

White Dove

FRIENDS OF PAX LODGE, USA



"A [virtual] place where strangers soon are friends"

SPRING 2021 NEWSLETTER

NOTES FROM MARLENE

BY: MARLENE LOGAN, CHAIR - FRIENDS OF PAX LODGE USA

This has been a year of Plan B (or C, as the case may be), and we have shown our love for Pax Lodge with our support and comradery. We have many things to celebrate.

Alison Bentley has joined our team and her addition makes five new members for this fiscal year. We Friends have shown continued support for our world center and, as of March 31st, our team has raised \$15,518—over half-way to our annual committee goal.

We just got word that we will be able to meet in person at the Gathering October 22-24 – how exciting we get to meet in person again! Pax Lodge hopes to open February 19th—just in time for World Thinking Day, with our new entrance and reception area (from a grant from the World Foundation). It is exciting to see the end of the tunnel!

Yours in Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting,

Marlene



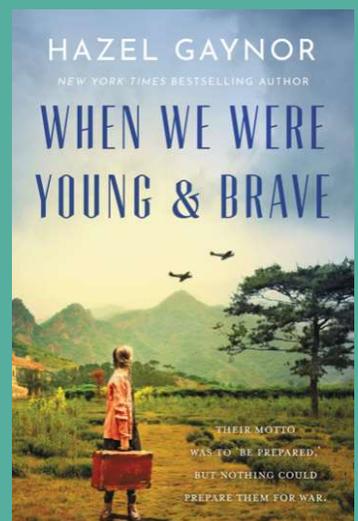
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BOOK CORNER!

BY: MARLENE LOGAN, CHAIR OF FRIENDS OF PAX LODGE USA

There is a novel that is making the rounds of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world. *When We Were Young and Brave* (USA & Canada title; *The Bird in the Bamboo Cage* is the title in the UK, Ireland, Australia, and New Zealand) is the story of a school that is taken over by the Japanese during World War II where the Girl Guide unit is kept together by their teachers—and how their Guiding experiences help them survive their ordeal. It is an easy read as it seems to be geared towards young adult readers.



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*Indicates a new member. Welcome!

Pax Lodge Virtual Programme

Pax Lodge Experience

16 MAY 2021

14 JUNE 2021

18 JULY 2021

Pax Lodge history

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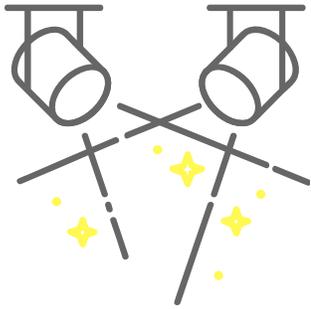
Explore London

25 JUNE 2021



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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: Why do you belong to Girl Scouts and what other work have done in scouting?

Jennifer Glover: I consider it both a privilege and honor to be a member of the Girl Scout Community. I have been my daughter's Girl Scout Troop Leader for 10 years and I can honestly say that I have loved every minute of it. Being my daughter's Troop Leader has given us countless opportunities to create wonderful memories and has helped to forge an incredible relationship between us. I often say that I want to be her when I grow up. I am so proud of who she is, and I know that Girl Scouts has helped her to become the amazing young woman that she is today. Girl Scouts has not only afforded me the opportunity to help build my girls into confident risk takers, but it has made me continue to push myself to be a positive role model for my girls and to keep making the next meeting, the next trip, and the next adventure even better than the last one.

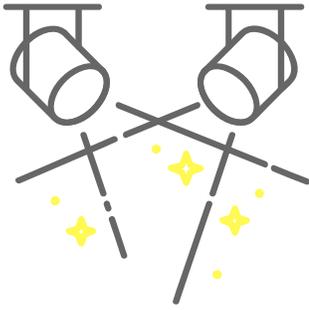
As the girls have grown and stepped out of their comfort zones, I have too. I have learned so much about myself and about topics that I previously had zero interest in. Girl Scouts is a place where we all strive to be the best version of ourselves and encourage girls to do the same. It is not about the badges, cookies or other accolades and recognitions.



JG continued:

Girl Scouts is about life skills, adventure, service to others and friendships. These are the things that make up character.

These are the things that stay with you for a lifetime. These are just some of the reasons why I love being a part of the Girl Scout Movement. I am currently a Lifetime Member, Troop Leader, member of my Service Unit Team and I am in the process of joining the Girl Scouts of Suffolk County's History Committee. I plan to stay involved after my daughter completes her Girl Scout years, perhaps as a trainer, program specialist or another position on the national level. I live and breathe Girl Scouts. I believe in the Movement and I believe in the global sisterhood. And if I have done my job right, my girls will continue the "Circle of Friendship" that Juliette Low so fondly referenced, and they too will become leaders for our next generation of world changers.



