

Trefoil Newsletter Ontario & Nunavut

April – June 2014

It has been an exciting first year and I thank all Trefoil members in Ontario for your warm welcome and continued support. Please keep sending me your minutes, I love to read what everyone is “up to” and it is very useful when new Guilds or existing Guilds are looking for activities or special projects. I also love being invited – while I can’t make every event I do love to drive!

I am also thrilled at the number of Guilds who host and or attend girl and Guiding events. What an exciting way to pass along all of your knowledge and love of Guiding. I know the girls and Guiders appreciate it.

I realize that I neglected to send out a newsletter for April/May, so this one is a little long. The National Newsletter was published in early May and I took a lot of the information you had sent to be included. Great photos!!

We would also like to welcome our newest Guild – 1st Southridge Ottawa Trefoil Guild.

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. You can sign-up online or mail in your form. The links are on Ontario Council website under [Trefoil](#). You will all be emailed with a reminder, so I ask members to please share this information with all of their Guild members.

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 will be posted shortly.

Provincial Gathering – June 19-21, 2015 will be held at the University of Western Ontario in London, details to follow.

Membership Trivia – Nikki Cahill sent me a list of all Guild members in Ontario along with their membership years. Believe it or not it was 45,725 years (including girl years) for 1314 members. That equals an average of almost 35 years of membership each! That is a lot of experience.

There are still a couple hundred members who have NOT completed signing their Code of Conduct. Please ensure all members of your Guilds comply.

Guild Events around Ontario.

1st Agincourt - 31 girls were sponsored for Rally Day. Members offered their homes for adults volunteering and arranged car pooling. A Thinking Day card was received from our pen pal in Australia. A wind-up BBQ was held June 10th.

1st Blue Lakes – (Huntsville/Gravenhurst area) Money was donated to CWFF, support was given to the Bracebridge Pathfinder's trip. We attended and volunteered at the Guides "Fashion Tea".

1st Carleton East (East Ottawa and Area) - They continue to meet in the summer for social events. A New Year's weekend camp was held at Camp Woolsey. This is a rural group from more than one community who are very active socially. They are always looking for new members and would like more interaction with the Ottawa Guilds.

1st Dorothy Crocker (Ottawa area) – Lindy shared her slide show from her trip to Mexico. A WWF donation of \$25.00 was made. They are going to Boston June 20-23/14. The 3rd Annual Eastern Ontario & Western Quebec Community Banquet – April 12, Lisa received the Gold Merit award and Brigitte received the Ontario Award. Susan was also presented with her 50 year membership pin. A donation was made to Sangam. Year end BBQ mid June. We are looking for a new President for next year. Attended a camp with WOW Guild in April.

1st Etobicoke Trefoil Guild (W Toronto) – Dorothy Elliott received her 65 year membership pin. Many volunteered at Rally Day. Received WAGGGS Newsletters and shared at meetings. Many plans have been made for February 2015. Elisa House was supplied with Ditty Bags. Store in the box will no longer be available. The 1st Etobicoke will celebrate 25 years June 22, 2014, congratulations. A crest and shirt have been approved for our Anniversary. Sold cookies at Cloverdale Mall April & May.

1st Flowertown (Brampton) - Had a special ceremony to remember deceased members and their families. Attended and volunteered at Huttonville Guiding 50th Anniversary. Attended the Famous People Players show. Attended and volunteered at Wyoka's 50 Anniversary Camp. Year End Pot Luck June 17th.

1st Grand Gals (Guelph/Wellington_Dufferin County) - Held a pot-luck dinner for local Guiders in April. Two members of the Guild hosted an event for girls in Community 6. Year End Pot Luck to be held June 20th.

1st Hill Trefoil Guild (Cornwall Area) - A meeting was held in the West Island area of Montreal with the 1st Cabana and West Island Trefoil to make bookmarks used for trays for hospital patients and others to be given away. Attending a play June 22 at Upper Canada Playhouse.

1st London - Are busy planning the Ontario Trefoil Gathering June 19-21, 2015 in London Ontario at the University of Western Ontario. Sunshine visits were held for many members and families who are in hospital. Judy Foster from the London Human Society spoke. A bus trip was held May 14, 2014 to Sanderson Centre, Brantford. Attended area pot-luck in Sarnia.

1st North Shore Trefoil (Elliott Lake & Massey ON) - We are only two members and we live one hour from each other. We keep in contact by phone. We also knit for preemies at the Elliot Lake and Espanola Hospital.

