

## **Lyn Gill's Girl Scout History**

### **Background**

I grew up in Philadelphia PA attended Friends Select School in center city. I was never a Girl Scout as a girl, my mother had been a leader before I was born. Because I went to school in center city I attended a Brownie meeting in an apartment building I remember being unhappy because all they did was eat cookies and play games. I lived in a 3 story house in Philadelphia with a big backyard and spent my summers on the Sassafraz River, I was an outdoor person. Sadly I was not introduced to Girl Scouts again until after I moved to Wilmington and joined a bowling league. Several people wanted me to become a Girl Scout leader of a Junior Troop, I declined but then agreed to be a Brownie leader even though my oldest daughter was only in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. The next year my oldest daughter joined the troop and the rest is history. Having three daughters I just keep getting in deeper and deeper. At one point I had a Brownie Troop and a Senior troop at the same time.

Became a Lifetime Member 1996

### **Troops**

1973-77 Brownie 710 (no daughter in troop first year)  
1978-81 Junior Troop 288  
1982-83 Cadette Troop 252  
1983-87 Senior Troop 3  
1986-87 Brownie Troop 177  
1987-90 Junior Troop 288  
1990-95 Cadette Troop 288  
1993-96 Daisy Troop 1453 ( no daughters in troop)

### **Service Team Positions**

Brownie Consultant 1979-  
Organizer 1981-82, 1998-1990  
Outdoor Program Consultant 1983-92  
Area Chair/ SUM 1992-97, 2007-09, 2015-2019  
SU Recognition Chair 1992- 2021  
SU Training coordinator 1997- 2021  
SU Cookie Manager 1984-85  
SU Treasurer 2020 to present  
North Wilmington cupboard manager 2010—12

### **Recognitions Received**

Green Angel 1986  
Seagull 1987  
Outstanding Volunteer 1990  
President's Award for ST 1990  
Plaque Recognition of service given 1991  
Honor 1992  
Thanks Badge 1997  
Thanks II 2002  
Juliette Low Humanitarian Award 2005  
Pearls of Wisdom Women of Distinction 2012  
Appreciation Pin 2013  
Received 45 year Volunteer Pin 2018

Received 50 year pin 2023  
Received Beacon Award in 2023

**Camp experiences**

Country Center inside and out  
Grove Point inside and out  
Camp Todd inside and out  
Sandy Pines inside & in the TeePee  
Sunset Hills in PA  
Assateague State Park  
Cape Henlopen  
Nickerson State Park Cape Cod  
French Creek State Park, PA  
Elk Neck State Park, MD  
Camping outside Baltimore  
Camping outside Washington DC

**Committees/ Volunteer positions**

Property Planning in late 80 early 90's (part of group for Capital Campaign to fix camps, build Tree Houses etc.  
Annual Meeting Committee at least 18 years co-chair many years  
Cluster A 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Glasgow High committee member  
Cluster A 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Elk Neck State Park co-chair  
100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events co-chair  
100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Birthday party at the beach co-chair  
Archive Committee ??-to present  
Gold Review Committee many years,(25 -30 years) advisor in the beginning, mentor in later years  
Chaired Family Partnership Campaign many years  
SU 29/629/679.Recognitions Chair -2021  
SU 29 Brownie Consultant  
SU 29 Organizer  
Association VI Chair twice  
SU 679 Treasurer 2019-  
SU 679 Highest Award Champion  
Council Trainer for Daisy and Brownie Leaders  
It's A Shore Thing Committee (Council Wider Op)

**Other Activities**

Tree planting at Talley Middle School in 1976  
Chaired several International Events in SU 29 held at Claymont Community Center 80's  
Volunteered at Resident Camp 3 summers in 90's  
Attended National Council Session in 1996 as delegate (Forth Worth) & 1999 as Delegate (Kansas City)  
Attended National Council Sessions as visitor in 2005 (Atlanta), 2008 ( Indianapolis), 2011 ( Houston),  
2014 (Salt Lake City), 2017 ( Columbus)  
Attended a History Conference at Edith Macy Center in 2013  
Fall School, many, many years teaching courses  
Still Singing Washington DC every year held

GSUSA Training in Philadelphia 2010?  
GSUSA Training in Portland Oregon 2010 or 2011  
Attended 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of GS in Washington DC

### **Trips Taken with girls**

1982 Trip to Washington DC with Troop Cadette Troop 252 stayed in campground visited museums and Senator Biden

1984 Camped with Senior Troop 3 at Nickerson State Park, Cape Cod went whale watching  
Washington DC with Cadette 288 stayed in youth Hostel toured museums

1991 Attended Passport to the Past at the Birthplace with 2 girls. We made our own dresses to wear and donated them to the birthplace.

Camping outside Baltimore, visiting the Tall Ships and Fort McHenry

Sleepover at Maryland Science

Sleepover at Franklin Institute

Camping at Assateague State Park

### **Memories**

Many events stick out in my mind:

The camping trip to Washington DC going back into the leader's tent sitting down to find the girls had put whoopie cushions under our sleeping bags. The couple camping next door got a big kick out of that one. Visiting Senator Biden's office.

Staying in the Hostel in DC , walking everywhere in DC with a great group of young ladies, and a few adult volunteers.

Sleeping in the dinosaur room at the Maryland Science Museum.

Sleeping under the planes at the Franklin Institute

Attending the 1996 National Council Session, as a delegate in Fort Worth TX. 1999 Delegate at Kansas City MO, 2005 as a visitor in Atlanta GA, 2008 as visitor in Indianapolis IN, 2011 as a visitor in Houston TX, 2014 as a visitor in Salt Lake City Utah, 2017 as a visitor Columbus Oh .

Meeting and getting to know amazing Girl Scouts like, Lynn Williams, Joan Przywara, Mary Wuertenberger, Judy Zecca, Betty Ann Themal and Harriett "Mac" MacVeigh. If I hadn't become a Girl Scout Leader I would never have met these woman, our paths would never has crossed. All the FUN I have had being a Girl Scout volunteer.

It isn't just girls who learn and grow because of Girls Scouts, as an adult Girl Scout I have learned many new things and grown as a person because of my many involvements.