" I live and breathe Girl Scouts. I believe in the Movement and I believe in the global sisterhood"

- Jennifer Glover

ML: What is your most memorable Girl Scout experience?

JG: All my Girl Scout experiences have been nothing less than memorable. It was an honor to serve as a Council Delegate at the 2017 Convention. I loved participating in the National Sessions and loved meeting leaders from all over the country; exchanging SWAPs with both Troop Leaders and Girl Scouts was a lot of fun. There was so much positive energy and enthusiasm at the convention, it was truly unforgettable. My troop trip to Savannah was filled with countless memories. We had the opportunity to tour Juliette Gordon Low's House, The First Headquarters, etc. I simply loved every moment of the trip and being surrounded with Girl Scout history. We also participated in Quest Fest during our visit. My girls had a fantastic and fun competitive spirit about them and again, had a great time meeting troops from all over the country.



JG continued: My daughter and I participated in The Golden Gate Bridging event a couple of years ago, when she bridged from Juniors to Cadettes. We were the only ones from the East Coast, and we enjoyed meeting girls and leaders from the Western states. Meeting Sylvia Acevedo at the GS USA Headquarters in NYC with my troop was cool too! She was very hospitable, and we loved getting to meet her. Troop camping and overnight trips hold a special place in my heart. The girls and I have had countless laughs and have learned so much about ourselves and each other during these outings. I love seeing the girls bond and grow. Seeing my daughter on the cover of our council's magazine and being in our council's holiday light show commercial were both proud and fun moments. She was also featured in the GS USA Blog for her participation in the pilot program for the Cadette Cybersecurity Badges. It is very cool to see your daughter in the spotlight like that. I am looking forward to the many adventures and friendships that I will continue to experience as a member of GS USA.



30TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

BY: MARLENE LOGAN, CHAIR - FRIENDS OF PAX LODGE USA

The 30th anniversary event was an amazing event. With the new normal of having virtual events, our team pulled it off while learning new technical skills along the way.

Planning for the 30th began at The George before the 25th anniversary event was over. Given it is the pearl anniversary, the planning centered around water. During the World Thinking Day event at Pax Lodge in 2020, the week was planned to introduce an updated Footsteps of the Founders Challenge that would be less focused on Lord Baden-Powell and more on the three women who created our organization: Agnes Baden-Powell, Juliette Gordon Low, and Olave Baden-Powell.

Completing the original Challenge was also very time consuming, so it needed to be possible to complete it in 3-5 hours.

Within weeks, we knew we needed to plan a virtual component and by May, we had no choice but to start planning a virtual event. We already had on our team Catherine Gritz, a Westminster blue badge guide, who was to lead tours during our event. She quickly changed plans and created videos of the locations around London that pertained to our program. Find their videos at [Pax Lodge - YouTube](#).

The Footsteps of the Founders Challenge became an activity pack that highlighted

our founders and London world center locations.

I will get back to working on the challenge and will make sure it can be completed using the videos, so girls won't have to be in London to complete it.

Kayla did her amazing job at organizing the Campfire.

Julia created a 30th Anniversary Challenge that should be available throughout the year. Julia also produced a set of videos that can be found at [Pax Lodge - YouTube](#).

Pax Lodge celebrated its official opening on March 15th with Eleveses. Eleveses is, basically, late morning tea. About 80 people attended, including former staff members and members from our committee (who got up really early to join in). We started with a flag ceremony at Pax Lodge and a greeting from HRH Princess Benedikte of Denmark. Gill Clay and Tasha Meynell, members of the Baden-Powell family, shared memories as did Patricia Noble who told us about her encounter with the King of Greece, who happened to come to the opening unannounced!

Liz prepared a montage of the cherry blossom trees, Julia shared the Ark birthday cake she had made, and we sang happy birthday in 10 languages.

30TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

BY: MARLENE LOGAN

Since our weekend event, we have received greetings from a Pearly Queen (whose video is posted at [Pax Lodge - YouTube](#)) as well as from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Our 30th anniversary event was a wonderful way to share memories, stories, and our love of our special home: where strangers soon are friends.

Please view HRH Princess Benedikte's warm wishes below.



On a beautiful day in March 1991 I opened Pax Lodge – now 30 years ago and how time flies. This World Center has hosted girls from all WAGGGS countries and they all have their own story and experiences to tell: days they never will forget - months that taught them to be world citizens and many everlasting friendships.

