HARD-EARNED MONIES GRANTED TO WAGGGS AND GSUSA

Twice annually the World Foundation Board of Directors has the honor of distributing the hard-earned monies earned by our Friends committees to Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) and to the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). At a board meeting held via telephone on September 12, the following grants were awarded:

GSUSA:  Mini grants to support Global Action volunteers at the council level

WAGGGS:
- A meat slicer, funds to complete the purchase of a new van and funds for planning the 2018 Helen Storrow Seminar for Our Chalet
- Travel scholarships, new stools and dining room table maintenance for Our Cabaña
- Funds for pool maintenance for Sangam
- Volunteer scholarships, new fans, and new bed linens for Pax Lodge
- Support for advocacy and external relations work for WAGGGS

The World Foundation Board is profoundly grateful to all of the Friends who worked so hard to make these grants possible and to all of our donors who have so generously given. Truly, you are changing the world!!

NEW FRIENDS WELCOMED

At the September 12th Board meeting, the World Foundation Board of Directors enthusiastically approved for membership the following new Friends:

- Friends of Our Cabaña: Vanette Christensen, (Nevada) and Kathy Sproull (Texas)
- Friends of Our Chalet: Mary Hoffman (Minnesota) and Deborah Crossman (New York)
- Friends of Pax Lodge: Katrina Forar (Colorado)
- Friends of Sangam: Colleen Graves (Maine), Christa Ochocki (South Dakota) and Caroline ONeill (New York)

In addition, the Board approved Lisa “Lee” Henderson-Hill (North Carolina) at the October 4 Board meeting as a Friend of Sangam.

We are thrilled to have these amazing women counted in our ranks and look forward to working with them for years to come. This brings a total of 15 new Friends to the World Foundation in 2017. Welcome to all!!

Other membership changes included saying “A World of thanks and goodbye” to Penny Russell and Mary Glenski (Honorary Friends of Pax Lodge) and Terry Elizondo (Friend of Sangam). We are so very grateful for the many years of support these wonderful women added and we will miss them.

The World Foundation’s Mission is to support projects and programs that benefit girls and young women of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.
CELEBRATING THE G.I.R.L. IN ALL OF US

More than 8,000 Girl Scouts of all ages gathered in Columbus, Ohio October 4-8 to conduct the business of the 54th National Council Session and to celebrate G.I.R.L. 2017. More than 115 of these enthusiastic Girl Scouts were Friends of the World Foundation!! The hard-working committee headed by World Foundation Vice-President Barbara Schliebe did an amazing job in bringing the five world centres to the Hall of Experiences for all to enjoy. Kudos to this amazing team:

Friends of Our Cabaña: Joan Tolley
Friends of Our Chalet: Suzanne Bante
Friends of Pax Lodge: Barbara Johnson
Friends of Sangam: Jane Nowakowski
Friends of WAGGGS USA: Kandi Lancaster
Olave Baden-Powell Society: Sue Cunnold and Sue Goldsmith

Also lending a hand to make it all happen were the wonderful registration coordinators working with Sue Handy: Betty Trivisone, Kathy LaValley, Barbara Johnson, and Jane Nowakowski.

Within the Hall of Experiences, the World Foundation brought the world centres alive with interactive booths, tons of information, the International Market, and opportunities for girls and adults to talk with the world centre managers (whose trips to Columbus were funded by the World Foundation). The Foundation is incredibly thankful to the following Friends and friends of Friends who went above and beyond to bring this all together including Marlene and Dennis Logan, Tanya Tulloch, Nico Nicholson, Suzanne Bante, Rohini Piyasena, and Pat Haight.

The World Foundation Board of Directors was thrilled to host 174 Friends and guests at the Friends Breakfast. Kind words of appreciation for the amazing work done by our Friends were expressed by WAGGGS World Board President Ana-Maria Mideros and International Commissioner Judith Batty. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who got up at the crack of dawn in order to attend.

Gail Tsuboi and the Friends of Sangam helped hundreds of girls “try on” India through the use of saris and scarves.

Olave Baden-Powell Society members Barbara Friis and Kris McKann share their love of Girl Scouting and Girl Guiding.

World Foundation Director and chair of the Friends Breakfast Peggy Stevens (in back) share a moment with Friend of Our Chalet Janet Coombs (left) and guest Violet Apple, CEO of Girl Scouts of Central Maryland (right).
Kudos and gratitude to the Bharat Scouts and Guides for hosting the 36th WAGGGS World Conference in Delhi, India September 18 – 22. This triennial event brought together 119 of the WAGGGS countries for a week of discussion, discovery, and decisions. 16 representatives from the World Foundation were in attendance serving as conference volunteers, guests, and our own Connie Matsui, World Foundation Director Emerita, who serves on the WAGGGS World Board.

