

## **BIOS FOR 2006 ANNUAL AWARDS**

**COTTAQUILLA CERTIFICATE** –Anyone is eligible for this award. The Cottaquilla Certificate was instituted by the council in order to recognize a specific individual or an in-kind service provided by a volunteer, group of volunteers, sponsors, organizations, or businesses.

**LANA CARR** – Lana was nominated for this award because she has supported the troop by helping with the cookie sale. She also supports meetings and ceremonies.

**MACY CARR** – Macy is deserving of this award due to the time and dedication he has given to Girl Scouts with the cookie sale.

**FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH (COLDWATER)** – Faith Baptist Church graciously allowed us to host the “Gold, Silver, and Bronze Award Ceremony” in their lovely Sanctuary.

**TOMMY BUZAN** – Tommy was instrumental (with the help of Judy Gould) in providing free drug screening for the Resident Camp Staff and also new council employees. Tommy and his entire staff were always cheery, upbeat and professional making this a pleasant chore.

**LENA PATTERSON** – Lena assisted with the food committee in menu selection and ensured quality and quantity for the 2005 Annual Meeting.

**PAUL DYER** – Paul provided pizzas at a discounted price for the Jacksonville Neighborhood Father-Daughter event the past two years. He has also provided coupons, gift cards and gift certificates that were used for door prizes for the annual meeting and leaders meetings.

**KITTY STONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** – Kitty Stone has allowed the Jacksonville Neighborhood the use of their gym for different events over the last few years.

**CHIP CROTTS AND THE JSU JAZZ ENSEMBLE** – The JSU Jazz Students provided the entertainment at the 2005 Annual Meeting. Mr. Crotts is their professor.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – JACKSONVILLE** – The First United Methodist allowed Girl Scouts of Cottaquilla Council the used of their facilities for the 2005 Annual Meeting.

**TANYA SATCHER** – Tanya helped with the Jacksonville Neighborhood Mother-Daughter Tea by having a make up party. They learned about make up, cleanliness and how to take care of themselves.

**JOE McCARY** – Joe provided stories put to music entertainment at the 2005 Annual Meeting. He was funny and everyone enjoyed his entertainment.

**BONNIE RAY'S BAKERY** – Bonnie Ray's was a troop sponsor the last two years and provided refreshments once a month for the troop.

**ANNISTON PARK AND RECREATIONS** – The City of Anniston has allowed the use of their facilities for meetings and hosting special events.

**THELETHA WILLIAMS** – Ms. Williams has given her time and knowledge to our troops on how to be healthy. She provided the girls with great information and a healthy snack.

**MARIA NEWBOLD** – Maria was a great support and help to the Troop during the cookie sale and also conducting meetings.

**ROB ANDRESS, STATE OF AL DISTRICT 2, FISHERIES** – Mr. Andress has been very helpful with providing fishing rods and reels for our Fishing Derbies. He delivers the rods and reels to the Council office and then picks them up.

**CST BUS COMPANY** – This company has provided school buses, experienced drivers, and excellent and courteous service for our Day and Resident Camp programs for many years. They have graciously kept their fees regulated to help us keep our program fees at a decent level.

**JOHN "JAKE" JACOBS** – Mr. Jacobs has assisted in the preparation and cooking of the meat for the Anniston Neighborhood Court of Awards Banquet for the past several years.

**ALEXANDRIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** – Alexandria United Methodist Church supports Girl Scouts by providing meeting space for numerous troops. The pastor is also helping with the Religious Award.

**SANDI SHADDIX** – Sandi served on the troop committee and attended meeting with her granddaughter. She also went camping with the troop and did the grocery shopping.

**JENNIFER HUNTER** – Jennifer is dually registered with her daughters. She was an asset to both troops with cookie sales and field trips.

**MICHELLE KING** – Michelle attended troop meeting and was a faithful helper with field trips and camping trips.

**DEBORAH McCLELLAN** – This grandmother was very helpful with troop meetings, field trips and camping trips.

**ANDREA HAYES** – Andrea was a great asset at our meetings. She supervised field trips and campouts. And surfs the internet for interesting information related to troop activities.

**KAYLAN HICKS** – Kaylan was an extra pair of hands at our meetings. She attended field trips and camp outs and volunteered to be the Daisy leader for the 2006-2007 year.

**SUMMER McNEAL** – Summer was an active assistant leader and was always willing to help where needed.

**ANGELA MEDDERS** – Angela assisted the troop by drawing eleven fish by hand to coordinate with the book “The Rainbow Fish”. Each girl had her own fish.

**JOANNA ROSS** – Joanna assisted the troop when needed and went on field trips and camp outs.

**COTTAQUILLA PLAQUE** – Anyone who has received the Cottaquilla Certificate is eligible for this award. The plaque is presented to a recipient meeting the qualifications of additional and continued service to Girl Scouting.

**SEVENTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH** – The Seventeenth Street Baptist Church has provided space for the Anniston Neighborhood Court of Awards for the past five years.

**VIRGINIA FRANCES** – Virginia was a great help with the Juliette Low Rally at the Grist Mill. She participates in all neighborhood events and is always willing to help and go the extra mile.

**CARVER COMMUNITY CENTER** – Carver Community Center has sponsored Girl Scout troops for the past three year. They provide space for meetings and Girl Scout activities.

**MOLLY STEENBERG** – Molly has been active in Girl Scouts in the Oxford Neighborhood as her daughters have progressed through Girl Scouts from Daisy Girl Scouts to graduation. She has been a leader for all age levels, neighborhood and troop cookie manager, fall product sales manager and cookie task force member.

**NEW HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (TALLADEGA)** – This church provides a place for meetings, use of copy machine and provided a van and driver for a trip to Visionland.

**BELVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH** – This church has provided a meeting place and provided supplies for snacks. The Deacons have encouraged Girl Scouts.

**COTTAQUILLA FAMILY SERVICE AWARD** – To be eligible for this trophy, there must be two or more registered adults in the same family and each adult has at least five years service with Girl Scouts of Cottaquilla Council. This trophy is awarded to a family that has made positive contributions and influences, which encompass the Girl Scout Program goals. Dedication to the Girl Scout Movement is demonstrated by providing education and support of the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

**BOB AND HERVY FOLSOM** – They have been involved with Girl Scouts for many years with their daughter Margaret. Bob later became the Anniston Neighborhood Cookie Manager and lead the Anniston troops through many successful cookie sales. He continues his association with the Girl Scouts as the Chair of the Finance Committee. Hervey writes many interesting articles for the Girl Scouts of Cottaquilla Council. She is a former troop leader and always calls to offer to highlight Girl Scout Cookies on her weekly radio program on WDNG.

**CHERYL McGATHA AND ELSIE ISBELL** – Cheryl and her mother, Elsie, have been instrumental in providing Girl Scouting to families in the Lineville/Delta area for the last five years. They work together to give the girls a well rounded program.

**DEBRA AND ALLEE ELLEN** – Debra has been involved with Girl Scouts for more than ten years. Allee is registered independently following her Brownie and Junior years. Debra’s troop meets in her home after they lost their meeting location. This provides a safe environment that nourishes the Girl Scout program. Allee helps her Mom with the troop meeting and is a great role model for the younger Girl Scouts.

**SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF GIRL SCOUTING – PIN # 1** – This recognition is a Volunteer Service Pin, to be presented in recognition of this round of volunteer service. This pin is awarded to someone who has committed to complete four rounds of short-term service and provides support to the Council or GSUSA.

**ANGELA MORGAN** –

**CHRIS HILL** – Angela and Chris are a husband/wife team that provide the “Getting Native” program for Resident Camp that turns fossils and bones, dirt, and slimy creatures you find under rocks quite fun. They did a “mini” program for the Juliette Low Rally in Childersburg this past spring and it’s easy to see that they truly enjoy what they do.

**ULLA-RIITTA LaGRONE** – Ulla was one of the “on-site” nurses for Resident Camp for the past three years, donating a week of her time for each of the last two years. Ulla has a wealth of information from her experiences a Girl Scout growing up in Finland, her many world travels and having two

Eagle Scout sons. She is always eager to share her wonderful stories and knowledge with the our girls at camp. This past year she hosted a young family friend from Finland, who worked as our International Counselor. Her camp name was “Snowflake”.

**MICHELLE LAWTON** – What happens to cheerleaders when they grow up? They teach cheerleading because it’s in their blood. Michelle is a multi-talented young woman who has a knack for teaching, keeping it safe, and lots of fun. You can tell because this is one of the most popular programs at camp. She has held these cheer clinics for several years with the Girl Scouts and at the YMCA, sometimes both at the same time.

**THE GIRL SCOUT VOLUNTEER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD AND THE GIRL SCOUT VOLUNTEER EXECUTIVE AWARD** – This Volunteer Achievement Award is for the successful completion of a specific assignment. It may be awarded for the successful completion of initial service on a board committee, on a task group, or in troop/group leadership. The Volunteer Executive Award is to a governance volunteer and/or management volunteer who has served in a leadership role at the Council level or GSUSA level. A black key is awarded to the volunteer by the Council.

**CARYL STAHL** – Caryl has been involved in Girl Scouts for 31 years and has been recognized for her time and efforts. She serves on the Board Executive Committee and Strategic Planning Committee. She also volunteers her time with Troop 14 in Weaver.

**RON LaGRONE** – Ron was active on the CPA committee, sorting through three years of files about all aspects of Cottaquilla Council. He is now a member of the Nominating Committee actively seeking new membership to the Board of Directors.

