

Celebrate 100th in Philadelphia! May 17-20



The USA OB-PS delegation in Australia generated wonderful enthusiasm for the GSUSA 100th anniversary and Philadelphia meeting. USA OB-PS Board members Mary Ellen Snow, Connie Matsui, and Betsy La Macchia presented HRH Princess Benedikte and the OB-PS Board of Directors with 100th anniversary pins. We all talked up the Philadelphia meeting with other delegations and found most everyone expressing enthusiasm about joining us in 2012. On the last day I was able to share

some details of the meeting for the assembled group with a fun Power Point presentation crafted by Marlene Logan and Kris McCann. At the end, the entire USA delegation dressed in red, white and blue joined me in distributing an invitation and a Girl Scout cookie (lovingly carried and wrapped by Mary Lynn Myers).

Now it is, "We the People" who can carry the excitement of this meeting in the US to our friends and colleagues. For me, it is bringing folks to my home town where I have been a Girl Scout for the last 50 years; where I got my first public speaking experience as a girl moderator for my Council's 50th anniversary; and as an adult volunteer who chaired our Council's 75th anniversary celebration. So it seems just right to be chairing this OB-PS GSUSA 100th anniversary event!

Our Welcome Event will be at the Constitution Center—a fabulous venue where history comes to life.

The Philly Experience is really shaping up: a historical tour of Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell, with an optional lunch at Old City Tavern; A Mural Arts Tour with an optional lunch at the Reading Terminal Market; A Fairmount Park Tour with optional lunch at the Waterworks; and a Philadelphia Museum of Art tour with optional lunch at their café (not to mention a visit to the Rocky statue!). We also hope to offer optional local tours to Longwood Gardens, Amish Country and maybe even a Phillies game!

I hope that you have put May 17-20 on your calendar and are making your reservations now!

JoAnne Fischer

Annual Meeting in Oz

Twenty members and guests attended the meeting held in Surfer's Paradise on the Gold Coast. JoAnne Fischer invited participants to Philadelphia during her presentation before the plenary session while members, dressed in red, white and blue, shared Girl Scout cookies.



Did you know...

- The OB-PS website is www.ob-ps.org.
- OB-PS and the World Foundation for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts are on Facebook.
- OB-PS membership totals 1112 from 55 countries with 183 in the USA.
- The World Thinking Day theme for 2012 is "we can save our planet."
- OB-PS members can be found as an Affinity Group on the GSUSA Alumnae site. Check on <http://alumnae.girlscouts.org>.

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OB-PS at GSUSA National Convention

International Dessert Reception:

Friday night, November 11, from 8:00 –9:30 PM
OB-PS and GSUSA will sponsor a dessert reception. Prospective members to OB-PS will be invited to learn more about our efforts to support girls and young women worldwide. The intent of this reception is to encourage new memberships. (See *100 for the 100th for more info*)

Hall of Exhibits:

OB-PS has an opportunity to educate convention attendees about our important role in supporting the mission and vision of WAGGGS and to provide an opportunity to become a member. Lynn Wilbur has graciously agreed to staff a table in the exhibit hall and needs your assistance. The exhibit hall hours are Thursday the 10th from 1:30 – 7:30 PM, Friday, the 11th from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM, and Saturday, the 12th from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Lynn will prepare a list of assigned times for you to provide information to attendees and to answer questions. You will be provided 'talking points' to assist you in sharing the opportunity to become a member.



34th World Conference

It was my pleasure to attend both the World Conference held in Edinburgh and the meeting of the Olave Baden-Powell Society in Australia. I was impressed by the voices of young women who shared their stories of personal growth and development because of experiences funded by WAGGGS. Whether the experience was obtained at a global conference on climate change, a Young Women's Forum based on the millennium goals, or a seminar on leadership development —girls have become more empowered. You should be proud that your gifts have made these experiences possible. What a gift you have given!

Thirty-seven members of OB-PS attended the 34th World Conference. Members were recognized for their contribution to WAGGGS in providing funding to support the mission and vision to empower girls and young women to their fullest potential. In addition, members assisted with staffing an educational exhibit on the history of OB-PS, met with prospective members, and awarded a scholarship to a young woman to attend a WAGGGS international seminar.



Barbara Schliebe

Centenary Supporters



Adrienne King, Barbara Schliebe, Mary Ellen Snow and Lynn Wilbur were among six OB-PS members attending the conference in Australia who were recognized for supporting WAGGGS through contributions to the Centenary Supporter campaign. Sign-up for the Centenary Supporter campaign continues through 2012, with final payments due by 2015, and recognizes members who have contributed an additional £4000 beyond their initial membership, or a total of £10,000 since 2000. Your continued support of WAGGGS will benefit more girls and young women than would be possible without your additional gifts. Donations to the Centenary Fund maybe given to World Foundation for Girl Scouts and Girl Scouts, Inc. on behalf of the WAGGGS Development Fund. For details, contact Barbara Schliebe.