Among the World Conference highlights were:

- Welcoming Aruba, Azerbaijan, Palestine and Syria as full members and Albania and Niger as associate members into WAGGGS. This brings the total number of countries to 150!!
- Holding WAGGGS accountable for developing events to be held at Kusafiri and resourcing the program accordingly.
- Tightening lines of accountability between the WAGGGS Chief Executive and the World Board.
- Establishing Arabic as the 4th official language of WAGGGS.

In addition, the plenary voted in support of Uganda’s bid to host World Conference in 2020.

In addition to the governance work completed at World Conference, there were also regional forums held to discuss issues critical to each of the five WAGGGS regions.

The traditional International Market night was a huge success with countries enthusiastically selling and sharing its crafts, program materials, and more!

Director Emerita Mary Ellen Snow, Director Diane Saber, and President Lisa Hinshaw were three of 16 World Foundation members in attendance.

Director Emerita Tricia Tilford and Director Emily Rodriguez were several of the hard-working volunteers who made World Conference a success!
A REVIEW OF THE 2017 NUMBERS

With the fiscal year ending September 30, it’s time to review progress made toward the 2017 goals set by the World Foundation Board:

**Goal #1:** 100% of the Friends and the Board of Directors will make a personal contribution that exceeds their 2016 personal contribution.

Below is a graph comparing percentage of Friends making a personal donation in 2016 versus 2017 by each Friends committee and by the World Foundation Board of Directors. The columns on the left of each category reflect 2016 and the columns on the right of each category reflect 2017. Congratulations to Friends of Our Cabaña and Friends of WAGGGS USA for significantly exceeding your 2016 efforts and a very sincere thank you to every Friend and Board member who made a personal contribution.

It should be noted that the data from 2016 includes donations made during the Not-So-Silent Auction at two Gatherings held in fiscal year ending 09-30-16. Because of the National Convention this year, there was no Gathering.

**Goal #2:** Each Friends committee goal will exceed the goal of FY 2016 and the committee’s efforts will exceed the success realized in FY 2016.

Each Friends committee set an ambitious goal that exceeded their 2016 goal. In the chart below, the left columns in each color reflect financial goals set and the right column in each color represents the funds raised (2017 figures are unaudited). Blue columns are for 2016 and the green columns reflect the same unaudited data for 2017.

**Goal #3:** Each Friends committee will increase in size by at least two members during the FY 2017.

The Friends committees were actively recruiting new Friends to join in the important work of raising funds to support the global mission of Girl Scouting and Girl Guiding. Below is a summary of this terrific work:

- Friends of Our Cabaña: 5 new Friends
- Friends of Our Chalet: 3 new Friends
- Friends of Pax Lodge: 1 new Friend
- Friends of Sangam: 6 new Friends

The World Foundation Board is very grateful to all of the hard work put forth by the Friends Committees and salutes their amazing achievements!
GATHERING 2018
REGISTRATION OPENS IN JANUARY 2018

If you haven’t locked in October 11 – 14, 2018 for the Annual Gathering of Friends of the World Foundation do so now! Registration forms will be emailed to all Friends in January and a $25.00 non-refundable deposit will be required to save a bed. Those who have attended Gatherings in the past know that this is a not-to-be-missed event full of important committee meetings, updates on the global program from GSUSA and WAGGGS staff, and more fun and laughs than you will ever have in one weekend! Add to this the 10th Annual Not-So-Silent Auction and you have all the ingredients necessary for an amazing event. The Gathering is held at the Edith Macy Conference Center just outside New York City. All expenses are the responsibility of each individual.

Make your plans now because space is limited and you don’t want to miss this terrific weekend! The fall leaves will be turning and Great Hall will be calling. Join us!

SAVE THE DATES!

March 23, 2018: World Foundation Board Meeting @ 1166 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY

September 20, 2018: Grant Awards Board Meeting via teleconference

October 11 – 14, 2018: The Gathering @ Edith Macy Conference Center

October 10 – 13, 2019: The Gathering @ Edith Mach Conference Center

The next issue of “What’s Happening” will be published in January, 2018. If you have articles or information you would like included, please send to lisa.hinshaw57@gmail.com by December 15, 2017. We’d love to include articles about the really wonderful things our Friends are doing in the name of Girl Scouting and Girl Guiding everywhere!