**LORI STEELE** – Lori grew up in Girl Scouting and has worked as a lifeguard and waterfront director at camp in the summers while she was in college. She recently served on the CPA Committee, sorting through three years of files about all aspects of Cottaquilla Council. Lori also brought her “services” as a Licensed Massage Therapist to Resident Camp. She brought her chair and provided 15 minute sessions of deep tissue massage for all camp staff free of charge, during their most stressful last week of camp. Lori and her sister Robin provided a Drama Clinic in Lineville.

**THE GIRL SCOUT VOLUNTEER EXECUTIVE AWARD** – This award is to a governance volunteer and/or management volunteer who has served in a leadership role at the Council level or GSUSA level. A black key is awarded to the volunteer by the Council.

**JESSE WEST** – Jesse is an integral part of the Board of Directors and stays involved as the Chair of the Policies/By Laws Committee, and a member of the Finance Committee. Jesse is a strong supporter of our Council in both word and action. He sells Fall Products and Cookies and has gotten his out-of-state grandchildren involved as well by sending them to our Calhoun County Day Camp.

**OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER** – To receive this award you must be a registered Girl Scout Volunteer. It is awarded to an adult in a position other than leader, or in addition to leader, whose outstanding services benefits the neighborhood. The service is beyond the expectations of the position such that it warrants local area recognition.

**FREDA NORTHARD** –  
**MICHELLE LOWERY** –

**KELLY JONES** – These ladies are outstanding. When Girl Scouts of Cottaquilla Council had girls at Alexandria Elementary that want to be in Girl Scouts, these three ladies took on the responsibility. They did a fantastic job with over twenty girls.

**PATRICIA SLEDGE** – Patricia has been outstanding with her support of our troop. She attends meetings, brings refreshments and has conducted meetings.

**TAMMY HAMILTON** – Tammy helped greatly with the Juliette Low Rally. She is an Assistant Troop Leader for her daughter's troop and has been with Girl Scouts for 15 years.

**CARMITA VINCENT** – Carmita has been in Girl Scouts for 5 years. She helped greatly with the Juliette Low Rally at the Grist Mill this past year. She has been the Neighborhood (Childersburg/Sycamore) Cookie Manager for several years. She has a large troop with different age levels. She goes the extra mile for her troop and neighborhood.

**PAULA SMITH** – Paula has been with Girl Scouts for 11 years. She is the Ashland Neighborhood. She works hard to maintain the girls she has and tries her best to recruit new girls and leaders.

**JANE EVANS** – Jane has been a truly active Junior Troop Leader. She keeps them involved with outside activities, service projects and the usual badge work. One of their service projects was for the girls to come to her home and cook food for the Katrina victims that were in this area. She took her girls to Montgomery for Civic Education Day and then took the girls to the Montgomery Mall to go ice skating. She had a very active troop. She has moved to Florida and her youngest daughter is involved as an Juliette Girl Scout while she explores her new world.

**LISA JONES** – Lisa has worked with her daughter’s Daisy, Brownie and Junior Troops in Oxford. She helped provide an excellent program for the girls She helps where needed.

**BENITA WELCH** – Benita is the troop CDL driver. She assisted with the troop’s trip to Disney World. She handled the rental and upkeep on the fifteen passenger van. A big help for our troop and we appreciate her.

**JEAN SMITH** – Jean has been a very dedicated Girl Scout troop mom. On many occasions she has brought girls home from meetings when their parents could not, she assists the girls during badge work, and is always willing to be a chaperon for a trip. During the recent cookie sales, Jean took a day off from work in order to help count and sort Anniston Neighborhood cookies at Hill’s Storage. This was a tremendous help.

**OUTSTANDING LEADER** – To be eligible for this award the nominee must be a registered Girl Scout Volunteer Leader or Assistant Leader and have earned the Leadership Development Pin. It recognizes leadership skills that include good communication and membership development. The service is beyond the expectations of the position such that it warrants local area recognition.

**STEPHANIE ROBINSON** – Stephanie does an outstanding job as a leader and as the cookie chair for Dadeville. She is a hard recruiter and maintainer of girls.

**SHELLY WOOD** – Shelly is a wonderful person who loves Girl Scouts. She has a huge troop and continues to take more girls. All her girls love and appreciate her.

**CHRISTINE MOORE** – Christine started as a Daisy leader this year. She also jumped in and became the Neighborhood Chair for Sylacauga. She has put 110% into everything she does.

**REBECCA NAVARRO** – Rebecca has provided outstanding leadership to Girl Scouts for the past 4 years. Her leadership skills and commitment to good communication and membership development have been outstanding. Rebecca is committed to academically and culturally educating the member of her troop. She has tirelessly recruited new members, adult volunteers and leaders. Rebecca has upwards of 20 girls in her troop, opting not to turn anyone away.

