

Trefoil Guild Newsletter
Guiding in Ontario and Nunavut

July-August 2014

Welcome to another year of Guiding!

There was a lot of activity from our Trefoil Guild members over the summer. A lot of our members helped out at Rally Day (which was greatly appreciated), ran girl events, assisted at the 50th Anniversary of Wyoka, and at our summer camps. There were also a lot of year end parties and BBQ's. Thank you!

SURVEY:

1. I am looking for input on opening up Trefoil membership to any adult member. Please let me know your thoughts before September 12th so we can present your opinions to Ontario Council at their September meeting.
2. As an Adviser I have access to a 1-877 extension number if you would like to call me without incurring long distance charges. Your calls would come directly into my home and not the office. Please let me know if you think this would be a valuable tool.

Photos

Please remember that I cannot post pictures unless I have the names of each individual in the photo and they have an IR.1 on file.

Membership

The membership fee for 2014-2015 remains unchanged at \$50.00. This fee is covered by Ontario Council only if you have an eligible position in Guiding, (providing direct support to girls). You can renew [online](#) or mail in your form. Please remember you need to SIGN UP each year!

Financial

Pat Coull is the Unit Finance Community Specialist for the Trefoil Guilds. We have created a definition list of accounts to be used for Trefoil Guilds, which is posted on our Ontario Trefoil Guild page [FAQs Financial Guidelines for Trefoil Guilds](#) . Please contact Pat at ufscgtg.volunteer@guidesontario.org if you have any concerns.

Trainings

September 6-21, 2014 is our annual Provincial Training Weeks. Would you like to help the trainers in your community or get to know the new Guiders who live in your town or city? Check out the events calendar to see what is happening in your area. We have so much experience in Guiding, perhaps this is the time for us to support our new Guiders or just to say hello!

Awards

The Ontario Volunteer Service Awards are awarded to Volunteers. Awards of 5, 10, 15, 20 years etc are awarded to volunteers in any organization. The deadline for nominations is January 25th 2015. For information on this award, please visit the Ontario government website at <http://www.citizenship.gov.on.ca/english/citizenship/honours/vsa.shtml>. NOTE: In December, the membership department provides all ACLs with a list of the members within their communities in order

to submit nominations. If there is a Trefoil Guild member you would like to nominate, please contact the ACL.

REMEMBER! There are also many Guiding awards available. A list of these awards, their descriptions and how to nominate a member can be found on the [Ontario website](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 18, 2014 – Circle of Friends in Orillia ON, hosted by the 1st Severn Shores Trefoil Guild. You can sign up on the events calendar under [Adult and Sisterhood Events](#). Please join them for a day of fun, friendship and a delicious luncheon. They are also holding a silent auction to raise funds for a new stove for Bonita Glen Camp. If you have anything to donate or would like more information, please contact Joanne Souter at joannesouter@ymail.com or Susan Grant at susangrant@xplornet.com.

June 19-21, 2015 - Provincial Trefoil Guild Gathering, will be held at the University of Western Ontario in London. All information including registration details will be on the Events Calendar under Adult and Sisterhood events (it is not posted yet). There will be an option for attending for the day only or just the dinner.

Trefoil Guild activities around Ontario:

2nd Near North Trefoil Guild (North Bay & Area): participated in a service project by assembling many, many blessing bags of toiletries and personal items for women's shelters and transition houses. They attended the Guider Awards Dinner in Sturgeon Falls in June.

1st Newmarket Trefoil Guild: welcomed two new members, organized a Thinking Day event during the year that they hope to continue in the future and enjoyed many social events.

1st Grand Gals Trefoil Guild (Guelph/Wellington Country): two members hosted a Spring Fling for girls at Guelph Lake. Over 100 girls participated. The year- end BBQ was also a surprise baby shower for one of their members.

1st Etobicoke Trefoil Guild: celebrated their 25th Anniversary in June – congratulations! There were about 30 who attended, several from years past as well as those currently active. It was an opportunity to renew friendships and reconnect with friends.

1st Flowertown Trefoil Guild (Brampton): attended and assisted at Wyoka's 50th Anniversary celebration. They enjoyed many activities during the year including a year-end Pot Luck.

1st Agincourt Trefoil Guild: had a very busy year, they camped, canoed, sold cookies, had High Tea at the Legislature in Toronto, donated \$100 to WWF and \$150 to our Scholarship Fund, attended Thinking Day activities, held a food drive to Agincourt Com Services, packed bags for Rally Day, subsidized 32 girls in six units and two Guiders to attend Rally Day. They finally had some fun by attending a lunch & matinee and attended an R&R weekend in August.

1st WOW Trefoil Guild (West Ottawa Wanderers): the following is an excerpt from a Thank You note from Joanne Gullekson the outgoing President of the 1st West Ottawa Wanderers (WOW) Trefoil Guild:

This is the time of year when I like to look back at what we have accomplished during the past year, but with my term drawing to a close I am going to go a bit further this time and look at the past four years. We are now a group of 31 women, most of which actively participate on a regular basis. This no small improvement! When I first came to office it was struggle to get enough members out to meetings so that we could pass a motion.

We have gone from being the 3rd Ottawa West Trefoil Guild to the 1st West Ottawa Wanderers Trefoil Guild. We are a vital part of the Provincial Recognition Ceremony and a fixture at The Kanata Remembrance Day Ceremony.

With the exception of a request for a Stittsville Ranger Leader we have answered every call for unit support we have received. We are now an integral part of the Guiding community. We have offered a successful World Guiding Event for the past two years with the help of many. This year we were proud to accommodate 450 girl and guider participants

We have sold cookies.

We do make pillows for oncology; an important activity that has been featured in Canadian Guiding but we do so much more than that.

We have camped four times, gone on the Holiday Home Tour three times, twice cooked with Nicola and gone bowling twice. We have enjoyed more meals together than I can count. We have made pottery, mini golfed, done glass fusion, made planters, and gone on an art tour, hiked, shopped, and painted pottery. We have shopped in Montreal three times and travelled to Stratford, Niagara Falls, Quebec City and in a couple days, Boston.

As a Trefoil Guild we have been well recognized with awards. There have been:

- An Honorary Life Award - Julia*
- A Fortitude Award - Kay*
- 4 Ontario awards – Donna Nesbitt, Julia, Brigitte, Sharon*
- 3 Merit awards –Barb, Heather, Eleanor*
- 2 Gold Merit awards –Joanne, Wendy*
- And 16 Ontario Volunteer Service Awards.*

I would like to compare serving as your president to flying a kite. You run really hard to get it off the ground and then hang on for dear life. You ladies have soared very high indeed. It has been quite a ride. It is with a bit of remorse that I hand over the string, but, I have to admit, I am looking forward to a bit of a break. Joanne Jullekson

Please keep your minutes and comments coming, it is very exciting to read about what all of our Trefoil Guilds are enjoying and participating in during the year. It is amazing to see how far some Trefoil Guilds have come and how much we have to offer Guiding.

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