Greetings:

This issue of What’s Happening celebrates the **HAPPENING in BOLD CAPITAL letters!** More than 130 came together to attend The 21st Gathering of Friends of the World Foundation held at Edith Macy Conference Center from October 11-13, 2018. They heard loud and clear their impact in supporting our Members, GSUSA and WAGGGS. Representatives of our Members addressed the plenary sessions and provided information on the use of grants previously awarded and challenged us to continue our support for future potentially life changing events including the Juliette Low Seminar 2019 (more information below) and G.I.R.L. 2020 Orlando (details to be provided at a later date).

Another highlight was WAGGGS ‘Zoom’ webinar where the five world center staffs personally thanked the World Foundation for its support and permitted an exchange of dialogue across the regions in WAGGGS in real time.

Ana María Mideros, Chair of the World Board of WAGGGS, sent a letter of thanks for the World Foundation’s “continuing and very generous support of WAGGGS... that are central to our Mission and have a significant impact on the lives of girls and young women”. In addition, the Chief Executive of WAGGGS, Sarah Nancollas, sent ‘thanks for support to deliver activities that build leadership skills and provide international experiences’.

Attendees responded to the 10th “Not So Silent Auction” with record donations! The final total is estimated at just over $45,000 with 4 trips (Bermuda, California, Detroit, and Minnesota) generating $19,000 and a Lisa Hinshaw original quilt generating $9,000. These donations are designated for the operational expenses of the World Foundation.

Lisa Hinshaw, former President of the World Foundation, was recognized for her many years of service with the announcement of $76,000+ in donations in her honor to the World Foundation Endowment Fund by 78 persons. Marlene Logan presented Lisa with a scrapbook listing the donors, as well as pictures, best wishes and congratulations from many people whose lives Lisa has touched.

In other news, Lisa presented a draft of a new World Foundation website. The website will be launched in the near future.

The Board of the World Foundation sported new shirts at the Gathering with an updated logo. The shirt is available for purchase from Land’s End. You might wear it when you are promoting the mission of the World Foundation to support projects and programs to enable young women to their fullest potential as responsible citizens of the world. For details, contact Robin Yuschak.
Membership Changes!!

At the request of the Friend’s Leadership Teams, membership and leadership changes were approved at the September or October meetings of the World Foundation Board, as follows:

**Friends of Our Cabaña USA:**
Sue Handy, leave of absence, as moving to Spain
Carrie Barnett, KY, new Associate member
Francine Zysk, MI, resignation

**Friends of Our Chalet:**
Jennifer Coombs, MA, new member
Janet Coombs, MA, status change from Active to Honorary

**Friends of Pax Lodge:**
Maureen Lineau – named as Co-Vice Chair
Sarah Edwards, AL, new member
Kathy Maxcy, NY, new member

**Friends of Sangam:**
Jane Nowakowski, NJ, resignation

**Friends of WAGGGS USA:**
Pat Martin, OK, new member
Jane Nowakowski, NJ, new member

**Friends of WAGGGS USA Committee**

It is exciting to share the passion and dedication of the global world of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting with our newest members – Welcome!

**Juliette Low Seminar**
**November 14 - 20, 2019**

WAGGGS guests Nyasha Bralock, Gillian Harrow, and Kelly Taylor presented a moving testimony of the impact WAGGGS is making in the lives of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. They shared plans for a worldwide Juliette Low Seminar being conducted at 20 hubs around the world. The goal is to reach up to 500 young women at each hub. These 1,000 young women would be prepared to reach 100 girls each at home. The outcome would be that 100,000 girls would develop new leadership practices to take the lead in their lives and communities. GSUSA is in conversation with WAGGGS about this endeavor.

Sponsorship of a girl would provide travel to one of the five world centers (including Kusafiri in two locations) or 14 other locations around the world, for one week. A $2,000 donation will sponsor one girl to go through leadership training that has the potential to reach 100 girls, who in turn could reach 100,000 girls!
Perhaps you and a friend would like to sponsor a
girl? The World Foundation will accept donations
for this challenge from November 1, 2018 until
February 28, 2019. Both GSUSA and WAGGGS will
be granted funds received with receipt of a grant
application to be reviewed at the March 2019
board meeting.

You can donate to the ‘Juliette Low Seminar
2019 Fund’ by writing a check payable to the
World Foundation (include on the envelope insert
“with an interest in the JLS 2019 Fund) or visiting
our website and donating through PayPal. (The
dropdown menu shows Juliette Low Seminar
2019 as an option).

Speaking of Kusafiri:
WAGGGS has a business plan and operational plan
to support the 5th world center. Jen Barron serves
as the world center manager for Kusafiri, as well
as for Sangam. Donations in the interest of
Kusafiri can be made to the World Foundation
and will “sit” with the Friends of WAGGGS USA
committee. This donation possibility has been in
practice since the announcement was made about
a world center in Africa and works well. The
committee continues to emphasize the
importance of this world center in the fastest
growing region of WAGGGS.

Fund Raising Successes: [note 2018
fiscal year-end figures are unaudited]:

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The total received for year end 09/30/18 is
109.44% of our goal.

CONGRATULATIONS to all!

Each committee set their fiscal year 2019 fund
raising and new member goals. They reported the
following:

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Impressive! Again, the Friends committees are
demonstrating their commitment to providing
opportunities for international experiences!

Questions about your donations? Do you need
solicitation materials? Contact Robin Yuschak,
our Administrator, at ryuschak@girlscouts.org.

