



Girl Scouts of Central Maryland troop #4048 work with Girl Scouts of Chicago and Northern Indiana Council to construct a solar-powered cookie booth at the BGE offices in Baltimore City. The Network of Exelon Women (NEW) were on hand to provide guidance and support. Thanks to GSCM board member Valencia McClure for inviting our girls to participate in this STEM activity.

Curiosity + Discovery = Innovative Leaders

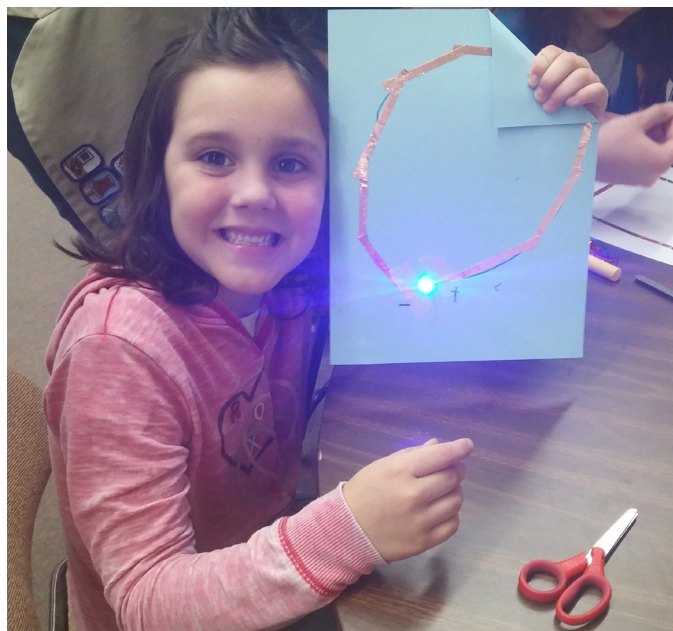
Every girl has an inner greatness just waiting to come out. For many of our girls, greatness is in discovery – and we want to do everything we can to nurture their curiosity.

Through STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) activities, our girls are participating in a much bigger movement: “Fun with a Purpose.” This programming is designed to inspire girls of all ages to investigate and discover science in their everyday lives.

This year, GSCM has partnered with several nationally recognized leaders in STEM fields to create fun and engaging activities for our girls. We have girls who built a rocket

that they then launched at NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center. We have girls participating in the First LEGO League program, in which they build robots designed to perform specific tasks. We have girls partnering with girls from other parts of the country to create a solar-powered cookie booth.

The programs are hands-on, showing girls how they can contribute to society and actualize their ideas. Through partnerships with international STEM leaders, our girls receive the mentorship and guidance they need to be go-getting, innovative, risk-taking leaders.



With assistance from The Society of Women Engineers, this Girl Scout made a light using copper tape.

Believe in the Power of G.I.R.L.

Moments at the DW Celebration

The 2017 Distinguished Women's Award Celebration was held at the Baltimore Country Club in Roland Park on April 21. After listening to each of the shadow Girl Scout mentees talk about their experiences with their Distinguished Honorees, attendees left the event believing in the power and potential of G.I.R.L.s. It was clear that each of the girls approached this unique opportunity as **Go-getters, Innovators, Risk-takers** and **Leaders**.

Shadow Girl Scout, Yamini told the audience, *"my existing interest in medical research made me even more excited to shadow Dr. Leana Wen and see how research and scientific studies were applied on a public policy level and...the direct impact of public policy."*

Girl Scout Shadow, Nicole Bulgarino, a 2016 Gold Award recipient, said her mentor, Katrina Dennis, gave her invaluable advice as she begins her undergraduate studies at the



Wharton School this fall and looks toward law school.

"I was able to observe pre-trial motions, opening statements and direct cross-examination." Nicole added, *"I had a mock trial event in the evening and I was able to incorporate some of the notes into my speeches and questioning patterns."*

Girl Scout alumna and 2017 Honoree, Katrina Dennis, told the audience, *"The Girl Scout Movement, of which I was part through the Flint River Council, is grounded on exposing girls to dedicated and dynamic leaders*

who help them develop their full potential. Although [Nicole] just told you of the things she learned from me, I walked away with the greatest lesson: Role models are vital to the progression of our society."

The council is grateful for the mentoring and leadership each of our 2017 honorees provided our Girl Scouts. Special thanks to our sponsors and auction donors and to the Distinguished Women's event chair, Judy McGovern, and co-chair Karen Evans, and their committee for their work to make the event a success.



