

*Girl Scouts of Conifer Council's
2002 Gold & Silver Dinner
April 16, 2002
Special Events*

Welcome: Kathryn Cox, Executive Director

Grace: (Bless Our Friends)

Dinner:

Posting of Colors:

The color guard will consist of the Gold Award recipients, who will wear red sashes. They will be flanked by the Silver Award recipients, who will form two lines down the middle of the hall, making an Honor Walk.

Our caller will be:

Caller: *Will you please rise?*

(Give people time for all to be standing, quiet and the noise of the chairs to die down).

Caller: *Color Guard, attention.*

Caller: *Girl Scouts, family members and honored guests, attention.*

Caller: *Color Guard, advance.*

(Be sure to wait until the color guard has reached the flag stands and halted before proceeding).

Caller: *Color Guard, post the colors.*

(The United States Flag is posted last because the flag is considered to be "flying" when it is held; in this way, the U.S. flag "flies" longer than the other flags.)

Caller: *Color Guard, salute the colors.*

Caller: *The United States flag stands for the past, the present and the future of our country. It stands for the men and women who have built America, for their toil, sweat and blood. Its stars and stripes tell of more than 200 Million free people of 50 states working and fighting to keep liberty for themselves and generations to come. As our soldiers battle terrorism to preserve our precious liberties, our flag remains the symbol of America's strength.*

Caller: *Would you please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance?*

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Caller: *All of us are familiar with Betsy Ross, who constructed our first flag of thirteen stars and stripes. Other women, less well known, have contributed to our flag's rich heritage. Katharine Lee Bates, a professor at Wellesley (pronounced Wells-lee) College in Massachusetts, wrote the words to one of our most popular national hymns, "America the Beautiful." Please join me in this beloved song.*

*O Beautiful, for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain.
For purple mountain, magesities, above the fruited plain.
America! America! God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good, with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea.*

Caller: *Color Guard Retreat.*

(The color guard will then move down the hall. They will NOT return to their seats yet. They will, instead, join the lines of the Silver Award winners, forming two coloms down the middle of the hall. Wait until the lines are in place and everyone is quiet before proceeding.)

Caller: *We gather here tonight to honor the recipients of the Silver Award, the highest award given to a Cadette Girl Scout, and the recipients of the Gold Award, the highest award given to a Senior Girl Scout. Throughout their scouting years, these young women have adhered to the principles of the Girl Scout Promise and Law. These serve as our foundation reminding us to stand by our values in a changing world. Would all Girl Scouts here tonight join us in repeating the Girl Scout Promise and Law?*

*On My Honor, I will try
to serve God, my country,
to help people at all times
and to live by the Girl Scout Law.*

I will do my best to be
Honest and fair,
Friendly and helpful,
Considerate and caring,
Courageous and strong,
And responsible for what I say and to,
And to
Respect myself and others,
Respect authority,
Use resources wisely,
Make the world a better place, and
To be a sister to every Girl Scout.

Caller: Thank you. You may be seated.

Address:Cheryl Brown, President, Girl Scouts
of Conifer Council

(At this point, Cheryl comes to the podium and gives this short address)

Thank you, Caller.

The girls whom we are honoring tonight are among the elite in Girl Scouting. They are truly our future and are the next generation of Girl Scout leaders. But in a sense, these girls are already leaders. By earning the Silver and Gold Awards, these girls have taken the initiative—sometimes at the hand of their parents--- to give countless hours of service to our community and those in need. These are girls that others look to when there is an idea, a problem or an opportunity. These girls make things happen. They are leaders among their peers and the entire youth community.

I have no doubt that our founder, Juliette Gordon Low, would be proud of you because you are following in her footsteps as you become a unique and caring influence in tomorrow's world.

Many of you know that our founder's nickname was "Daisy." As you see daisies, either in a garden or on a table, recall your years in Girl Scouting.

Pick one and make goals, petal by petal, for your future. Rely on your Girl Scout experiences to make your dreams a reality.

Call to the Podium Silver Award Recipients:

(Girls and their mothers will be asked to come forward as a representative of their troop describes their project. After the project description has been read, the girl will join her troop. Their leader will hand the pins to the mother to pin their daughters as each girl's name is called out by Cheryl. Kat will present each girl with their packet. A Junior Girl Scout will present each Gold Recipient a rose.) Once pinned, the girls and their mothers will be asked to sit down.

Troop 40's Project will be described by:

Troop 127's Project will be described by:

Troop 140's Project will be described by:

Troop 201's Project will be described by:

Troop 434's Project will be described by:

Call to the podium the Gold Award Recipients:

Troop 44's project will be described by:

Troop 66's project will be described by:

Troop 80's project will be described by:

Troop 139's project will be described by:

As we celebrate these young women, we must also look to the guiding hand that is truly behind these girls: their Girl Scout Leaders.

You have devoted many afternoons, nights and weekends shepherding girls, often as first grade Brownies to the Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouting. You saw them as they learned to read, mastered the flag

ceremony, bridged to Juniors then bridged Juniors, later Cadettes and Seniors. You saw them through middle school, discovering boys and now high school as they balance Girl Scouts with many other activities like cheerleading, band, drill team, drama and student council. As important as the girls sticking with it, is YOUR sticking with it. You could have quit, leaving girls without a troop. But you didn't and tonight, as we recognize these young women, we also honor you. Will the following women please come forward: (Kat will present each leader with a plaque and each girl's daughter will present them with a bouquet of flowers as their name is called.)

Melodie Brunt
Jocelyn Fullerton
Nancy Hemard
Lisa Ledwell
Sandy Moilanen
Devon Rogers
Sharon Tyler

Thank you for your years of service to our young women.

(Cheryl leads applause and a standing ovation.)

What an amazing group of mothers and daughters. Parents and friends, we have reason to be proud of these incredible young women. As we laud them, we must also praise you. As devoted moms and dads, you have supported your girls for many years, helping them understand the importance of the skills and opportunities available to them in Girl Scouts. You are the ones who drove her to troop meetings, helped at camp-outs, who bought, sold and delivered Girl Scout cookies, was there for the Mother-Daughter and Father-Daughter events.

Without loving and responsible parents like yourselves, Conifer Council would be unable to meet its goal, that of inspiring girls with the highest standards of character, conduct, patriotism and service. We thank and applaud the parents who support our Girl Scouts.

(Cheryl starts the applause and everyone joins in).

We would like to thank the following people for their assistance: Beverly Tiffin, Nancy Hemard, Kathryn Cox, Keri Pompella, Kay Boyce, Hazel Jones, Berry McQueen, Janie Cesar and Jim Wyly.

Sing "Girl Scouts Together"

(Dismissal) Thank you all for coming out tonight to celebrate and honor our Girl Scouts. Have a safe trip home.

© Lisa Bose McDermott, Girl Scouts of Conifer Council. April 16, 2002