Directors of the Girl Scouts of Buffalo and Erie County since 2003. She served as a member of the Nominating Committee from '02-'05 as well as its chair in 2004. She has been a member of the Scholarship Committee since '05 and was co-chair of the Women of Distinction Committee in 2006. She has been recognized for her professional accomplishments, civic involvement and dedicated service to the citizens of western New York. She was chosen as a recipient of the 2005 Women Who Mean Business Award.

#### **Patricia Metz - Term July 2008 / May 2011**

Patricia is a member of the Girl Scout Council of Buffalo and Erie County and currently serves on the *Taste of Italy* Committee. Patricia is the owner/CEO of West Metal Works, Inc. and Metal Locking Service. While both were honored as two of the top 40 fastest growing companies in western New York, Patricia still finds the time to be an active volunteer and valued board member. A native of Buffalo, she has continuously demonstrated her commitment to western New York.

#### **Olivia Robinson - Term July 2008 / May 2010**

Olivia's interests are in the areas of finance and financial management policies involving budget and regulatory reporting. She is the current Finance Specialist with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Olivia supports the Girl Scout Council of Buffalo and Erie County, contributing her time and talent to council-wide programs and services that enhance the lives of young women. In 2006 Olivia served as chair for the *Taste of Italy* Committee, the council's adult special event. She has served on the Finance Committee since 2004 and currently chairs that committee.

#### **Patrice Sampson-Bouchard - Term July 2008 / May 2010**

Patrice is currently the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President on the Board of Directors for Girl Scouts of Genesee Valley, a Nominating Committee member and was formerly a Finance Committee member. Active as a Girl Scout, a troop leader for more than ten years, a community and church volunteer; Patrice has served as the Executive Director of the Susan B. Anthony House in Rochester. Her areas of expertise include financial planning, budget management, and administration. Patrice is also mentoring her daughter as she works toward her Gold Award.

**Georgiana Prince - Term July 2008 / May 2010**

Currently a member of the Board of Directors, Georgiana also lends her talents to the Finance Committee for Girl Scouts of Genesee Valley. Experience in finance, real estate, annual giving campaigns and facilities planning assure that Georgiana will be a valued resource as the new board sets the foundation for Girl Scouts of Western New York.

**Laura Mullin - Term July 2008 / May 2011**

Laura is presently serving on the Board of Directors for Girl Scouts of Genesee Valley. She is an attorney specializing in real estate acquisitions, divestitures and finance. Laura's expertise in real estate has been invaluable and will continue to be during the realignment of the Western New York Girl Scout councils.

**Howard Morgan - Term July 2008 / May 2010**

Howard has served on the Council Realignment Property Sub-committee. An active community member, Howard has served as president of the Cambria Volunteer Fire Department and has breathed new life into recreational programs as a member and currently the chair of the Cambria Town Recreation Committee.

**Doug Sosnowski - Term July 2008 / May 2009**

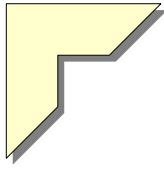
Doug has served on the Board of Directors for Girl Scouts of Buffalo and Erie County since 2007 and now also serves on the Finance Committee. Doug and his wife Kristi have been actively involved in Girl Scouting along with their four daughters. As a Certified Public Accountant, Doug has donated his time and talents to numerous companies and organizations in western New York.

**Sharon D. Randaccio - Term July 2008 / May 2009**

Sharon is the president and co-founder of Performance Management Partners Inc., a human resources consulting firm in western New York. Sharon's extensive commitment to the Buffalo community and senior management experience are welcomed to the board of the Girl Scouts of Western New York. Her background in strategic planning, business development, human resources and merger and acquisitions will be valued assets.

**Don Erb - Term July 2008 / May 2009**

In 2005-2006, Don has served on the Property Committee of the Girl Scouts of Buffalo and Erie County. Most recently Don has participated on the Properties Sub-committee for the Council Realignment Committee. Don has extensive property and facilities management experience including daily operations at the University of Rochester and SUNY Buffalo. His wealth of property knowledge will be a benefit to the new council.



## *And we start to present the New Board Development Committee*

### **Jan Ferry-Axman**

Jan grew up in Girl Scouting in southwestern New York State and continues her commitment by co-leading a girl troop in West Irondequoit. This volunteer is thrilled to see her past and present council environments merged into the Girl Scouts of Western New York. Our new committee will be rewarded with her energies and past in fund raising, program development and strategic planning.

### **Evelyn L Kerney**

Evelyn has chaired the Girl Scout Council of Buffalo and Erie County Nominating Committee, Adult Recognition Committee and has twice served as a National Delegate. Evelyn has also devoted ten years to leading Girl Scout troops of various levels. All of the girls in her Senior troop achieved their Girl Scout Gold Awards and have now gone on to college! Evelyn's dedicated service and belief in Girl Scouting's ability to build courage, confidence and character in our girls will bring a force to be reckoned with.

*Stay tuned as future Bulletins will continue to present your Directors-at-Large and Board Development Committee members....*



# Delegate Information Nights

We have wrapped up our Delegate Information Nights. Thank you to all that were able to attend. As you will remember, these events were planned to give you time to question and digest the contents of documents that you will be voting on during our May 13<sup>th</sup> Special Council Meeting. In order to keep those of you who were not able to attend one of the Information Nights informed, please take a moment to read through yet another set of FAQs. These were topics your colleagues brought to the table and we know you will appreciate their questions. Please reference the letter to Mary Worboys-Turner that appeared in our last bulletin.

Please remember, we are still available to respond to your questions. Direct them to [Board@rochester.rr.com](mailto:Board@rochester.rr.com) in advance of our Special Council Meeting. Thank you to all our delegates for your service to the council and your diligence as we move toward realignment.

## FAQs #3

**Q: The Bylaws state that the election of local council delegates will take place between January 1 and March 31. A roster of delegates and alternates must be submitted to the council by April 1<sup>st</sup>.**

*A: Remember that all current council delegates' authority will cease to exist on July 1, 2008 when the new Girl Scouts of Western New York council is incorporated. The delegates of Girl Scouts of Genesee Valley have sent forth a recommendation to the new board of directors to initiate a process to assure an interim communications body. It will be the responsibility of the new council's membership during this interim period to identify and elect their new delegates and present them to the council by April 1 (as stated in the Bylaws). The Girl Scouts of Western New York delegates will begin their term on April 1st to assure their receipt of materials in advance of May's GSWNY annual meeting.*

**Q: The Board Development Committee may recommend two Senior Girl Scouts (at least 16 years of age) to participate in board of directors meetings. While GSGV Senior Girl Scouts have privilege of vote, it is stated that this will not be the case in the future. Why not?**

*A: It was recommended at the delegates' info night that the language be altered to state that "older girls" (at least 16 years of age) will provide representation on the board of directors vs. use of the term "Senior Girl" which may conflict with the age limit. It is considered that the appointment of older girls will bring the voice of the Girl Scout community to the board. However, it is deemed to be inappropriate to have them vote on materials that may legally bind them to board financial commitments. This is a change, but one that the CRC has altered to assure fiduciary responsibilities are not assignable to the girl board members.*

**Q: The Restated Certificate of Incorporation states the purpose of Girl Scouts of Western New York is to impart to girls "knowledge of health, home-making, first aid and handicraft". This sounds like a Twilight Zone episode, what's up?**

*A: This wording is historical in nature and may have been taken from Niagara County's initial certificate creation. However, it is clearly stated in the Bylaws of Girl Scouts of Western New York (13.2) that the certificate may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the board of directors. It is also recommended business practice to review this certificate at regular intervals.*