**HOLLY OWEN** – Holly is truly an outstanding volunteer. She volunteers her time by doing PR work for the council, taking pictures of the girls and taking on special projects. She is a troop leader, Neighborhood Chair for Fall Products Chair and Assistant Neighborhood Cookie Chair. Holly plans meetings at her home so that girls can earn badges, attends field trips that are planned by her troop and council wide events. Girl Scouts has benefited greatly from her contributions.

**KIMBERLY ANN MEGILL** – Kimberly has done an assortment of activities with her troop. She is always willing to help the girls whenever she is asked. She is patient with the girls and cares for them.

**APPRECIATION PIN** – **The nominee must be a registered Girl Scout Volunteer or employed staff. It honors outstanding service performed by the candidate which benefits at least one neighborhood or association and which contributes to the goals and objectives of the Council.**

**MARY BELL** – Mary has been involved with Girl Scouts for 8 years. She is a leader for her daughter's troop and is the Cookie Chair for the Oxford Neighborhood. Mary is willing to do whatever she is needed to do. She has kept her older girls interested up until this final year of Girl Scouts, which is awesome. She is much appreciated by her girls and parents. Mary is involved with several Task Force Committees and is a familiar face at Council events.

**LORI CHAMPION** – Lori has spent many years as a leader and co-leader for her daughter, first in the CoByWe Neighborhood and then with the Anniston Neighborhood. Lori understands Girl Scouting, believes in its values, and lives it daily. Lori has volunteered several years for Calhoun County Day Camp and worked one summer as the Kitchen Supervisor for Resident Camp. She has a wonderful sense of humor and combines it with her no-nonsense attitude to get the job done enjoyably.

**HOLLY OWEN** – Holly has done an outstanding job as a troop leader and has taken on the position of Neighborhood Cookie Chair. Holly goes well beyond the expectations of Council. She is always looking for ways the troop can benefit the community, from gift giving to fire stations, collecting school supplies and can goods and etc. She tries her hardest to get the Girl Scouts in civic projects. Here are some of the comments from her girls: Holly Owen is kind, careful, very nice, she makes everything fun. Mrs. Holly is really nice and lots of fun. We go on fun field trips. She encourages us to earn badges. We love her very much. My leader (Holly Owen) is Awesome. My leader is very nice and she is always prepared for meetings. She never yells. She's totally Awesome!!! She is really nice, funny, neat, awesome, and cool. She is the best troop leader. I hope Mrs. Holly is my Girl Scout Leader for a long time. She comes up with great activities. Holly Owen is very organized, responsible, fair, funny and the perfect person to be a Girl Scout leader.

**REBECCA NAVARRO** – Rebecca is an outstanding leader committed to the membership advancement of Cottaquilla Council. She is a troop leader and also the Neighborhood Cookie Chair. Following are some comments made by her troop. I like my leader because she is nice. She let us sell cookies. She loves teaching us. I like her because she is nice. She is

always happy.

**SUZANNE JACKSON** – Suzanne worked very hard toward the annual meeting, neighborhood father-daughter night and Thinking Day Activities. She spearheaded the decorations and set up for the father-daughter ‘sports’ dinner night. She was the liaison between Jacksonville United Methodist Church and Kitty Stone Elementary School. Suzanne did the decorations for the annual meeting. She truly enjoys what she is doing. Suzanne has near perfect attendance at leaders meetings and has great ideas and is not afraid to express her opinions.

**DAPHANE UESRY** – Daphane has been in Girl Scouts for several years. She started her volunteer career with the Pleasant Valley Neighborhood and is now associated with the Jacksonville Neighborhood. She enjoys camping and eagerly plans the activities. There is very little down time. Daphane coordinated the door prizes and giveaways at the Annual Meeting. She truly loves the outdoors and is a real asset to the troop in this field. Daphane also chaperoned the troop to Disney World. What a chore that must have been.

**TORINA SATCHER** – Torina planned the travel arrangements for the troops Disney World trip and truly loved getting involved in fund raisers. Torina plans and carries out badge work for up to four meetings a year and assists with troop bridging and award ceremony. She helped with the Neighborhood mother-daughter event and the Neighborhood Thinking Day activities. She is an asset to our troop.

**CHRISTINE MEGILL** – Christine is Registrar for Girl Scouts of Cottaquilla Council and a volunteer Council Trainer. Christine came to us after being a volunteer with Girl Scouts in several states. She was a leader in the Jacksonville Neighborhood before she became a staff member. Christine has been overlooked for awards in the past but she came to Girl Scouts of Cottaquilla Council with lots of energy and great ideas. She is a hard worker as a staff person and as a volunteer. She is willing to go the extra mile for Girl Scouting. Christine does not know how to say “no”.

