

# 2010 Annual Report



These occasions were successful because of the hard work and efforts of the many volunteers and especially the 2010 Special Events Team and we wish to take the time to thank **Nancy Pryce**—Chair and the Members: **Darcy Wyllie, Jeannie Cosgrove, Judy Macquarrie, Lynda Ireland, Marsha Richie, Olive Brown, Shannon Husk, Sherry Fortais and Tanya Wyllie.**



# Southern Vancouver Island Area

## What a Fabulous Year for Southern Vancouver Island (SVI) Area Girl Guides!

Amazing! 2010 has been a fabulous celebration for Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada (GGC) and here in SVI we proudly participated in many events commemorating our 100th birthday. From our 100th Media Launch in January to our special 100-themed tree at the Festival of Trees in December, we celebrated our 100th year in small groups, large groups, inside, outside, on buses, on ferries, in stadiums and city parks all with Girl Guide style, flair and panache.

Some of the year's highlights:

- National Media Launch
- Salmon Kings Guide-Scout Hockey Night
- Presentation of handmade quilt to Zekoya Seitcher-Hamel, the first baby girl born on February 22 in SVI Area
- An Area Food Drive -over two tonnes of food was collected for food banks throughout Greater Victoria
- A two minute Member's Statement made in the BC Legislature by MLA Lana Popham—recognizing Girl Guides of Canada's 100th Anniversary
- Memories and More—a BC Council event where approximately 900 from SVI, made the memorable bus trip to the Giant Sleepover for nearly 8,000 in Vancouver



SVI Members who travelled the world . . .

Samantha Quesnel—Ecuador with Me to We, a partner organization with Free the Children on a GGC Nationally sponsored trip to build a school in Gulahuatico

Sharon Doty and Sheila Finnegan—"Butterfly Session" at Our Cabana, Mexico

Guiders Merlane Quon and Sheena McCullough with Alyssa Fraser, Brittney Wilson, Gina Hering, Isla McCullough, Georgina Stevens and Marina Wilson spent two exciting weeks in Europe including a visit to Our Chalet

We had three separate Independent Trips that participated in sessions at Our Cabana, Mexico:

- Guiders Marilyn Maggiora and Wendy Kluge with Miranda Bergenstein, Kaylee Butler, Cheyenne Duguay, Charlotte Gailbraith, Nicola Hestnes and Kimberly Jones
- Guiders Donna Cavan and Sharleen Thompson with Sara Herbert, Courtney Hyde, Cassidy Kennedy, Lauren Lamont and Jessica Smith
- Guiders Teresa and Denise Howden with Brittnee VanBeek, Melody Tyler, Emily Homuth, Nicola Stone, Christy Moser and Carlena Dowden

- Victoria Day Parade—we won third prize in the community float category with over 300 members
- Party in the Park: September 25—our celebration in Royal Athletic Park saw the sun shine on 1,200 of our members, guests and their families
- Festival of Trees

The excitement and energy for these celebrations produced positive media exposure for Guiding and brought our birthday celebrations to the forefront. The result was a memorable year of for all our members, phenomenal support from the community (please take time to read and recognize those individual and organization that support us) and for us another moment to commemorate when we realized an increase in our membership numbers.

For 2011 and onwards we are building on the momentum of our 100 anniversary celebrations and our council, committees and members will continue to make connections within Guiding and our communities.

**Brenda Fraser, Marsha Richie, Wendy Smylitopoulos**  
Area Commissioner Team



## Awards and Recognition

### Girl Recognition

**Lady Baden-Powell Challenge**—69 Girl Guides worked for two years to complete this highest challenge in the Guide Program

**Canada Cord**—14 Pathfinders earned their Canada Cord, the highest achievement that can be earned throughout three years

**Chief Commissioner's Gold Award**—8 Rangers were awarded the Chief Commissioner's Gold award, which is the ultimate award that can be earned as a youth Member of Girl Guides of Canada.

**Commonwealth Award**—earned by two Rangers for learning in-depth about another Commonwealth Country.

**SVI Education Scholarship**—was awarded to Danita Duguay

### SVI Membership

	2010/ 2011	2009/ 2010	2008/ 2009
Girls	1,203	1,078	1,195
Rangers	54	46	51
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,257</b>	<b>1,124</b>	<b>1,246</b>
Honorary life	13	13	12
Members over 75	31	31	24
Link only	3	5	7
Trefoil only	25	24	42
Other adults	294	349	308
<b>Total</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>393</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,623</b>	<b>1,473</b>	<b>1,639</b>

### Area Council

Brenda Fraser	Area Co-Commissioner
Marsha Richie	Area Co-Commissioner
Wendy Smylitopoulos	Area Co-Commissioner
Sherry Fortais	Secretary
Suzanne Iverson	Awards Committee Adviser
Sandra Hulko (Jan-Oct)	Camp Properties Liaison
Teresa Howden (Oct-Dec)	Camp Properties Liaison
Susan Zedel	Camping Adviser
Lynda Ireland	House Committee Chair
Janice Taylor (Jan-Oct)	iMIS Adviser
Teri Craig	International Adviser
Marilyn Maggiora	Co-Program Adviser
Tamara Fraser	Co-Program Adviser
Lynda Ireland	Public Relations Adviser
Judy Macquarrie	Ranger Adviser
Danita Duguay (Jan-Jun)	Ranger Rep
Kate McVicar (Sep-Dec)	Ranger Rep
Miranda Bergenstein (Sep-Dec)	Ranger Rep
Sheila Fowler	Training Adviser
Olive Brown	Trefoil Guild Liaison

