A NOTE FROM OUR CHAIR

BY: MARLENE LOGAN

This is a trying time we live in, but I hope you are all healthy and getting used to this new reality. So many activities have been cancelled unless they are online, and we are learning how to slow down while still having program for our Girl Scouts. I have even been sent patch programs from both the US and UK that deal with the novel coronavirus!

As of this writing, all the world centers are closed until at least the end of June. Most staff are working from home. Nico, the Pax Lodge World Centre Manager, is holding down the fort solo for now. He said he feels like he is in an ark—back to our beginnings with Our Ark, right?

We hope the world centers will be up and running this summer, but we know it is wait and see for everyone.

The pandemic is going to affect all non-profits around the world. Now, more than ever, we need the support of all who love our world centers and the programs unique to WAGGGS.

I hope we all will be able to continue our support—both financial and “heads on beds”—of Pax Lodge and the other world centers.

Stay safe!

—Marlene

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*Indicates a new member. Welcome!
COVID-19 & SCOUTS

BY: KAYLA QUINN

COVID-19 (the Coronavirus) has swept the world by storm and has made a huge impact on how we as girl guides and girl scouts operate. Although times are tough, you can always count on our organizations to find a positive light.

Early 2020 brought a hardship many people living today have never experienced before, a pandemic called COVID-19, also known as the Coronavirus. Across the world girl guides and girl scouts, along with their alumni have been affected by this virus and the repercussions that come along with it. In order to keep our scouts and their loved ones safe, some tough decisions had to be made. Events and trips have been postponed to later dates, schools are moving to virtual learning, girl scout cookie sales have been halted, and stay at home orders have been mandated.

Although these times are tough, scouts are tougher! By building community virtually, we are reminded that together we can change the world!

Locally, girl scout troops are hosting virtual meetings with their troops to continue their badge work and to get creative on how to lift each other's spirits. For example, troops have been working on The Coronavirus Challenge, created by the Northamptonshire Girl Guides where they can learn emergency situation basics, spend time with family, or support those in their community by writing letters to those who are in isolation due to the Coronavirus.

Nationally, Girl Scouts of the USA has released Girl Scouts at Home program and has also been working with councils in regards to completing cookie sales for 2020 online. GIRL 2020 has also been moved to 2023, keeping the same location of Orlando, FL.

Internationally, WAGGGS World Centers hosted a worldwide campfire program where over 6,500 scouts came together for songs and readings. The event was hosted live on YouTube, and can be rewatched anytime! The World Centers are also hosting a World Center Marathon on social media so girls can stay connected across the globe!

A screenshot of the International Campfire. Photo courtesy of Kayla Quinn
WE NEED YOUR HELP

“My purpose... to go on with my heart and soul, devoting all my energies to Girl Scouts, and heart and hand with them, we will make our lives and the lives of the future girls happy"
- Juliette Gordon Low

THE WORLD FOUNDATION NEEDS YOUR DONATIONS

Friends-

As you know, with the world closed down, including Pax Lodge through at least the end of June, everyone is in a hard spot these days. However, the World Centers need our support. We would like you to consider making a donation to the World Foundation, designating Pax Lodge, in the amount you would have spent traveling to the GIRL 2020 Convention in Orlando. Could you consider this donation to help Pax Lodge before September 30th? Thank you so much for your contributions to make the world a better place. We hope you all are staying safe at home.

Sincerely, Marlene Logan, Mary Jane Meconi and Maureen Lienau

Please click on the link: http://www.worldfoundationgggs.org/donatenow/
MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Coming from all over the United States, the Friends of Pax Lodge brings together a diverse group of individuals who are here for the betterment of Pax Lodge.

Maureen Lienau: What is your most memorable girl scout experience?

Leslie Stuart: My most memorable experience started by traveling by train to National Center West for the All States Rendezvous. From FL to WY took four long days, we collected Girl Scouts as we went and by the end of the trip the train held only Girl Scouts. Each state sent two patrols of eight girls and we quickly found out we were one of the few states to have black girls with us. We met so many girls as they would find us on the train to meet them. Many Scouts had never seen black people in their lives or ever met anyone from FL and were curious about how we did things. We were frankly dumbfounded by all this attention!! We would sing a song and girls would ask us if it was different because it was a black song or because we were from FL?! When we got to Wyoming, girls, and even their leaders, would come over from other patrols or camps just to look at us, taste our Southern food and hear us sing.

ML: Why do you belong to girl scouts & what other work have you done in scouting?

LS: Generally, I am still a Girl Scout as I love the sisterhood with other women and community connection it provides. Specifically, I enjoy listening to how the girls think and process the world. As a leader, I love working with the girls to help them envision how to get things done and figure out what their interests are by trying new things. As a Gold Committee Coordinator, I get to work with the best of the best in solving community issues and helping make the world a better place. I feel that working with all of the girls over my 57 years now is part of my legacy.

ML: What is your favorite way to spend time?