**BARBARA WHETSTONE** – Barbara is a wonderful person. She loves Girl Scouts and that is what it is all about. Barbara does her volunteering for the girls. She has kept Girl Scouting going in Goodwater for many, many years. Barbara does not have a daughter in the troop and does not have to do Girl Scouts. Barbara does it for the love of girls and for the Girl Scout organization. Under Mrs. Whetstone’s guidance the troop prepares and serves a dinner, each year, for all of the employees of the City of Goodwater, to express their appreciation for the community in which they live. She and her girls decorate and ride a float in the city Christmas Parade each year, displaying the cherished values of scouting for all to see,

and encourages new girls to join. This past year Mrs. Whetstone, organized a community health information fair, open to the public, with health professionals present to administer screenings and offer information. She is an asset to the Girl Scouts of Cottaquilla Council and to the community of Goodwater.

**RHONDA SPRINGER** – Rhonda is a leader and trainer for Girl Scouts of Cottaquilla Council. She is very vivacious and has energy to spare. She will do almost anything you ask of her. She is a hard worker and completes everything to the best of her knowledge. Rhonda promotes Girl Scouts to everyone and encourages the girls to be all they can be. She brings a vitality to everyone in Girl Scouting and especially to our Training Team.

**HONORS PIN** – **The nominee must be a registered Girl Scout Volunteer or employed staff who has earned the Appreciation Pin. It honors outstanding service performed by the candidate which benefits at least two neighborhoods or associations and which contributes to the goals and objectives of the Council.**

**BETH MATZURA** – Beth is a leader, Neighborhood Cookie Chair, Neighborhood Chair, Council Trainer and a member of several Council Task Force Committees. She is a very hard worker and wants to excel in all undertakings. Beth never wants to fail and I believe that is one of the reasons that every undertaking is a great success. She writes a weekly column for the Jacksonville New promoting Girl Scouts in the Jacksonville Neighborhood. This is great publicity for Girl Scouts of Cottaquilla Council.

**DONNA GOFF** – Donna has been in Girl Scouts for a number of years. She has taken her daughter from Daisies thru Senior Girl Scouts. Donna has held numerous volunteer positions in the Council. She is Neighborhood Chair, Neighborhood Cookie Chair, Leader, Cookie Task Force Committee and Council Trainer. Since Donna lives in Coosa County and is approximately two hours drive from the Council she has done a lot of traveling to fulfill her commitments as a volunteer. Donna is always willing to take any assignment and do a fantastic job. Thanks Donna for everything.

**KERI MEDDERS** – Keri has been a Girl Scout for 24 years. She is a Lifetime Member of Girl Scouts. Keri is a leader, assistant leader and a trainer at one time. She is a Gold Award recipient. Keri has been a Daisy, Brownie, Junior Leader and an Assistant Leader for Cadette/Seniors. She knows the Girl Scout programs better than anyone I know and her blood is definitely green. Thanks Keri.

**ROBIN YARBROUGH** – Robin has been in Girl Scouting for 18 years. You have heard the expression that your talents are hidden under a bushel basket. It would take two baskets for Robin to hide her talents. She has been a

leader for her daughter, Callie, Council Trainer and a member of the Financial Task Force Committee. If there is anything that needs to be done just give Robin a hint and she will come thru for you. She is a fun fill person and shows her love of people with her outgoing personality. Thanks Robin.

**ANN COUCH** – Ann has been a Girl Scout for numerous years. Her tenure in Girl Scouts started like most of us did as a Leader for her daughters’ troop. She has been a Leader, Neighborhood Chair, Neighborhood Cookie Chair and a Council Trainer. Ann carries a tremendous load. She is in Nursing School, Red Cross First Aid/CPR Trainer (along with her other duties as a trainer), and a member of Cookie Task Force Committee. She is a hard worker and completes everything to the best of her knowledge. Thanks Ann.

**LECIA HOLMES** – Lecia has been in Girl Scouts for numerous years in one of our largest neighborhoods. She has served or is serving in the following capacities: Leader, Neighborhood Chair, Neighborhood Chair, Troop Cookie Chair, and Council Trainer. Lecia has been a tremendous help to the Sylacauga Neighborhood, her Community Service Director for her area and as a Council Trainer. She is always thinking about the girls and what she can do to make things better for them. Lecia definitely has green blood.

**PHYLLIS “LADYBUG” WEST AWARD** – To be eligible for this framed print the nominee must be a registered volunteer or employed staff. This is one of the highest Council Awards available. It is a framed and matted, pencil-sketch art print of Onatonda Lodge at Camp Cottaquilla, drawn by Sara Rutledge. It recognizes dedicated and devoted service or performance as outstanding above and beyond the expectations and requirements of the position held, and service is delivered to and benefits Camp Cottaquilla or the Training Program.

**BETH MATZURA** – Beth is a “true” Girl Scout. She is a Leader, Neighborhood Chair, Neighborhood Cookie Chair, Council Trainer and a member of several Council Task Force Committees. Beth is a very hard worker. Beth will always volunteer to help where needed and does a tremendous job. She joined the Training Team in 2005 and has been very helpful with trainings and a tremendous help when we hosted the State Trainers Conference in 2006. Thanks Beth for being a part of us.