### Adult Awards and Recognition

#### Unit Guider Awards Presented

Bronze—8, Silver—3, Gold—3

**Silver Thanks Pin**—2 (this award is given to non-members in recognition of their support)

**Gold Thanks Pin**—39

**Team Award**—20

**BC Guider Appreciation Award**—2

#### Merit Awards Presented

Bronze—3, Silver—6, Gold—4



### District Commissioners

Andrea Hodgson	Bay to Bay District
Cyn Witty	Camas District
Jenn McFarlane	Camas District
Kim Strom	Chatham District
Gillian Hurwood	Harbours District
Linda Coyle (Jan-Jun)	Lakes District
Linda McVicar (Jun-Sep)	Lakes District
Adrienne Blandford	Pacific Skies District
Sandy Fisher	Pacific Skies District
Wendy Halpen	Pacific Skies District
Alison Bott (Jun-Dec)	Peninsula Shores District
Jacky Stevens (Jan-Jun)	Peninsula Shores District
Beverly Reist (Jan-May)	Portage Inlet District
Tracy Menzies (Sep-Dec)	Portage Inlet District
Mary Lelonde	Raven District
Trudine Wilson	Straits District
Carol Gamey	Woodwyn District
Sharon Lohr	Woodwyn District

# RESOLUTION OF THANKS

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- BC Council for its support and in particular Daphne MacGregor-Greer, Provincial Commissioner and her Deputies Maryann Brock and Ann Hoesin
- Community Centers, Churches and places of worship from Great Victoria, Western Shores, Saanich Peninsula, Sooke and Sidney for donating spaces for meetings and other events
- Municipal police departments and the RCMP for their assistance with PRC approvals
- Municipal Fire Departments for their support of Guiding
- Royal Canadian Legion Branches
- Ministry of Transportation and the Habitat Restoration Project for the effort to effect repairs and improvements at Camp Jubilee
- MLA Lana Popham for making a Statement in the BC Legislature recognizing Girl Guides of Canada's 100th Anniversary
- Volunteers who donate their time, energy or dollars to the maintenance and development our Guiding Properties: Guide House and our three campsites: Kingswoods, Milnes and Jubilee
- Our Guiding members for their time, expertise, enthusiasm and caring for the benefit of our girl members
- Everyone who came out to support SVI Area Girl Guides during our 100th Anniversary Celebrations
- Kingswood Caretakers Chloe Faught and Chris MacDonald for taking such good care of our camp
- 10,000 Villages
- A Channel Victoria
- Admiral Self Storage
- Best Western Emerald Isle
- BJ's Bakery
- Brentwood Bay United Church
- Camp Bernard
- Canadian Tire, all locations
- CBC TV
- Central Saanich Lion's Society
- Chek TV
- C-fax 1070
- Church of the Advent
- City of Langford
- Claude Jolivet (Vancouver Island Model Engineers)
- Coast Capital Savings Credit Union, View Royal, Admirals Walk, Sooke
- Country Grocer, Esquimalt Store
- CSTT Professional Driving & Industrial Safety
- Esquimalt Parks & Recreation
- Esquimalt Trading Ltd.
- Esquimalt United Church
- Fairfield Community Church
- Fairways Market Langford
- Family Medical Centre (Brentwood Bay)
- First Memorial Funeral Services
- Former Guides and Guiders from the Sooke region who contributed to the Sooke Fall Fair display
- Glentana Village Recreation Centre
- Greater Victoria Public Library (Central Saanich Branch)
- Harlan Fairbanks
- Island Parent Magazine
- Level Ground Trading co. Limited
- Jack FM 103.1
- James Bay New Horizons
- Kool FM 107.3
- Laing's Lock and Key
- Lesley Petrie, and event staff—City of Victoria, Royal Athletic Park and Mike Fowler, for supporting our Party in the Park
- M&M Meats Langford
- Mayfair Mall
- Market on Yates
- Old Dutch Potato Chips—Jim Sinclair
- Old Victoria Water Company
- Peninsula Signs
- Pilgrim United Church
- Ross Armour of Concorde National—BC Division, sponsors of the Tetley Tea Tent at the Oak Bay Tea Party
- Royal Bank, all Branches
- Royal Canadian Legion Branch #91 Langford
- Royal Canadian Legion Esquimalt Dockyard, Branch 172
- Saanich Historical Artifacts Society
- Salmon Kings Hockey Club
- Save on Foods, all locations
- School District 61, 62, 62, View Royal
- Elementary
- Seaparc Rec Centre
- Sears Hillside Mall
- Shaw TV
- Shoppers Drug Mart, all locations
- Sooke Community Association
- Sooke Fall Fair Committee
- Sooke Home Hardware
- Sooke Legion (for sponsoring our Christmas tree)
- Sooke Mirror News
- Sooke Region Museum
- Sooke Save on Gas
- Sooke Subway—Paul Biggs
- Source Security
- St Aidan's United Church
- St John Ambulance
- Stantec Consulting—Sidney
- Super Store Langford
- The Ocean 98.5
- The Q 100.3
- Thrifty Foods, all locations
- Tillicum Mall
- Times-Colonist
- Tim Horton's—Cedar Hill X Road
- Village Foods—Sooke
- Wal-Mart Stores
- Western Foods Langford
- Western Foods—Sooke
- Westshore Town Center

***And finally . . . to our husbands, partners, families, friends and employers  
for their patience encouragement and support!***



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