World Foundation Board Grants
Announced:

At the September 20, 2018 and the October 11,
2018 World Foundation Board meetings, more
than $161,000 was awarded to grant requests
submitted by GSUSA and WAGGGS. The grants
awarded include:

**Our Cabaña USA:**
- Reallocation of unexpended previously
  awarded grants to travel grants and
  scholarships
- Support of a regional volunteer event
- Support for a regional Young Women’s
  Leadership event

**Our Chalet:**
- Support for the general scholarship fund

**Pax Lodge:**
- Support for a Young Women’s Leadership
  event in conjunction with a similar event being
  held at Our Cabaña during the same period

**Sangam:**
- No new grant requests
WAGGGS USA:
- Support of the 2018 & 2019 Kusafiri events in Uganda with girl scholarships and adult planning/facilitation training expenses

WAGGGS Development Fund:
- Endowment and general funds raised on behalf of WAGGGS

GSUSA:
- USAGO for a virtual troop program

Speaking of GSUSA:
The two Members of the World Foundation for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, Inc. are GSUSA and WAGGGS. Have you wondered how the World Foundation funds grant requests from GSUSA? Currently, unless someone wants to support grant submissions from GSUSA, i.e. make a donation to USAGSO or knows of an initiative of GSUSA, the source of funding comes from operational funds or the Silver Jubilee Fund, an endowment fund established in 1983 to support girl participation at international events. In the March issue of the ‘What’s Happenings’ I wrote how if we wish to provide more opportunities for more girls, we need more funds. In the true meaning of supporting girls and young women and inclusiveness, the Friends of Our Cabaña voted at the Gathering to include language in their annual solicitation letter that 5% of their donation will be available by the grant process for GSUSA to provide opportunities to its girls and young women. The other Friends committees are discussing this possibility as well.

A reminder of what and why we are involved in securing funds for girls and young women worldwide:

There are 2 Members of the World Foundation for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, Inc.; GSUSA and WAGGGS. Board member Ann Marie Horner serves as Proxy for GSUSA and Board member Jenifer Walden, as Proxy for WAGGGS.

The Strategic Plans for the next triennium (2018-2021) for our Members are:

GSUSA:
- Membership growth - reach more girls
- Higher impact - deliver consistent quality, outcome-driven girl program
- Increase investments - increase society’s investment in girls
- Effective operations - operate like one business moving in one direction
- Stronger brand - act like one movement, speak one voice, supported by our champions

WAGGGS:
- More opportunities for more girls - increase and diversify membership and strengthen the quality of the Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting experience
- Greater global influence - influence issues that affect girls and young women and improve image and visibility of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts
- Stronger and vibrant movement - increase funding and building capacity at every level

The Board of Directors has taken these strategies as its ‘call to action’ for the next triennium. You are an important force in this call to action. Please communicate with the Board if you wish to be more involved in our joint mission.

Did you know?

- WAGGGS has donated the world center flags used at their session to the World Foundation for promotional purposes. Patty Cook, Vice-President of the Friends of Our Cabaña, has volunteered to be the holder of the flags. If you wish to use the
flags/banners for an event, contact Patty at cookrb@aol.com for costs associated with shipping.

- You can now make a gift to the World Foundation with an interest in USAGSO (USA Girl Scouts Overseas).
- The G.I.R.L. 2020 GSUSA National Convention is scheduled for October 20-25, 2020 in Orlando, Florida. A global single gender conference is being planned. The World Foundation could be an important supporter with this project; we will share details as they become available.
- Contributions to the World Foundation can occur by many means; checks, PayPal through our website, required minimum distribution (RMD), wills and legacy gifts and matching contributions. For more information contact Robin Yuschak.
- The World Foundation will hold their Annual Meeting of the Members and Board of Directors in New York City on March 15, 2019.

**Mark Your Calendars:**

**Gathering of the Friends of the World Foundation October 30 – November 3, 2019**

Barbara Putney has accepted the position as The Gathering Coordinator! Barbara writes:

Next year’s Gathering of Friends will be held at Edith Macy from October 30 - November 3, 2019. We hope you will be able to join us to celebrate Juliette Gordon Low’s birthday in addition to our information-filled meeting! Registration for the weekend will be a little different this time, but so much easier. A link to an EventBrite form will be sent to you late January/early February. The form is easy to fill out and will have places to indicate roommate preferences and dietary restrictions, in addition to travel arrangements. After registering for the meeting, you will have the opportunity to add your travel arrangements later as you make them. There will be no paper forms, but we will have a list of Friends you can call if computer forms are not your thing. Trust me - this will be a great improvement for all concerned!

Lisa Hinshaw has willingly agreed to continue her important role as Auctioneer, along with Karin Carlson, for the 11th Annual ‘Not-So-Silent’ Auction.

**Evaluation of the 21st Gathering:**

Approximately 50% of the attendees returned their evaluations to Barbara Putney. Barbara provided a summary which indicated that those who responded unanimously agreed that expectations were met! By far the most favorite memory was meeting old and new friends; with presentations from WAGGS second and productive committee members coming in third. Overall, “meeting well done/great agenda”.

Suggestions included greater presence of GSUSA; a desire to learn more from GSUSA and its plans for global opportunities for girls and having additional time to interact with GSUSA representatives. Other suggestions include better communication within committees prior to attendance regarding the agenda timeline, more time for committees to mix and mingle around best practices, and more information on funding opportunities, with the endowment, specifically mentioned.

Thanks to all who completed the evaluation. The comments will assist in the planning of the 22nd Gathering.

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