**RHONDA SPRINGER** – Rhonda is a Leader in Talladega, a member of the Cookie Task Force Committee, and a Council Trainer. She is very vivacious and has energy to spare. Rhonda has been a Council Trainer for several years and has been very helpful with trainings and was a fantastic helper when Girl Scouts of Cottaquilla Council hosted the State Trainers Conference in

2006. Thanks Rhonda for being a part of our team.

**MICHAEL AND SALLIE SHIPLEY** – Mike has been in Girl Scouts for nineteen years and Sallie has been in for twenty-four years. Mike started in Girl Scouts assisting with his daughters' troop. Sallie was a Girl Scout in her earlier life. They have been and are Leaders, Neighborhood Chair, Neighborhood Cookie Chair, several Council Task Force Committees, Red Cross First Aid/CPR Trainer and Council Trainer. They are a great asset to our Council and will help wherever needed and will do a tremendous job. Mike and Sallie joined our Training Team and we have not been the same. They have brought their organizational skills and talents to our team. They were a tremendous help with our State Trainers Conference in 2006 and was a member of the team that went to Shreveport, Louisiana, in July to present our Training Conference and materials. This was a great experience for our Training Team. Thanks Mike and Sallie.

**CHRISTINE MEGILL** – Christine has been in Girl Scouts in numerous states in her travels with her family while her husband served with the U. S. Navy. Christine joined Girl Scouts of Cottaquilla Council almost two years ago and she brought a tremendous amount of talent to us. Christine has been a leader, a mom, a council employee and is a Council Trainer. She had gone thru Training of Trainer in South Carolina but decided to attend our training also. She has been a tremendous help to our training group with her expertise and knowledge. Christine joined us as a Council Trainer just before we hosted the State Trainers Conference. Although Christine was new to the area she soon made friends with everyone and was a tremendous help with the great success of our conference. Christine also helped when we took our Conference on the road to Pelican Council in Shreveport, Louisiana. Girl Scouts of Cottaquilla Council is fortunate to have someone of Christine's expertise to work and volunteer for our council. Thanks Christine.

**DONNA GOFF** – Donna is a Leader, Neighborhood Chair, Neighborhood Cookie Chair, Cook Task Force Committee and Council Trainer. Donna was a great asset to our Training Team when we hosted the State Trainers Conference and also when we took our expertise to Girl Scouts of Pelican Council, Shreveport, Louisiana. She is a very hard worker and completes everything to the best of her knowledge. Since Donna lives in Coosa County, which is a small rural county, she has to travel to all functions. She has been a tremendous help to our Training Team and to the Council. Thanks Donna for everything.

**ROBIN YARBROUGH** – Robin brings life and joy to any situation. She is a member of the Council Financial Task Force Committee, Council Trainer and has been a Leader. Robin joined our Training Team this past year and has

exceeded our expectations. She has stepped up and taken an active role with our team. Robin was a tremendous help when we hosted the State Trainers Conference. She created one of the courses taught at our conference and she was also one of the team members that took our conference material on the road when we were invited to the Louisiana State Trainers Conference. Robin has the girls' interest foremost in her volunteerism. Thanks Robin for a tremendous job.

**JOANNE MACFARLAND** –JoAnne started her Girl Scout career in a Council in Florida. We won't hold that against her because she has done a tremendous job since joining our Council. JoAnne has been a leader for her daughters' troop and is presently on the Council Board and a Council Trainer. JoAnne was a tremendous help with our State Trainers Conference. She was unable to attend our Conference and could not go to Louisiana with us because of other commitments. This did not stop her. She helped with all of the planning meetings, collected door prizes and every way possible. JoAnne is presently representing Girl Scouts of Cottaquilla Council on the re-alignment with three other members of our Council. She is a great asset to this committee. JoAnne has not been a Council Trainer for very long but has done a tremendous job and I am sure she will keep up the good work. Thanks JoAnne for bleeding "green".

**ANN COUCH** – Ann has been a Leader, Neighborhood Cookie Chair, Neighborhood Chair, and is presently a Red Cross First Aid/CPR Trainer along with her other duties as a Council Trainer. Ann has been to several of the Alabama State Trainers Conferences in the past. She was present when we went to South Alabama several years ago and one of their trainers dubbed the Cottaquilla Trainers as "over-achievers". Ann is definitely an "over-achiever" in her college courses. She is a full time student in Nursing School and was informed that she had the highest GPA of her class. Ann will receive her "Nurses Pin" in May. Congratulations! Ann was a tremendous help with our State Trainers Conference and the course she wrote and presented at our conference was taken to Louisiana and presented. Ann is a great asset to our Training Team. Thanks Ann.