1st Rouge Valley (Markham Area) - Donations were made to the Guide group for their outing to Jungle Cat World. Craft kits were delivered to Sandgate. A trip to Stratford was held June 7-8, 2014.

1st Severn Shores (Orillia area) - Last winter the group spent a wonderful weekend at Bonita Glen Camp. They made craft kits for the Hospital for Sick Children Guiding unit.

1st West Winds - Membership pins were present to
Hilberdina Ptok – 40 years
Vyvyan Webb – 45 years
Lily Elliott – 55 years

A Thinking Day event for Brownies and Guides, based on WAGGGS theme was held in February. Two donations were made to the Scholarship fund in memory of Pat Bilodeau and Euphemia Bridges.

1st Windsor Association Trefoil Guild - On April 12, 2014 Windsor Association Trefoil Guild had it's 69th Annual Tea. The first tea was held in 1945 at the home of Mrs. W.D. Anderson. At that time the Trefoil Guild was known as the Windsor Association. Now the tea is held at the same location as the Community 1 Craft Fair so the tea can be a family affair. Active Guiders, Rangers and Guides contribute their services in the kitchen and helping serve tea. This gives Girl Guides of all ages the opportunity to get to know each other. The eldest participant at the tea is 102 years young.

Admission is by donation and all proceeds go toward campership programs and support of Guiding. We were pleased this year to have a visit from our Provincial Trefoil Guild Adviser, Judy Pavlis. Her willingness to get to know some of our people was very much appreciated. We certainly enjoyed meeting her.

We will send out an invite for our 70th Anniversary of the Tea to other Guilds next year. (I had an amazing time.)

1st WOW (West Ottawa Wanderers) - Attended camp with the 1st Dorothy Crocker Guild in April. While the weather was not perfect we still had fun making crafts, playing games and eating wonderful food.

The Friends Around the World event was held for 465 girls and Guiders from the Ottawa area. Girls toured the world and experienced traditional customs, games, music, art and stories. Assistance was given from the 1st Dorothy Crocker Trefoil Guild.

A number of our members were recently presented with awards.

Julia Mountford - Honorary Life Award
Kay Dubie – Fortitude Award
Sharon O'Connor – Ontario Award
Bridgitte Trau – Ontario Award
Barb Bijman – Merit Award
Heather Hamann – Merit Award
Eleanor Reynaud – Merit Award
Wendy Killeen – Gold Medal of Merit Award
Joanne Gullekson – Gold Medal of Merit Award

Ontario Volunteer Service awards went to
Leona Campbell – 5 years
Erma Caisse-Richard – 10 years
Nicola Jarvis – 10 years

Joanne Gullekson – 20 years

2nd Gren-Dun-Lee (Brockville and area) - Membership pins were presented to

Biddy Adamson – 65 years

Marjorie Boyle – 50 years

Christine Slater – 35 years

A Thinking Day event was held for all girls and Guiders for a fun day of activities. We joined the 1st Gren-Dun-Lee Guild for an evening of cooking. Year end includes dinner and a trip to the theater.

2nd Near North (North Bay Area) - A Guide/Scout Day was held at Nipissing University Feb 22nd run by the Arts & Science Faculty. The Guider Awards Dinner will be held June 22 in Sturgeon Falls.

Membership pins were presented to:

Lori - 35 years

June, Donna, Brenda, Linda Knight & Marci – 30 year pins

Communities 17 – 20 (Toronto area) - Cathy Slama, 1st Agincourt Trefoil Community 20 attended

“Mysteriously Yours” in Toronto for lunch and a matinee.

Donna Percy, 1st Francis, Community 17 has a service project to assist Kindergarten children in an inner city school. 600-700 attended the Girl Guide Day at the Ricoh Coliseum.

Bev Gordon, 1st Etobicoke, Community 18 spoke about her trip to the Cabana. They made “individual” bags for a shelter.

Joan Woodland, 1st Ontario Council Guild is celebrating their 25th anniversary this year.

Carol Anderson, 1st Woodbine, Community 19, presented a Christmas treat of movies passes for girls living in a youth residence.

Linda Meyer, 1st Sheppard, Community 20 – gave out membership pins at their potluck. Held a Community Campfire.

Remember –

Open your eyes

To the beauty around you

Open your mind

To the wonders of life

Open your heart

To those who love you

And always

Be true to yourself

“Maya Angelou”

Judy Pavlis

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