



**Girl  Guides**

**Saskatchewan  
Council**

## **Saskatchewan Prairie Lily**

January 9, 2019

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In the May 2018 Prairie Lily, I submitted a PC message that put my thoughts on the impact on the Girls if we do not have adult members in key roles. I reviewed what I wrote and realized that my thoughts at that time have not changed and may have even solidified more as I approach the end of my PC term. So I felt that it may be appropriate to use that message as a base for my January 2019 message.

What is the impact on the Girls if we do not have adult members in key roles?

I have considered many times the “why” to taking on leadership opportunities that GGC has to offer. There are many “wins” I feel when I take on a leadership role. I have learned valuable skills in organization, communication, and time management. I have gained a greater sense of purpose while learning about others. I am more compassionate and at times, more committed to my ideals and opinions. But in an organization where the core of our being is “to be a catalyst for girls empowering girls” I can struggle with answering how our leaderships roles impact the girls. Or in many cases, how does not having someone in a key role impact the girls.

So here are my thoughts....

1. **Girls** have huge potential and if given the support and advice from adults, can have more impact on the world around them. They have the drive, they have the ideas and sometimes, they just need a little adult advice on how to make things happen. Without that facilitator, be it program adviser, District Commissioner, Area Commissioner, etc, sometimes the ideas remain dormant.
2. **Girls** deserve well trained and prepared Guiders to assist them. We have council structures to help delegate some of the decision making to ensure Guiders, and girls, have what they need, when they need it and how they need it. When we can provide these supports to the Guiders, the girls will experience an exceptional program, gain trust in the adults around them and remain in the organization for a lifetime.
3. **Girls** need mentors and role models. No one comes into a leadership role with 100% of the skills or knowledge needed, especially in a volunteer role. **Girls** need to see women take on roles, make them their own, strengthen the work done and gain personal satisfaction from a job well done. **Girls** need to see how experience dictates good planning, collaborative efforts and successful plans.

I do feel somewhat like a broken record but there is a dire need to fill some vacant roles. Value the skills you will gain from one of these opportunities and provide a well supported structure to empower girls and women in our province.

Currently we have the following roles to be fill prior to our May 4<sup>th</sup> , 2019 AGM.

**Deputy Provincial Commissioners** – watch for further information on application process- 5-10 hours a month – May 4<sup>th</sup> start date

**Cookie Adviser** – support and communicate with cookie orderers with both cookie campaigns – time commitment is 2-3 weeks around ordering and delivery times. Immediate start date

**Provincial Treasurer** – oversee financial matters of the Saskatchewan Council, works closely with our Provincial Bookkeeper, Executive Assistant and Provincial Council to create budget, complete compliance, complete annual review, and work with Area Treasurers. – 5-10 hours a month - May 4<sup>th</sup> Start date (This is a 1 year renewable term up to 5 years)

**Girl Engagement Coordinator** – to provide assistance and support to the International, Program and Camping Advisers – experience as an adviser is ideal but not necessary. 5-10 hours a month – May 4<sup>th</sup> Start date

**Member -Youth** – provides support and acts a liaison with the Youth Forum and other youth initiatives in the province – 5-10 hours a month -May 4<sup>th</sup> Start date

**International Adviser** – provides oversight to international trips, interprovincial trips and develops resources for international aspects of GGC. – 5-10 hours a month – May 4<sup>th</sup> Start date

All positions with the exception of the Provincial Treasurer, are three year terms. Also keep in mind that there is also a huge need for women who would fill some of the vacant or upcoming vacancies for District Commissioners or District Treasurers, Safe Guide Assessors, Provincial Fundraising Approver, and Trainers.

Please don't hesitate to email me at [sk-pc@girlguides.ca](mailto:sk-pc@girlguides.ca) if you wish to speak to me about any of these opportunities. Position descriptions and application form for a provincial position are noted below.