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Girl Scouts #2 on World Value Index Demonstrating its Continued Relevance for Girls

The results of the World Value Index were released earlier this month and Girl Scouts ranked second out of 150 organizations. This ranking is based on how audiences perceive and value the purpose and mission of our Movement — to develop girls with courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.

It is these core values that serve as guideposts for our girls

and direct their actions. Our Go-getters, Innovators, Risk-takers and Leaders are ready to change the world, much like our founder, Juliette Gordon Low, who wasn't afraid to break the mold in 1912. Fueled by her vision, today's Girl Scouts are emulating the spirit and deeds of Juliette Gordon Low. Whether it's by serving as a member of the board, applying to shadow a successful woman business leader, coming to the rescue of a

friend, or taking action on issues in their communities, Girl Scouts are impacting their communities while preparing for their future.

I believe in the power of G.I.R.L.s because I see their potential. For 105 years, Girl Scouts has been developing leaders. Thank you for the work and support you have provided on behalf of our powerful mission.

Violet M. Apple



55th Annual Meeting Highlights



Melissa Deedy receives her Bronze Cross Award from Board Chair, Lynne M. Durbin, Esq.

Elections and awards were the main order of business at GSCM's 55th Annual Meeting held on May 3, 2017, at Martin's West.

Newly Elected Board Members

Darlene B. Smith, PhD (1-year term) and Dr. Maria Thompson (3-year term), as well as Girl Scouts Katherine C. Lay (1-year term) and Sidney Strong (1-year term), were voted in as new members of the GSCM Board of Directors. Cynthia Rodgers-Waire, a returning member, was voted in for a 3-year term.

Fifteen National Council

Delegates were also elected: Stacey Baca, Maria Bald, Robin Baux, Janay Bryant, Skylar Deichmann, Jenna Diehl, Michelle Grabski, Melody Morales, Megan O'Donovan, Cassandra Randall, Echo Reardanz and Harshika Varadhan. This delegation of volunteers and Girl Scouts will attend the GSUSA G.I.R.L. convention in Columbus Ohio, October 6-8, 2017.

Bronze Cross Award

Girl Scout Cadette Melissa Deedy was awarded the Bronze Cross for her act of heroism that resulted in saving a life. Melissa was playing outside with friends when a man approached the group and grabbed one of the girls. Melissa saw and heard what was going on, ran and pushed the girl out of his arms. The man, in turn, grabbed Melissa. Remembering what her father told her if anyone ever grabbed her by the arm, she looked for his weakest point, pulled away as hard as she could and yelled for help. Once safe, the girls ran to a nearby apartment, called the police and gave a full report. Melissa represented the "R" in G.I.R.L.; she took an extraordinary risk to save a life.

GSCM & Toyota Help Girls Drive their Financial Future



On Saturday, April 29, 2017 GSCM hosted Quiero Mis Quince, a financial literacy program that helped 65 Latina girls consider how they could best use the money they receive from their Quinceanera. Activities and information sessions included smart car buying, budgeting and planning a Quinceanera and, understanding your take home pay. Additionally, parents in

attendance received information from local banks about their services. To date, over 200 girls have received financial literacy programming through FERIA Latina, Mi Dinero Mi Destino, and Quiero Mis Quince GSCM/Toyota financial literacy events.

Upcoming Events

Service Unit Kick-Off

Saturday, August 26, 2017
9am – 3pm
GSCM Program Center

Cookie & Wine Pairing*

Thursday, October 12, 2017
6:30pm – 8:30pm
GSCM Program Center

Enjoy an evening of wine tasting, light fare, music and conversation.

*Must be 21 years or older to attend

Girl Scouts Beyond Bars 25th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, November 4, 2017
11am – 1pm
La Fontaine Bleue

For information about sponsorship, contact Karen Blake at: kblake@gscm.org

Visit gscm.org for more information. We hope to see you there!

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Here are 3 easy ways to make a gift in support of Girl Scouts of Central Maryland:

1. On our website www.gscm.org/giving where you can make a one-time gift or setup a recurring gift.
2. Through your employer's Matching Gifts program or Workplace Giving program. Please use these codes to designate your gift to Girl Scouts of Central Maryland: Baltimore Combined Charity Campaigns: **8050** Maryland Combined Charity Campaign: **520780207** Combined Federal Campaign: **83032** United Way of Central Maryland: **050**
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Account # _____ CVV code: _____ Expiration date: _____

Signature: _____

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Thank you!