LS: My favorite way to spend time is to read, preferably outside in the sun if possible, with a nice view of course! I read just about anything and am in a wonderful book club up here in the Santa Cruz Mountains that pushes me to read things I probably would not have chosen for myself. I also love to travel and am in a counting competition with my Uncle Don. So far, I have been to 52 National Parks, camping there if possible, and have visited all of the States and Territories except Alaska & Hawaii.
WORLD THINKING DAY AT PAX LODGE

BY: TSION, PAX LODGE VOLUNTEER FROM ETHIOPIA

Even though it has been being celebrated since 1926, I could only catch the 94th World Thinking Day at Pax Lodge. I was very delighted to be part of this world friendship day. The theme for 2020 is Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. At Girl Guiding (Scouting), these values are at the core of what we do.

Our program started with a message from the chair of the world board, Ana Maria Mideros, by creating awareness of why we celebrate the day in an interactive way. We also had a visit from World Bureau staff so they were our first participants for the world thinking day.

We had a video talk with the other world centres and shared what was going on, what we did for world thinking day this year and shared a happy world thinking day message among us.

We shared our SHERO with the participants, created a drawing of the women we appreciate the most, discussed the diversity among us, wrote a haiku about world thinking day, and played different fun games from the world thinking day 2020 activity pack.

We had Friends of Pax Lodge helping the event to be more colourful by preparing the WAGGGS bouquet. We enjoyed doing the bouquets where we learned about WAGGGS and its functions. Our programs were very interactive and inclusive; all the participants from brownies to leaders were participating in all activities. It was a wonderful big event that brought a lot of girl guides and girl scouts together to share our experiences in this worldwide movement.
World Thinking Day (WTD), February 22 is an important day in the life of a Girl Scout. It is the day we honor Olave and Robert Baden-Powell and think about our 10 million sister Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in 150 countries around the world. And yet our council, Girl Scouts of Colorado, is in the midst of cookie sales so many big WTD events are held in March and April. Well you know what happened during those months this year – the corona virus spread across the US and the stay at home orders came out and the council cancelled all activities until mid May.

However, one service unit in Adams County near Denver held their event in early March and what an event it was!! It was the best one I have ever attended. It began with a flag ceremony. Then there were about 15 countries represented and so each had 5 minutes to share their story during a wide game rotation. Half of the troop toured around the gym while the other half stayed with their display to be the reporters to the visitors. About a 100 girls participated in the event.

When the complete rotation was done, then our GSCO Global Action Team presented to the whole group. We went over the meaning of the World Pin and made a game out of it. And then we shared about the 5 World Centers.

We had never been to this event before so everyone was excited to hear our stories.

The planning committee invited a woman who grew up as a Girl Guide in South Africa to tell her story about playing with Ndebele dolls, a traditional craft made from recycled items. Then all the girls were able to make a doll to take home. They were made from empty water bottles (with sand in the bottom for a weight), fabric scraps, yarn, ribbons, etc.

After everyone was done making their doll, the rotations began again but this time the girls traded place – speakers for tourists and tourists for speakers. Almost each troop as they learned about their country, also learned about the Girl Guides or Girl Scouts in that country. There was also a Service Project component to the event – donations for Growing Home, a group helping those experiencing homelessness through their transition out of homelessness. They collected diapers, pullups, hygiene projects, cleaning supplies, and Zip lock bags.

This event was a beautiful example of Juliette Low’s statement; Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting can be the magic thread which links the girls of the world together.
INTERVIEW WITH VOLUNTEERS

BY: KAYLA QUINN

Friends of Pax Lodge Associate Member, Kayla Quinn, rang in the 2020 New Year in London this year. While in London, Kayla visited Pax Lodge and had the chance to interview two volunteers to see what they were up to at Pax Lodge!

MEET JASMINE & GIOIA

Jasmine:
Jasmine is from South Africa has been a Girl Guide for 9 years. She traveled to Pax Lodge prior to volunteering and loved the opportunity to experience Pax as a volunteer, saying that Pax Lodge "feels like a home away from home".

Gioia:
Gioia is from Switzerland and has been a part of Guides for 12 years. Her favorite part about volunteering is the international evening programs. She was surprised how easily using her English became. Gioia also loves how friendly and open the people of Pax Lodge are!

ABOUT THEIR TIME AT PAX:

Both Jasmine and Gioia joined the Pax Lodge Volunteer team on October 1st as General Volunteers. As a General Volunteer, their responsibilities include preparing breakfast for guests, facilitating evening programs, and assisting with conferences.

Some memorable events for the pair include hosting a group from Ghana, working with the Juliette Low Seminar, hosting campfires, and giving the tours of the building. They also remember meeting our very own Marlene and Dennis Logan during their time at Pax Lodge.

LONDON FAVORITES:

Jasmine:
Using the Pax Lodge Staff Challenge to explore the city was the perfect way for Jasmine to learn her way around. Her personal goal while in London was to visit as many football stadiums as she could!

