Letter from your Area Commissioner

by Sharon Romanow

The leaves have turned colour and the weather has begun to get nippy but that is not a sign of winter getting near. It is a sign of the new Guiding year starting!

Welcome back to all those returning and welcome to those who are just beginning with us. This new year is already starting off great. Registration is up compared to this same time last year! Great job everyone, it is thanks to the wonderful jobs everyone has been doing making Lagimodiere Area a place where girls want to belong. Some new units have even been opened to accommodate the rise in numbers.

Cookies are just flying out the door! Everyone I have spoken to have said that their cookies have sold out within the first week or so, with girls coming back for more.

If anyone is having trouble selling their cookies, please let your DC know as there are units that are looking for more.

The year ahead is looking to be an exciting one! Keep an eye on the Provincial website and Facebook page for all the details of upcoming events, such as Dauphin Badge Days, Guide Night at the Moose, and Santa Claus Parade, just to name a few. Watch for info coming from Lagimodiere Area and your DC’s about Area events, such as the exciting Adult Only Event in November, Pathfinder/Ranger Event in January, Muzzeum Sleepover in February, Area Annual AGM and Dinner in May and the Lady Baden Powell Award Ceremony in June for a start!

I look forward to hearing reports of all the exciting things happening within the units - Enrollment ceremonies, celebrations, service projects, outings, etc. Please brag about yourselves!

Yours in Guiding,
Sharon Romanow

Please Note:

Peggy is working different hours at our Lagimodiere Area Office.

Her new hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. If you leave a voice message she will get back to you her next working day. Emails are not checked other days of the week either.

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Lady Baden Powell Award Recipients

Congratulations to our 2016 recipients

Alita Balla  Sarah Beatty  Rebecca Boyechko  Darrah Brown  Rylie Buchalter  Bobbi Bullivant  Faith Carpenter  Jade Cayer  Chloe Cayer  Evelyn Creed  Jordan Dearsley

Hannah Garroni  Emma Geller  McKenna Gibbons  Kyla Hanchar  Elizabeth Hardman  Brooke Hill  Zoe Hirose  Eunju Jeong  Brooke McKay  Kadence McKay  Aimee Metail

We all need to eat, buy clothes and presents, and get gas, so why not take the opportunity to make the money that you spend on groceries help Caddy Lake Girl Guide Camp.

Here is how it works:

It’s simple: You buy President’s Choice cards with a cash value of $20, $50 or $100 and a percentage of the card value goes back to Caddy Lake Camp. The more we sell, the higher % return we get!

The cards never expire, have no service fees and can be used at any Loblaw’s owned store across Canada - including Real Canadian Superstore (including Joe Fresh Clothing, in store), Loblaw’s, No Frills, Extra Foods, or Superstore Gas Bar. (Gift cards cannot be used to purchase alcohol or tobacco products). It is that easy!

How to get your cards:

District Commissioners, please determine your deadline date so that you have enough time to collect forms and money before the District deadline date – keeping in mind the time it takes cheques to clear your Unit Bank Account. Guiders will then distribute the letter and order form to all their girls.

Girls will collect orders and money and hand back in to their Guider by the Unit deadline.

Guiders will then tally all their Unit orders onto one form and write one Unit cheque for the total and hand into their District Commissioner by the District deadline.

District Commissioners, must return one District form (with all orders listed) and a District cheque to the Area office by Nov 18th. Cards will be available to pick up the first week of Dec and the District Commissioner will be notified as to when they are available to pick up from the Caddy Lake Camp Office. One member of your District must pick up the total order and distribute back to the Units.

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Please wear your uniform and bring a juice box or bottled water.

Thanks in advance to all participants.

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From Manitoba Council

Great work to all – Manitoba has now moved up to second place for membership so far this year. With 2481 girls to date we just over 100 girls away from hitting our 2015 – 2016 count number of 2590 girls!

Not to be forgotten is your great efforts with adult membership – we are currently at 685 adult members, that’s 29 over where we were at for the count last year. If we can convert everyone on the potential member list we will be at 718 adult members!

Your efforts in girl and adult recruitment are showing! Thank you for all you do promote Manitoba Guiding!