100 for the 100th

You know that Connie Matsui and I have teamed up, with lots of help from our friends, to reach out to try to bring in 100 new members for the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouting in the USA. OB-PS will celebrate this anniversary with us by having its annual meeting in Philadelphia May 17-20, 2012, and we'd really like to have a terrific showing of US enthusiasm for this historic event.

We had good reports of contacts made and interest from prospects during our recent OB-PS gathering in Australia. So far 11 new members have joined, 6 more have "committed to join", and 11 more have been identified as having cumulative giving records that are close. That's a nice increase from past averages for the

USA, but still a long way from our goal (which, admittedly, is a "BHAG" – a big, hairy, audacious goal!)

With the GSUSA National Council Session just next month, this is a great time for everyone to reach out to your Girl Scout friends and associates who are likely to be there. We hope that the inspiration we all feel at Girl Scout gatherings will be increased tenfold by the 100th kick-off celebration that is planned, and that many of those who have expressed interest in OB-PS in the past will be inspired to join in time for the Philadelphia event. Now that the administrative fee has been eliminated for installment payments, membership is even more affordable. The updated USA donation form can be downloaded from the website (<http://www.ob-ps.org/en/membership/becomeamember>),

or you can call or email Barbara Schliebe for OB-PS materials (919-274-8003; barbaraschliebe@gmail.com).

Please help us. Call or email Mary Lynn with information about your outreach efforts and any assistance you might need in "closing the deal". Be sure that we have your prospect's email address so that an invitation to the joint GSUSA/OB-PS international reception at Convention can be sent to her/him. This hosted reception is an "invitation only" event, so it's important that we have every prospect's contact information so no potential member is missed!

With your help, we can make this happen!

With thanks, Mary Lynn Myers, mlm2817@aol.com, 605-321-8362

Silent Auction

To all US OB-PS members:

After a great OB-PS meeting in Australia it is time to rev up the planning for the Philadelphia meeting next May—which is just around the corner. One of our projects is a Silent Auction and we will need items to auction off. They can be as varied as Girl Scout related, a week at someone's vacation home or any interesting item you would care to donate.

Keeping our costs down is our biggest hurdle so we really do need your help (sponsorships, donations) no matter how small to make this a memorable meeting. Together we can do it.

A reminder—several members can go together to sponsor an event or part of one.

Thanks, Phylis & Betsy



Orange2011

The Olave Baden-Powell Society was involved in a joint event in April with Scouting Nederland and the World Scout Foundation. The event was a great success with over 200 participants attending from all organizations. HRH Princess Benedikte presented 11 new members, 2 Centenary Supporters, and 2 Princess Benedikte Awards. The OB-PS Board met and agreed on the changes to financing OB-PS membership: eliminating the administration fee for paying for membership over 6 years and adding Youth Memberships.

Youth Memberships

Donors under the age of 35 years may now become members by making an initial donation of £1,000 with the expectation they will donate the remaining £5,000 once they reach 35 years of age, either in one lump sum or over a five year period.



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Recommend OB-PS to your Friends!
Do you have a friend who has made significant contributions to the World Foundation or WAGGGS but who is not yet a member of the Olave Baden-Powell Society? You may wish to share the opportunity of OB –PS membership with them by telling them that their previous donations are recognized as contributions toward membership fulfillment. For further information, contact Barbara Schliebe at barbaraschliebe@gmail.com.
Change Her Future. Change Our World.

We want to welcome five new members:

- ◆ Sandy Thomas, New York
- ◆ Dorcas Hardy, Virginia
- ◆ Susan LaMacchia, Ohio
- ◆ Olivia Graham, Rome, Italy
- ◆ Colleen Messing, Massachusetts

Dates to Remember:

 2011 National Council Session/52nd Convention: November 8-13, 2011

 |  2012 OB-PS Meeting in Philadelphia
PHILADELPHIA 2012

 July 12-16, 2012 Girls World Forum in Chicago

 2012 Gathering of the Friends of the World Centers and WAGGGS—September 21-23

 May 23-26, 2013 OB-PS meeting in Lucerne, Switzerland

With sadness we announce the passing of dedicated Girl Scout and WAGGGS volunteers and OB-PS members Virginia (Ginny) Lowman and Patricia (Patsy) Bonsal. Our sympathies to Rod Lowman and Doris Riehm whose husband, John, has also died.

OB-PS members Katrina Jamenson and Marlene Logan, with Girl Scout friends, Chris Domino and Maureen Lienau, visited the gravesite of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell in Nyeri, Kenya. Kenyan Girl Guides expressed their thanks for the support of the Olave Baden-Powell Society.