The Covid-19 has sadly influenced and changed all our lives regardless of age or where we live – but hope is around the corner and we see signs of spring where the cherry-trees in the Pax Lodge garden have grown big and beautiful and with their delightful bloom they bring hope and courage in our hearts.

Happy 30 years anniversary, stay safe and I wish Pax Lodge staff and friends a wonderful celebration.

Benedikte

Patron of OB-PS



BONDING THROUGH BAKING



BY: CATHERINE GRITZ

One popular event of Pax Lodge's 30th Birthday celebrations, which took place on Saturday, 14 March, was the Scone Bake-Along Session. Participants were given a list of ingredients to organise ahead of time and have on hand to bake-along using Pax Lodge's traditional scone recipe.

About 40 people of all ages joined from throughout the UK as well as around the world. The session also included a brief history of scones, the customs relating to a High Tea service, and a VERY lively discussion about recipe variations, local ingredients options, and family baking traditions. Catherine Gritz, who led the Bake-Along, is a hobby cook and baker (FB/Instagram/YouTube @foodiesandthefeckless) with a Diploma in Nutrition, Gastronomy, and Food Trends from Le Cordon Bleu in London.

But what you may not realise is that this is not the only Scone Bake-Along session that Catherine has run.

The sessions have been proving to be very popular with individual Troops and groups of Guiders, who book them as private, virtual events, often in connection with virtual camping events.

And they can also be found in Pax Lodge's Virtual Programme. Baking is a great form of cultural exchange: it allows people to get to know each other while striving towards on a common goal. It facilitates discussion of national customs, culinary traditions as well as comparison of systems of weights and measures. It gives participants, some of whom might not have much baking experience, a feeling of accomplishment as well as a tasty treat!

And, even though we may not be able to be together in person, we are sharing in a common experience that connects us as guiders/ Girl Scouters (and as bakers, or course). This is most apparent at the end when everyone holds up their finished scones for the camera. Keep on baking everyone!



FOOTSTEPS OF OUR FOUNDERS

BY: CATHERINE GRITZ

My daughter Alex and I filmed the bulk of these five videos on the founding members of Girl Guiding and Scouting between the first and second Lockdowns in London, in early September. The very astute of you may have guessed this as, in the footage of Kensington Palace, you can clearly see flowers to Diana, Princess of Wales, in front of the gate on the Anniversary of her death, which was at the end of August.

I wrote the script and chose the locations and Alex filmed and did all the video editing in iMovie. She is a genius at movie-editing (granted I am a bit partial) and a perfectionist as well, which means the process is labourious even for short videos. It involves her editing out all the “uh“ and “um“s, splicing together shorter clips and stills, slowing down segments as needed and adding music, titles, and voiceovers. I didn't make things any easier by accidentally filming a few segments on my own in PORTRAIT instead of LANDSCAPE and had to later redo these as clips with voiceovers. But, on the whole, it was a fun mother-daughter bonding experience and I learned a lot about iMovie through the project!



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Here is the link for the first of Catherine's videos on [Footsteps of our Founders – London](#), on YouTube.

This link will help you find the other four: [Footsteps of our Founders 5 - YouTube](#)

Catherine is a City of Westminster Trained Guide who offers tours specialised tours of London, some focusing on Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting locations and the history surrounding them. Please see her website <https://www.obscuretourslondon.com/> or email obscuretourslondon@gmail.com for details.

You can also follow her at [@obscuretourslondon](#) and on [Facebook](#).

Coming soon:

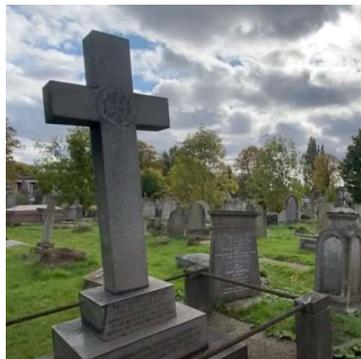
Tours focusing on the activities of the Juliette Gordon Low in London Challenge Badge!



A clip from Footsteps of our Founders YouTube video.

BEHIND THE SCENES

Catherine Gritz spent a lot of time around London filming Footsteps of our Founders for the Pax Lodge YouTube channel. Take a look at the behind the scenes photos of her filming adventures, as well as some shots of London during lockdown.