There will be a one day Animation Event for the Pathfinder/Senior Branch girls on Saturday, January 21, 2017. Details to follow in the next couple of weeks.

Mark it in your 2017 calendar!
Patrol 7 at GM 2016

Billies in the mud

Sporting the toques made by Sharon Romanow

Renewal of our Promise

Impromto sing-a-long
Manitoba Council Conference May 2016

Our Lagimodiere Area Commissioner, Sharon Romanow, was presented with the Red River Cart at the Manitoba Council Conference in May 2016.

Back row: Jennifer Keeney Marjorie Doyle, Nancy Bollenback, Sharok Romanow, Front Row: Pat van Rysselt and Virginia Greening

Dianne Cechvala, Pauline Quaghebeur and Carmen Kaethler

Her Honour, Lieutenant Governor Janice Filmon spoke to those in attendance

Trefoil Guild sessions - service project for the Children’s Hospital and a review of the Manitoba Trefoil Guild Handbook
Lagimodiere Area Annual Meeting and Awards Evening

Nancy Bollenback and Sharon Romanow presenting Alisa Mailey with the Medal of Merit

Nancy Bollenback and Sharon Romanow presenting Grace Garneau the Gold Merit Award

Nancy Bollenback and Sharon Romanow presenting Megan Mailey the Silver Merit Award

Nancy Bollenback and Sharon Romanow presenting Kristen Sesak the Silver Merit Award
Lagimodiere Area Annual Meeting and Awards Evening

Nancy Bollenback and Sharon Romanow presenting Gudrun Antosh the Silver Merit Award

Nancy Bollenback and Sharon Romanow presenting Janelle Wood the Bronze Merit Award

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Nancy Bollenback, Sharon Romanow and Deb Smith presenting Leyah Fehr-Stempnick a Letter of Commendation
Lagimodiere Area Annual Meeting and Awards Evening

Nancy Bollenback and Sharon Romanow presenting Marjorie Doyle with the first Lagimodiere Area Award - Lady Lag Bonnet Award

Nancy Bollenback and Sharon Romanow presenting Dana Reuther with the Lagimodiere Area Award
111th Brownies win Blue Bomber Tickets

by Jodi Pokrant

The 111th Brownie unit was so excited to win the draw for nine seats to the September 30 Bomber game against the Edmonton Eskimos. For some it was their first trip to IGF and the six Brownies, one Pathfinder and one Ranger from Northeast District had so much fun. We cheered right to the end and learned a lot about football. The girls highlights were cheering together, popcorn, cheerleader halftime show and mini donuts.

A huge thank you goes to the United Way for donating tickets. It was a night that Hannah, Hailey, Ayva Marie, Grace, Ashley, Emily and Daria will not soon forget.
September, 2016

Dear caring and committed Winnipegger:

As the leaves change and we enjoy this most colourful season, it’s tough to start thinking about winter. While you and your family might still be weeks away from pulling out the hats and mitts, coats, scarves and boots, work has already begun at Koats for Kids.

Each year, from September to February, the families of thousands of Winnipeg children will turn to this vital program to ensure their children can weather the cold winter months in warmth and comfort.

Since parents cannot order directly through Koats for Kids, we rely on schools, daycares and agencies like yours to get those items in the hands of people who need them the most.

This envelope contains materials for you to use to let parents and caregivers know about the program. We have also included materials should your school, daycare or agency wish to conduct a coat drive and collect donations for the Koats for Kids Program.

Thank you for all you do for our community. If you have any questions or would like more information about Koats for Kids, please don’t hesitate to contact us as koats@UnitedWayWinnipeg.mb.ca or (204) 586-5628 (KOAT).

Sincerely,

Donna Albak
Program Manager
Koats for Kids
Blanketing Manitoba

Blanketing Manitoba is a charity that provides new knitted/crocheted/quilted blankets to other Non-profits such as Siloam Mission, nursing homes, CancerCare etc.

The picture is their storeroom showing all their beautiful blankets ready for distribution in November.

They operate out of the Good Neighbor’s Senior Centre - Bronx Community Club on Henderson Highway.

