

*NS Council*

Hello and welcome to the 2nd installment of Postings from the PC.

January might have been a cold month with uncertain weather, but that didn't hold Guiding down!

January saw our logo burst its border and come out of the box! The logo is fun, it's fresh and with the stem of the Trefoil pointing forward, it sets the direction for our organization.

Along with the introduction of the new logo, Pamela (Chair of the National Board) and Jill (Chief Executive Officer) shared the "New Year - New Look" message with information on the *Journey to Everything She Wants to Be* Video, our new *Strategic Plan* and the *Visual Identity Assets*. If you haven't had a chance to look over the information, shared via email on Jan 16th, I encourage you to do so. If you would like another copy of that message, please contact the office at [GGCNS@girlguides.ns.ca](mailto:GGCNS@girlguides.ns.ca).



On Jan 23rd, staff from the National office held a Girls First Facebook Live Meeting. For your convenience, a copy is posted on our Girl Guides of Canada - Nova Scotia Council Facebook page-> <https://www.facebook.com/GGCNS/>.

The NS Program Committee hosted a Brownie Explore the Arts Day with 60 girls and Guiders attending from across the province and the Trainers Weekend brought 30+ Trainers and Guiders together to learn about Change Management and how we all can work together to empower change in our province and organization.

**GIRLS FIRST**

As you read through the most recent Canadian Guider, take note of pg. 12 for an update on Girls First, the center pull out for information on the Strategic Plan and pg. 30: [A Place for Every Girl](#). This article features how Girl Guides and the YMCA are working together to embrace new Canadians with in the Center Immigrant Programs in Halifax. Working on this project with the Y, over the past year, has been exciting and rewarding for all.

It was exciting to see that 1,225 NS Girls and Guiders participated in the 2018 WAGGS Challenge and completed the Connect-Grow-Impact theme which celebrates the Impact the Movement has on the lives of our members and their communities!



And finally, January saw the planning for the next couple of months events get underway for Winter Kwahee, Outdoor Adult Leadership Training, Quest and lots of more events to come! .....and now we say.....

# Hello February

As Units are well into planning for meetings and camps, we take time to recognize February as an important month in our Guiding history.


When you hear Feb 22nd - what do you think of, what do you remember?



For some it's collecting pennies (now coins), or wearing our uniform to school or church. For others, it could be telling the story of Lord and Lady Baden Powell or working on badges and challenges.

Whatever comes to your mind, I'm sure it brings fond memories, either as a girl member, an adult member, or both!

As demonstrated by our founders, Lord and Lady BP, I hope these memories and other experiences, help make your commitment to Guiding stronger.

As for Nova Scotia, our membership is growing! We are **5,924** members strong with 4,718 girls and 1,206 Guiders registered for the 2017-2018 Guiding year- this represents an overall 1.2% growth  we are very pleased!

This year new units were opened in Arichat, Barrington, Lockport, Sheet Harbour, Shelburne, Tangier, Wentworth, Whitney Pier and also a Francophone Unit in Dartmouth. There are plans for more in other locations where Guiding has been dormant for many years!



And while you have heard about the National Scholarships, information on the NS Scholarships will be circulated soon. I encourage all members, who are entering or re-entering post-secondary schools, to apply.

And finally, in the most recent Guide Post, information for the DeCode Challenge, International Women's Day, TD Tree Planting, Girls Badge Survey results, Girl Greatness Awards, National Scholarships, and Cookie All Stars was circulated. Please check out Guide Post, and all National Publications at: [Publications](#).



So as we move through February, and into our spring months, I know you will be participating in fun and exciting events and activities with your units and while February could be a bit dreary - Guiding is not - thanks to all of you!

Again Thank you for all your time and efforts to make Guiding a fun place for both girls and your fellow Guiders - it's because of you our girl members will succeed in their goal of becoming

.....*Everything She Wants To Be !!* .....*Lorena*

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