A special thank you to all who were on the Pax Lodge 30th Birthday Committee:

- Catherine Gritz
- Paul Hunt
- Susan Hunt
- Barbra Johnson
- Marlene Logan
- Maureen Lienau
- Kayla Quinn
- Julia Routledge
- Liz Tranter



Photos courtesy of Catherine Gritz.



CAMPFIRE PROGRAM FOR 30TH

BY: KAYLA QUINN, ASSOCIATE MEMBER

A popular program groups choose when visiting Pax Lodge is a campfire program, with an international flare through songs, stories, and games led by Pax Lodge staff and volunteers. It was a natural choice to include a campfire program in the 30th celebrations.

With over 400 participants present on the day of the campfire and over 15 countries represented, the committee was thrilled with the turn out. The event was filled with fast songs, slow campfire favorites, and stories of our dear Pax Lodge.

What made this event extra special was having the opportunity to work with my closest friends I worked with as a Pax Lodge volunteer!

Campfire Committee Members:

Beverly Miner, Friend of Pax Lodge, USA
 Mary Jane Meconi, Friend of Pax Lodge, USA
 Paula Neher, Former Volunteer, Germany
 Carol Obler, USA
 Chandler Plachy, Former Guest, USA
 Kayla Quinn, Former Volunteer, USA
 Julia Routledge, Friend of Pax Lodge, UK
 Liz Tranter, Current Staff, UK
 Louise Wendel, Former Staff, Sweden
 Tadeja Zajec, Former Staff, Slovenia

Special guests to represent the WAGGGS
 Regions:

Chenda, Cambodia
 Maria, Argentina
 Mayya, Labanon
 Rachel, Zimbabwe



PATCHES STILL AVAILABLE!

BY: BARBARA JOHNSON, FRIEND OF PAX LODGE USA

As you know by now, Pax Lodge celebrated its 30th Birthday March 13-15, 2021. To commemorate that event 2 patches were created.

The birthday patch expresses our 30 years with our traditional logo and a phrase that is near and dear to our hearts, “where strangers soon are friends”. Because it is 30 years, pearls are woven throughout the celebration! These patches are still available for \$5 each including postage. Email paxlodge30thanniversarypatch@gmail.com with your request.

If you are feeling up to the Pax Lodge 30th Anniversary Challenge, go to: <https://www.waggs.org/en/our-world/world-centres/pax-lodge/support-us/pax-lodge-birthday-celebrations/>

Page down to the PEARL Challenge requirements.

Once you have completed the criteria go to the WAGGS Shop to purchase your badge/patch.

<https://www.waggs-shop.org/en/products/world-centre>



30th Birthday Patch



Above: 30th Birthday Challenge Patch

Below: YouTube page for the 30th Birthday Challenge

The image shows a YouTube video player interface. The main video is titled '30th Birthday' and has 21 videos, 1,078 views, and was updated 6 days ago. Below the main video are three suggested videos:

- 1. **elevensies** Pax Lodge, 0:46
- 2. **Footsteps of our founders 1** Pax Lodge, 5:42
- 3. **Footsteps of our Founders 2** Pax Lodge, 4:18



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

We are looking forward to our days of connecting in person with all of our Friends in the future. For now, mark your calendars for these future in-person and virtual events.

MAY

Event: Pax Lodge Experience

Date: May 16, 2021

Location: Virtual

[Registration Link](#)

JUNE

Event: Pax Lodge History

Date: June 6, 2021

Location: Virtual

[Registration Link](#)

Event: Pax Lodge Experience

Date: June 14, 2021

Location: Virtual

[Registration Link](#)

JUNE

Event: Explore London

Date: June 26, 2021

Location: Virtual

[Registration Link](#)

JULY

Event: Pax Lodge Experience

Date: July 18, 2021

Location: Virtual

[Registration Link](#)

OCTOBER

Event: Annual Friends Gathering

Date: October 21-24, 2021

Location: Macy Conference Center

Registration information to come

DETAILS FOR PAX LODGE HISTORY PROGRAM

Look Back at Pax Lodge History is on the world centers virtual program. The next program will take place Sunday, June 6th, at 7:00 AM in the UK-midnight the night before for Marlene (Mountain Daylight Time) and she will be presenting it. Marlene was the archivist for Pax Lodge for many years and learned a lot about Pax Lodge and its predecessors, Our Ark and Olave House. The interesting background of our world centers will be covered, royal visits (all three locations were visited by royalty), visits by the Baden-Powel family members (Agnes attended the opening of Our Ark!), and the many events celebrated at our London homes.

There is even a connection between Pax Lodge and the Lockerbie disaster. Our last program was attended by several former staff members and they added their stories.

This event will be repeated October 17th.