Laurie Lanovaz  
Provincial Commissioner

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## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**GGC is in the process of migrating all pertinent positions within Girl Guides to Office 365 to be more consistent across Canada. Saskatchewan has completed the migration.**

**[Please click here for new email addresses for SK Council/Advisers/Staff.](#)**

**Our IT company has it set up that anything being sent to the 'old' email address will forward to the 'new' email address automatically, so there should be no loss of service.**

**Please check your junk mail to make sure the new emails are not ending up there. You can approve the domain @girlguides.ca**

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### **2019 Provincial Dates**

- January 25-27**      **January Conference (Saskatoon)**
- January 27**      **Provincial Council Meeting (Saskatoon)**
- March 22-24**      **Pathfinder Ranger Conference (Regina - facility TBC)**
- March 29-31**      **District Commissioner Retreat (Watrous)**
- April 5-7**      **Lady B-P Weekend (SH GG Building - Regina)**
- April 12-13**      **Provincial Council Meeting (Regina)**
- May 3-4**      **Spring Fling (DC Forum, Adviser Meeting - Regina)**
- May 4**      **Clean-Up Saskatchewan**
- May 4**      **Provincial AGM**
- May 5**      **Provincial Council Meeting (Regina)**
- September 6-7**      **Provincial Council Meeting (Saskatoon)**
- November 15-16**      **Provincial Council Meeting (Regina)**

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Thank you to all who have shared photos and articles for the *Prairie Lily*. We encourage more groups to consider submitting photos of your events along with a small written article.

[For more photos and articles, please click \*\*HERE\*\*](#)

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Our  
Deepest  
Condolences



**To Bonnie McLeod and her family in  
the passing of her husband.**

**To Joyce Langer and her family in  
the passing of her brother.**

# AREA NEWS

**WE ARE CURRENTLY TRANSITIONING**

**AREA WEBSITES TO PROVINCIAL WEBSITE**

Bridging Rivers Area website currently unavailable.

Purpose is to make the websites:

- more functional
- more efficient
- reduce Area costs
- less duplication



**If looking for more information, please contact the provincial office.**

**BRIDGING RIVERS AREA** — [sk-bridgingrivers@girlguides.ca](mailto:sk-bridgingrivers@girlguides.ca)

## **Lighthouse Service Project:**

Abbi Adair, 1st Year Ranger in the North Battleford Girl Guiding Unit

Last year Abbi visited the Lighthouse, a homeless shelter in North Battleford, with her Pathfinder Unit. They were given a tour of the facilities. At that time the Pathfinder Unit organized a toque, mitts, scarves and toiletry drive which we dropped off on our visit.

This year, while selling cookies, she came up with the idea of donating cookies to the Lighthouse. Abbi is going to continue supporting the lighthouse and encourages others to do the same. For the full story [click on the link](#).

**January Conference Subsidy:**

southern Horizons is offering \$50/adult subsidy for Guiders to attend January Conference. To be paid after they have attended and participated in Conference. To apply for the subsidy, email your receipt and request to Harnesh.

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**Christmas/Winter parade:**

If your unit or district took part in a Christmas/winter parade please email us the names of the girls so we can supply them with a crest.

**SK COUNCIL NEWS** sk-provincial@girlguides.ca

**We are very pleased to introduce our new Member Support staff member located in Saskatoon - Roxanne Weech.**

Roxanne is a proud Guider and mother of two (Ava is 11 and Jack is 8). Her and her husband, Dallas, moved to Saskatchewan after meeting in BC because Dallas' was born and raised here here and they really loved the opportunities Saskatchewan had to offer.

Roxanne comes from a strong writing and administration background and her last job was as an Event Coordinator for a non-profit based out of Saskatoon.

In any free time, Roxanne likes to plug away with her friend at her second "job" of planning weddings and corporate events in the greater Saskatoon area and you will find her being a huge goofball on Instagram most of the time. A third "job" is planning bi-monthly Saskatoon events for the Girl Guide-like women's skill-building club called Camp Hoo Ha.

Roxanne was never a Girl Guide but always wanted to be (the uniforms! The badges! The sleepovers!) so when she was invited to become a Guider two years ago to help bump her daughter off the waiting list for the ever-popular 29th Guide Unit she jumped at the chance. She and her fellow Guiders, Kristina and Cindy, have so much fun together and with their girls that when Roxanne came across a posting to actually WORK with Girl Guides she just couldn't pass it up.