Gioia:
Gioia loves the city of London because there is so much to do. She also enjoyed learning about cultural differences in comparison to Switzerland...for example, being able to grocery shop on a Sunday!
SHOUT OUTS!

BY: Marlene Logan

We want to give a shout-out to three of our committee members who have found a creative way to raise funds for the World Foundation (with an interest in Pax Lodge). Adrienne King has been hosting Afternoon Teas in her council for many years and last fall topped her outstanding numbers in attendance. Taking a cue from her, Barbara Johnson and Sarah Edwards hosted another Afternoon Tea recently. What a creative way to keep funding and promoting our world center!

Photo from Adrienne’s famous Pax Lodge Tea Party!
Photo courtesy of Aaron Tews & Adrienne King.

PAX LODGE UPDATES

BY: Marlene Logan

Dennis Logan and David Routledge (husbands of the chairs of Friends of Pax Lodge UK and USA) spent World Thinking Day weekend putting finishing touches on projects at Pax Lodge. The London Room now has a new wall décor with a tube map and tiles with photos of our London World Center and WAGGGS history. The also finished the luggage/laundry room so that luggage is secure while laundry is done by guests. The second floor (3rd floor for those of us in the USA) now has colorful posters of global cities along the long hallway.

The hallways lined with colorful city posters.
Photos courtesy of the Pax Lodge Facebook page.

The London Rooms new updates!
NEW FRIENDS

We are always looking for more people interested in supporting and promoting Pax Lodge by becoming a member of the Friends of Pax Lodge USA team.

We are one of the committees of the World Foundation for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, Inc.—a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization that supports the international programs of GSUSA and WAGGGS.

If you are interested in more information, contact any of our committee members or the Committee Chair, Marlene Logan at 303-810-3847 or cre8logan1@comcast.net.

SHARE OUR NEWSLETTER

Do you know anyone interested in visiting London? Be sure to share our newsletter with them and remind them that Pax Lodge is in the lovely borough of Hampstead and an easy tube ride away from most London attractions. Although we love to have our young women attend a session, Pax Lodge can also accommodate families and vacationing groups. Remember, Pax Lodge is a “place where strangers soon are friends!” Have your friends, or you, book a stay at Pax Lodge by going to https://www.wagggs.org/en/our-world/world-centres/pax-lodge/book-now.

Some of the Friends of Pax Lodge USA.

Chairs of Friends of Pax Lodge UK, Julia, with Friends of Pax Lodge USA Chair, Marlene.

Photos courtesy of Marlene Logan & Volunteer Gioia.

Pax Lodge Fall 2019-Winter 2020 Volunteers.
PAX LODGE IS TURNING 30 IN 2021!

A time to connect, enjoy friends old and new while exploring the beautiful city of London. Mark your calendars now for an event you don't want to miss!

BY: MARLENE LOGAN

Hard to believe that we are already planning the 30th anniversary party in 2021, celebrating the official opening of Pax Lodge, but here we go: the event will take place from Saturday, March 13th until Wednesday, March 17th (yes, St. Patrick’s Day!).

On the preliminary agenda is a Thames River Boat Cruise, afternoon tea on a London double-decker bus, a theatre evening, a birthday party with the Brownies and Guides who meet weekly at Pax Lodge, and a last night celebration (they hope to get the Pearly King and Queen to attend).

We will be there over Commonwealth Day, learn about the Thames Project, and work on the Pax Lodge and the Footsteps of the Founders Challenges. More info will become available as plans are firmed up.

To get you excited about the event, enjoy the photos from the 25th celebration!
## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2020

### JULY
- **Event:** Journey Through London 2  
  **Date:** July 5-10, 2020  
  **Location:** Pax Lodge, London
- **Event:** Journey Through London 3  
  **Date:** July 12-17, 2020  
  **Location:** Pax Lodge, London
- **Event:** Journey Through London 4  
  **Date:** July 19-24, 2020  
  **Location:** Pax Lodge, London

### AUGUST
- **Event:** Journey Through London 5  
  **Date:** August 2-7, 2020  
  **Location:** Pax Lodge, London
- **Event:** Journey Through London 6  
  **Date:** August 9-14, 2020  
  **Location:** Pax Lodge, London

### OCTOBER
- **Event:** Global Friendship Week  
  **Date:** October 11-16, 2020  
  **Location:** Pax Lodge, London
  *Global friendship and London adventure for anyone 18 years old & older*

### DECEMBER
- **Event:** New Years Event  
  **Date:** TBD  
  **Location:** Pax Lodge, London

If there are any questions about staying at Pax Lodge or joining in with programme please email: programme@paxlodge.wagggs.org

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### WE STILL NEED BIRTHDAYS!

Hello Friends!

Please send your birthday month and day to me so we can acknowledge those quarterly in our newsletters to lieno413@hotmail.com.

Thanks,
Maureen