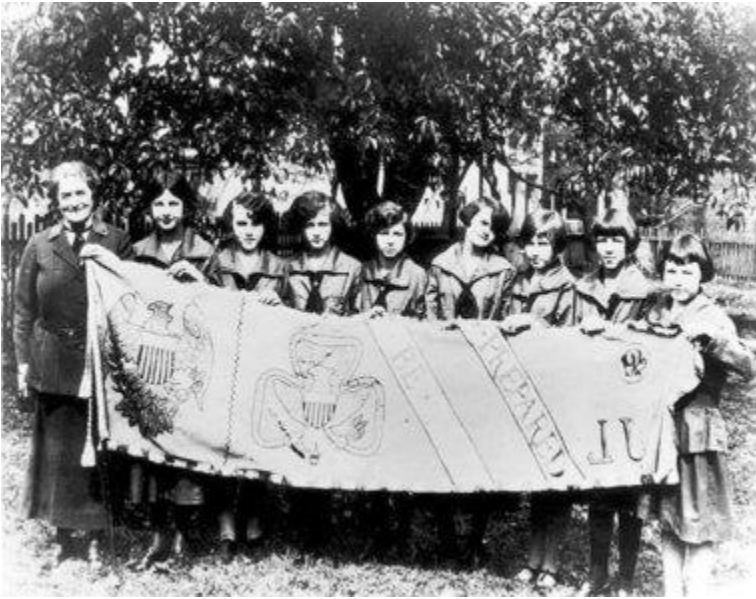


CNYers celebrate 100 years of Girl Scouts

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AP Photo/The Times of Northwest Indiana, FileThis is a 1924 file photo showing Juliette Gordon Low and a group of Girl Scouts standing in the yard in Savannah, Ga., where the first Girl Scouts met in 1912.

Syracuse, NY -- For 19-year-old Julia Calagiovanni, of Syracuse, girl scouting is a family tradition.

Her mother was Girl Scout in the 1960s and her grandmother in the 1930s. As a third generation scout, Calagiovanni said she is thankful for the strong core values that scouting has given her.

Calagiovanni will be among 100 people and organizations honored tonight in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouts USA. Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways, which serves nearly 19,000 girls in a 26-county area in New York and Pennsylvania, is hosting a 100th Anniversary Gala at the Oncenter in Syracuse.

Some of the other honorees include Carol Baldwin, Ginny Donohue, Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand and Syracuse Mayor Stephanie Miner.

“It’s truly an honor to be recognized in this group,” said Calagiovanni, who was valedictorian of the West Genesee High School class of 2010 and is currently a freshman at Yale University.

The women, men and organizations being honored were selected for the recognition because they have inspired girls to lead and achieve, said Judy Gallagher, NYPENN’s director of marketing and communications.

“Some of the honorees were Girl Scouts or volunteers, who have been role models for girls,” she said.



Julia Calagiovanni

Calagiovanni began scouting when she was in kindergarten and continued until she graduated high school. She is now a lifetime member.

“A lot of people dropout in middle school, but my mom encouraged me to keep going and I love it,” she said.

Camp was the best part for Calagiovanni. She said she loved meeting new friends at camp and reuniting with them each summer. She also enjoyed training to be a program aid and junior counselor.

Juliette Gordon Low founded Girl Scouts on March 12, 1912 in Savannah, Georgia. A lot has changed in 100 years but the core values has stayed the same, said Rita Chirumbolo Ernstrom, chair of the history and archive committee for NYPENN.

“The promise the girls take and the law that they live by have stayed the same,” Ernstrom said. “How we deliver the program has been adapted as the times have changed.”

An exhibit on the history of the Girl Scouts is now open at the Onondaga Historical Association, which is located 321 Montgomery St., in Syracuse. Lynne Pascale, director of development at the Onondaga Historical Association, said the exhibit is a great learning tool for current scouts and a walk through memory lane for former scouts.

The exhibit will be open through Aug. 31. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the weekends. The cost is free with a suggested donation.

In addition to the gala, several other events are planned to mark the anniversary, including candlelight ceremonies and other programs.

“The 100th anniversary is a celebratory time because of the more than 50 million American woman who have been Girl Scouts and say that Girl Scouts gave them the their foundation,” Gallagher said.

The honorees

Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways — which includes Central New York — is honoring 100 women, men, Girl Scouts and organizations to mark the 100th anniversary of the founding of Girl Scouts:

Liz Ayers
Robert Baden-Powell*
Carol Baldwin
Susan Bebee

Carrie Berse
Susan Bertrand
Suzanne Blatchford
Juli Boeheim
Bond, Schoeneck & King
Diane Bootie
Katherine Bootie
Kimberly A Boynton
Eileen L. Brophy
Natalie L. Brown
James C. Burns
C&S Companies
Julia Calagiovanni
Julie Cecile
Mary Ellen Clausen
Ruth Colvin
Dorothy Cotton
Gail Cowley
Edith Cox
Beverly Crim
Susan Crossett
CX Tec
Karrie Damm
Lisa DeVeau
Ginny Donohue
Alexandra Ferlo
Carol Fletcher
Claudette George
Rosamond Gifford*
Senator Kirsten Gillibrand
For the Girl Scouts we have Lost*
Girl Scout Volunteers
Sharon Gramlich
Ruth Hancock
Hancock Estabrook
Hematology-Oncology Associates of CNY
Kathy Henry
Tracy Higginbotham
Marylin Higgins
Beth A. Hilton
Beth Lynn Hoey
Charlotte "Chuckie" Holstein
The Junior League of Syracuse
Pat Keefe
Keys for Women
Gail Kinsella
Kathy Kotz
Diane Kuppermann
Linda Lopez
Juliette Gordon Low*
Amy Lynch
Cynthia L. Mather

Danielle Mather
The Matilda Joslyn Gage Center
Sue McCarthy
Leslie Rose McDonald
Gool Mehta
Mayor Stephanie Miner
Sherry A. Mossotti
Judy Mower
National Women's Hall of Fame
Northland Communications
Margaret "Peggy" Ogden
Marjorie Z. Olds
Onondaga Community College
Onondaga Historical Society
Onondaga Nation
Cindy Ormond
Gwendolyn Parks
Katy Payne
Dr. Sarah Pines
Terry Plizga
Judy Prosser
Judith H. Reilly
Amy Robbins
Katherine Robinson
Sonia Marie Robinson
Amy Schiek
Julie Shimer
Theresa Slater
Tom Slater
Joan Sprague
SRC Inc.
Ann Marie Stonecypher
Susan Swanson
Jennifer Tom
Melanie Trexler
Scott Van Allen
Colleen Van Camp
Vera House, Inc.
Julia Wolanski
WBOC
WISE Symposium
Women's Fund of Central New York
Judy Zeamer
Zonta
** Indicates legacy honoree*