They are happy to accept donations of wool and material. If you wish to donate already made blankets, lapghans, afghans, squares that can be made into a blanket they will be pleased to receive them. The Lagimodiere Area office is a donation drop-off location.

In addition, they meet two Mondays a month, 9 - 11:30 at the centre. All are welcome to attend. They are always looking for volunteers.

If you would like more information, their president is Ina Drummond and she can be reached at 204.667.9118.

Volunteers are Good Neighbours most valuable asset. This centre could not function without their dedicated involvement. Because of the excellent contributions they make to society our volunteers continue to be recognized beyond the walls of the centre.

On October 28 Blanketing Manitoba will be receiving an Honourable Mention Certificate at the annual Manitoba Council on Aging Recognition Awards ceremony being held at the Legislative Building. Blanketing Manitoba is comprised of volunteers who donate their time and use their skills to knit and crochet blankets and sew quilts. Many individuals from churches, assisted living residences, or senior apartment buildings, work tirelessly at home and donate knitted or crocheted 8”x8” squares, completed blankets or sewn quilts.

These blankets are then given out to many community organizations who distribute them to their clients and other people in need. One organization, who deals with children in crisis, mentioned that a common response is, “I can keep this!” It is very powerful to them when they find out that people in the community care about them. A shelter for abused women gives a blanket to every woman who enters. Since many of them come from very stressful situations with few possessions, they are so happy to receive something that is not only handmade, but it’s new. Many of the volunteers are very generous and contribute not only their time but also their money towards the cost of the wool. But for some, the need to supply their own wool would make this activity prohibitive. Therefore the organization relies not only on volunteers to knit but also on generous donations of wool or money to purchase wool.

Blanketing Manitoba has distributed blankets to 45 different organizations, and since 2006, 4636 blankets have been handed out. The contribution that Blanketing Manitoba has made to this community is truly remarkable.
312th Guides
by Cathy Hirose

On September 30 to October 2, the 2nd and 3rd year Guides from the 312th Guides attended Wilderness Challenge and competed against the Scouts. There were 273 attendees at the camp and 18 groups competing at their level. They had a great time and all the girls have voted to return next year. The Guiders also had fun supervising, taking pictures with all the gorgeous fall colours, and hiking in the beautiful weather.

The girls’ favorite stations at Wilderness Challenge were the Lantern Safety and Axe Safety stations. After earning their knife permits, they all had fun back at the campsite whittling. The best campsite fun was making lanterns and of course, snacking – all Guides like food! We also managed to complete the BC Fall Elements camp.

They sure made their Guiders proud when they got past their nerves and sang a rousing rendition of My Aunt Came Back at the big campfire. What a great experience!

Thanks,
Cathy Hirose
312th Guides continued
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Crocus Trefoil Guild
by Marjorie Doyle

You might think by looking at some of these pictures that all we do is eat, but we do much more than that.

Six of our Guild were pleased to be part of the Manitoba contingent that attended the Trefoil Guild Gathering in St. John, Newfoundland along with 350 other trefoil members from Canada, the US and the United Kingdom.

Those from the Crocus TG attending were Virginia Greening, Dianne Cechvala, Jean Sorko, Nancy Bollenback, Sharon Romanow and Marjorie Doyle.

We learned lots, laughed much and enjoyed meeting the other attendees as well as the wonderful people of Newfoundland.

The next Gathering is in 2019 in Sudbury, Ontario. Mark it on your calendar now - it’s always a great time!
A fishing village

An iceberg

Our dining room

Jelly houses

Karen Cullen, Crocus West Area, getting “Screeched”
Our Manitoba group - Diane, Jean, Connie, Marjorie, Karen, Dianne, Virginia, Betty, Sharon, Nancy and Pat in our Manitoba Trefoil shirts

View of St. John’s from Signal Hill

Our presentation about famous women who were born in Manitoba or lived here celebrating 100 years of voting for women in Manitoba

Trefoil Guild Specialists from across Canada

Crab and lobster traps in a fishing village

Puffins
Summer road trip - lunch in Charleswood - LOL

Annual weiner roast held in September because of Trefoil Gathering etc. It’s normally our year end event

Weiner roast

Coffee and dessert at Smitty’s. Time to pay our registration fees!

Dancing session in Newfoundland