**LECIA HOLMES** – Lecia is a volunteer in the Sylacauga Neighborhood and has served in almost all volunteer positions. She is presently a leader of two troops and is a Council Trainer. She has participated in several State Trainers Conferences and helped with the hosting of the State Trainers Conference that Girl Scouts of Cottaquilla Council hosted last spring. She is also one of the trainers that took our show on the road to Louisiana. Lecia is always at the trainings in the southern part of the Council, finds a location for these trainings, and assists with trainings in the northern part of the Council if she is needed. She does a great job on any undertaking. Thanks Lecia for all of your hard work.

**KATURAH JONES** – Katurah has been a member of Girl scouts for twenty years. She was a Girl Scout as a girl for five years. Katurah will help in any capacity and has held numerous volunteer positions in our Council. She has a Council Trainer for eight years. She has been very helpful in planning and hosting two State Trainers Conferences. There is never a dull moment when Katurah is present. At times Katurah has low self-esteem and Girl Scouting is very helpful with this. She is a very learned volunteer and is well versed in all of our trainings. Katurah has been a tremendous help with our Training of Trainers for the past eight years. Without Katurah's contribution to the training team, one of our spokes would be missed. Thanks Katurah.

**SARA RUTLEDGE** – Sara has been in Girl Scouts for a number of years. Sara is always ready to help when ask to any chore. She has never refused. She is presently President of the Board of Directors and serves as one of the four members of the re-alignment committee representing Girl Scouts of Cottaquilla Council. Before becoming President of the Council she has held numerous jobs on the Board. She was a member of the Properties Committee and was a member of that Committee when action was taken to get the new Low Ropes Course installed. Sara is concerned that we spend resources wisely to make improvements at camp. During her college years, Sara worked on Camp Staff. Sara is also the artist of the "Phyllis "Ladybug" West Award. Thanks Sara for all you do for Girl Scouts of Cottaquilla Council.

**ALAN AND KATHY BURBANK** – Alan and Kathy were not Camp Rangers very long, but they packed a big punch while they were there. They worked many long and hard hours to keep Camp Cottaquilla beautiful and running smoothly. Camp Rangers' accomplish much more than let the campers in through the gates. Alan and Kathy did miner repairs on all Council properties, make trash runs and anything else they were asked to do. They were responsible for campers' safety, along with luggage deliveries, full water igloos, multiple trash pick-ups, toilet paper runs, and they are "on call" 24/7 with a 2 way radio to help campers and their leaders in distress. They worked side by side with the Camp Director and loads of little girls and cranky counselors for 6 solid weeks and still are responsible for the up-keep of all the buildings and grounds, and delivering tons of cookies in the off season. Thanks Alan and Kathy for a job well done.

**SALLY SMITH** – Sally has been an active member of the Board of Directors for many years and especially the Chair of the Properties Committee. Sally was instrumental in helping with the many improvements and updates at camp and council properties but especially the building of the new Low Ropes Challenge Course. Sally, her husband and son were part of the small crew that worked very hard to clear the area at Camp Cottaquilla before the course could be installed. Sally was Chair for Women Committed to

Excellence Committee-2004 for the event held at Shocco Springs. Her love for camp started as a child. She is a former Camp Waterfront Director. Thanks Sally for all of your hard work and dedication to Girl Scouts of Cottaquilla Council.

**COTTAQUILLA AWARD** – The nominee must be a registered volunteer or employed staff. This is one of the highest Council Awards available. It is a framed and matted, pencil-sketched art print of the Council's Hazel V. Rowe Girl Scout Service Center drawn by Ruth Mary Kirkland. It recognizes dedicated and devoted service or performance as outstanding above and beyond the expectations and requirements of the position held and services is delivered to and benefits the entire Council.

**DONNA DASE** – Donna has held many volunteer positions in the Council over the years. Donna stays involved in Girl Scouts as a member of many committees on the Board, and especially as Field Vice President. Donna also serves as a Consultant on the Gold and Silver Award Committee helping to approve proposed projects and guide the young ladies trying to achieve these honors. Donna was an adult member of the 2004 Chalet Patrol and Neighborhood Cookie Manager for Talladega for many years and now has the Cookie Cupboard for Talladega. Donna is one of the four representatives for Girl Scouts of Cottaquilla Council on the Realignment Committee to oversee the formation of the new Council. Donna, thanks you for all of your work

**KEN CARNES** – Mr. Carnes is a great asset to Girl Scouts of Cottaquilla Council. He has loaned us, at no cost, a 15 passenger van. These vans were used to transport Council Trainers to State Trainers Conferences in Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana, to transport Trainers to off site courses at our State Trainers Conference this past year, transporting girls on different special events for Resident Camp, and an adult trip to Savannah, Georgia. Thanks to Mr. Carnes this has saved our Council hundreds of dollars.