**Welcome Roxanne**

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**12 Days of Giving Round-up:**

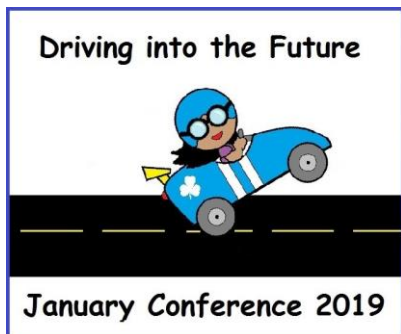
As of writing this update, we're 10 likes away from 1,000 on our Facebook Page! Once we reach that milestone, stay tuned for another giveaway!! Be sure to remind co-leaders and parents to like the page Girl Guides of Canada – Saskatchewan Council to stay updated about Guiding around the province and girl opportunities.

Crests, trefoil charm necklaces, and cookie usb drives were given away over the course of the contest, recipients should be receiving mail soon if they haven't already. Winners were from all over the province and country, some as far away as Nova Scotia and New Brunswick!

If anyone has 'vintage' crests or other retro guiding memorabilia they would like to donate for future giveaways, please let me know and either bring it to January Conference or drop it off at one of the offices with a note as to what it's for.

**Our Sparks program turns 30 in January!** To celebrate, GGC is launching the original Sparks t-shirt. More details about the exact date will be available on social media, the GuidePost, and thegirlguidestore.ca

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**January Conference**  
**January 25 - 27, 2019**  
**Saskatoon**

**Contact the Provincial Office for  
registration/accommodation options.**

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER - JANUARY 11**

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## Pathfinder/Ranger Conference

March 22 - 24 2019  
Location: Regina



Click for [Registration Form](#)

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### April 5 - 7, 2019

### Lady B-P Weekend

### Location: Southern Horizons Girl Guide Building - Regina



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**CBC4Kids is a winter bird count activity** for kids (and families), sharing the fun of the traditional Christmas Bird Counts with new generations of young birders across North America. CBC4Kids events are facilitated by keen bird and nature enthusiasts across the country, and counts take many forms, such as community events at a nature centre or a local nature space, or a bird walk with your Young Naturalist Club, Scouts, Guides, 4H, or bird club at school.



Last season, 142 bird species were reported from 58 CBC4Kids events across Canada! See more details in our [2017-2018 Season Summary](#) and highlights on [Twitter Moments](#).

If you are interested to take your group on a winter bird count (between December 1-January 31), please [click for more information and resources](#).

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# ARCHIVES - Beth Dreger - Archives Committee Chairperson

Over the past number of months, the Provincial Archives committee has been busy sorting badges by branch and by issue and also refining our uniform collection. We have welcomed Bev Stewart to our lively committee and she comes with a wealth of information from her years as a girl member. Our monthly work days are a chance for us to "play" with items from our Guiding history and it's a lot of fun. If you have guiding items you want to get rid of, give us a shout, we would like the opportunity to take it off your hands. [Click for our current wish list.](#)



If you have visited the Southern Horizons Girl Guide Centre this fall, you will have noticed our hallway display on your way to the office. We have changed it to a Thinking Day theme and Guilda is sporting a 1927 Guider uniform. We've put up a collection of hats and ties and the display case now contains some really old printed materials. If you're heading down to the office, please give yourself a little extra time to take a look.

You can contact Archives through the office, Saskatchewan Council Facebook page or you can contact me directly at [bldreger@sasktel.net](mailto:bldreger@sasktel.net). We're all part of Saskatchewan Guiding history.

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## TREFOIL GUILD - submitted by Lorraine Thibeault Provincial Trefoil Guild Liaison

**BC's Trefoil Guild Gathering** will be held on April 26-28 in Coquitlam. If you would like to attend this event click on the [link](#) for registration information. Deadline to register is February 1st.

**National's Trefoil Guild Gathering** is being held in Sudbury, ON June 19-23. Due to some cancellations, names can now be put on the waitlist. If you are interested in attending please [email Donna Robinson](#)

**Going Places Together:** Thanks to Judy Kehler for passing this information on to me. I thought that some of you might be interested in some of these trips organized by Nancy at [Nancy@goingplacetogether.com](mailto:Nancy@goingplacetogether.com). For more information about the tours/trips [click here](#).

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If you would like to receive the *Prairie Lily* as a hard copy in the mail, please contact the Provincial Office to request it. Call 1-800-565-8111 or email [provincial@girlguides.sk.ca](mailto:provincial@girlguides.sk.ca).

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