**CARYL STAHL** – Caryl is a great asset to Girl Scouts of Cottaquilla Council. She has been a member of our Council for over 31 years. She has been on the Council Board for the majority of her years in Girl Scouts.. She is an Assistant Leader with a Brownie Troop in Weaver. She attends Neighborhood meetings and trainings when required. Caryl brings programs to the troop that they could not otherwise do because of the expertise. Caryl is presently Secretary of the Board of Directors and very seldom misses a meeting. She served on the last Council Performance Task Force. If you need someone to get the job done, just ask Caryl and she will accomplish the mission. Thanks Caryl for all you do for Girl Scouts.

**SHERRY BUTLER** – Sherry is an outstanding leader in the CoByWe Neighborhood.

Sherry started in Girl Scouts as a leader for her daughters and starting over this year. In fact she is being recycled. She is starting over with a Daisy Troop. She is the proud Mom of two Gold Award Recipients. Sherry is a positive role model and sets the example for others to emulate. She is Neighborhood Cookie Chair, member of the Cookie Task Force Committee. Sherry is a Red Cross First Aid/CPR Instructor and will be attending the next Training of Trainers. She has served on numerous Council Task Force Committees. Sherry has served the Council with distinction and has set the highest examples of intellectual, ethical and moral integrity. Thanks Sherry for all of your hard work for our Council.

**BETH McCARNEY** – Beth has served Girl Scouts of Cottaquilla Council for many years. She has served as a Troop Leader for a Brownie Troop for 15 years. Beth is a positive role model and sets the example for others to emulate. She is a team player and this is exhibited in her work for Girl Scouts. Beth has served on several Council Task Force Committees and most recently was on the Committee for the Diamond Jubilee Celebration. Beth does an excellent job of all undertakings. Thanks Beth for your contribution to Girl Scouts of Cottaquilla Council.

**SALLIE AND MICHAEL SHIPLEY** – Sallie and Mike have served in almost every volunteer position with Girl Scouts of Cottaquilla Council. One of the top priorities for Sallie and Mike are to keep girls in Girl Scouting. They manage to keep the girls interested by offering projects and activities according to their likes. They have served on Council Task Force Committees and are still involved with several of them. They are both Red Cross First Aid/CPR Trainers and Council Trainers. They are excellent in both of these fields and they contribute a tremendous amount of knowledge to the trainings for our Council. They are proud parents of a Gold Award Recipient. They are also being recycled thru the Leader Program. If there is something about Girl Scouts that Sallie and Mike does not know, which is doubtful, they are resourceful enough to get the answers. Sallie and Mike are dedicated to the moral and financial stability of this organization and they up-hold and live the Girl Scout Law and Promise. Thanks Sallie and Mike for a job well done.

**KERI MEDDERS** – Keri is a true Girl Scout and she bleeds green. She has been in Girl Scouts for twenty four years and believes in the program. Her main concern in the realignment to the new Council is that her niece will not receive the same experiences in Girl Scouting that she has received in Cottaquilla Council. She is a Brownie Leader and an Assistant Leader to an Older Girl Troop and has been a Daisy and Junior Leader in the past. She is a Gold Award recipient and has been a trainer a few years back. Keri mentioned that all of the years she has been in Girl Scouts and sold cookies she had never received a trophy. She is hoping that her niece can earn a trophy this year for cookies. Keri is a hard worker and believes in

the Girl Scout program. Thanks Keri for your hard work.

**JUDY GOULD** – Judy spent many busy hours juggling her career commitments at RMC and as President of the Board of Directors of Girl Scouts of Cottaquilla Council. She accepted the Chair of the Board at a time when Board and Staff morale was low, Judy’s professionalism helped to bring about a positive change in both areas. She was a hands-on leader who wasn’t afraid to get her feet wet or her hands dirty as she proved at the Day of Caring at Camp Cottaquilla. Judy was a true defender of the Girl Scout movement and using her professional expertise helped negotiate services pro-bono for the Council. During her tenure as a Member at Large, Judy was involved with the Sporting Clay Shoot and Women Committed to Excellence Fund-Raiser’s for the Council. Thanks Judy for a job well done.

**PAULA LOTT** – Paula is a true Girl Scouts. She has been in Girl Scouts for thirty years as a girl and an adult. She was one of the first Gold Award recipients for Girl Scouts of Cottaquilla Council. She is very active with the Council Training Team, Neighborhood Cookie Chair for Weaver Neighborhood, Cookie Chair for two Troops, Treasurer for one troop and is on several Council Task Force Committees. Her love for Girl Scouts as now spread to her daughter. Paula would like to see the Older Girls participate in Council sponsored trips and activities. She has been on Council sponsored trips and her final trip was her Senior year. She graduated from high school on Friday night and left on Sunday for three weeks in Europe and visited Our Chalet in Switzerland and Olave House in London. Girl Scouts have provided great experiences for Paula and would like for it to continue for her daughter to enjoy. Thanks Paula for your love of Girl Scouting.