

# White Dove

FRIENDS OF PAX LODGE, USA



"A place where strangers  
soon are friends"

FALL 2021 NEWSLETTER

## NOTES FROM MARLENE

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

This has been a very trying year—and our team and donors stepped up to give Pax Lodge the support needed to do work that would be very difficult with guests present. Our world center is now more welcoming with improvements made during the lock-down.

Our joy is tempered by the loss of our beloved dove lady, Linda Chartrand. Her love for Pax Lodge knew no boundaries and she will be tremendously missed.

Thank you to all our Friends of Pax Lodge USA team, staff at Pax Lodge, and our donors for keeping Pax Lodge ready to again be “a place where strangers soon are friends.”

May you all celebrate the holidays with family and friends. Stay safe. Stay healthy—and let’s return to Pax Lodge in 2022!

Yours in Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting,

*Marlene*



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## SENDING LOVE AND LIGHT

### *Remembering Linda Chartrand*



Our dear Friend Linda Chartrand passed at 3 am on November 25th with her loving husband Roger by her side. She was a great Friend to Pax Lodge and to the Friends of Pax Lodge USA. Linda helped us raise funds by making beautiful doves to sell at Pax Lodge and here in the USA. She also donated items to sell at both Pax Lodge virtual Pub Lunches, which helped us reach our fundraising goals. Linda will be sorely missed by all.



# VIRTUAL PUB LUNCH

BY: MAUREEN LIENAU, VICE CHAIR - FRIENDS OF PAX LODGE USA

On Saturday, August 28, the Friends of Pax Lodge, USA hosted a second Pub Lunch but this year added a scone-making demonstration by Catherine Gritz. The Pax Lodge Pub Lunch had 53 registrants from England, Scotland, Canada, and the USA.

The event was chaired by Maureen Lienau with outstanding contributions from all the sub-committees. Once again, we used Eventbrite to advertise, register, and sell registrations and Pub Lunch patches. We also were able to use the World Foundation website to sell registrations and patches.

Another new Pax Lodge Friend, Lisa Ferreira (who is featured in this newsletter) assisted in this effort.

Our new Pax Lodge member, Jennifer Glover, stepped up to emcee the Pub Lunch and did a marvelous job.

The nine Pax Lodge songs for the sing-alongs were selected by Suzi Lenhart who recruited singers Kaye Glass, Karen Brown, Deb Nemiroff, Dorothy Lind, Kathy Johnson, Hilary Stokes and herself, who live streamed the songs with the participants.

Pax Lodge updates and a virtual tour of Pax Lodge were led by Liz Tranter, Senior Programme Manager who called in from a camping trip.

The nine auction items were donated by Linda Chartrand, Yvonne Lowry, Alison Bentley, Kaye Glass, MJ Merconi, and a Grand Prize package of a 2-night stay at Pax Lodge from Liz.

Bingo and other games, with a Girl Scout/Guide and London focus, were developed by MJ Meconi and Jennifer Glover.

Updates on the Friends of Pax Lodge, USA and upcoming virtual webinars were shared by Marlene Logan.

Pub Lunch patches and the Pax Lodge 30th Anniversary Patch were also sold during the registration process, designed and mailed out by Barbara Johnson.



# VIRTUAL PUB LUNCH

BY: MAUREEN LIENAU, VICE CHAIR - FRIENDS OF PAX LODGE USA

For the scone-making demo, all participants were e-mailed several recipes to use, including gluten and dairy-free versions, along with places to purchase curds, jams, and clotted cream. Several of the attendees sent photos of their scone-making from Catherine Gritz' recipe and demo.

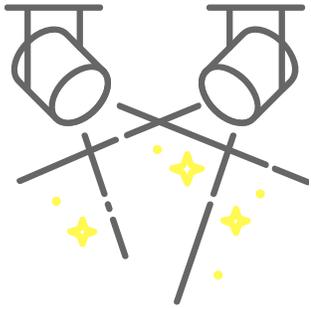
Catherine showed how to mix, cut and bake the scones from London so we all got to see her kitchen. See samples of scones made by our participants.



Marlene Logan developed the power point that highlighted all of these activities with the Zoom meeting facilitated by Pam Verhaegen and Alison Bentley. Kayla Quinn was our resident photographer during the Zoom Pub Lunch, and she shares some photos here.



At the end of the Pub Lunch, over **\$2,700 dollars** (US) was raised and the participants remarked that they spent a wonderful afternoon hanging out with their Friends and friends from around the world. To date, the two virtual Pub Lunches have raised over \$7,200, thanks to the generosity of our Friends and friends of Pax Lodge. Plans are underway for a 3rd virtual Pub Lunch next fall- stay tuned.



## 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.*

### Interviewed by: Maureen Lienau:

**Lisa Ferreira:** I am Lisa Ferreira, was born in Brooklyn but grew up on the sunny islands of Trinidad and Tobago. I was first introduced to Guiding/Scouting at age 12 and that has had a lingering effect on my life.

As a Girl Guide, I was taught basic survival skills while camping and hiking, tying knots and how to use a small knife safely. But that isn't the reason I am a Girl Scout today, Maya Angelou reminds us that "people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." And I suppose that's why I returned to Girl Scouts when I became a mother, because I never forgot how it felt to belong to a great organization that serves us in so many ways. I always wore a uniform for school, but I felt very proud to wear my Girl Guide uniform once a week for meetings.

There were many clubs, and at 12 I had no idea at how vast is the reach of the Scouting embrace, that today when we recite the promise and law, when we salute each other and when we sing our songs, I get that remarkable feeling that On My Honor I can't even describe: that takes me right back to being a carefree tweenager and my most memorable experience when I was first pinned.

### LF continued:

I decided to volunteer at the Girl Scouts of Greater New York back in 1990 and I remember that we were asked for a quote, and I gave my favorite by



Mother Teresa of Calcutta," do small things with great love" and that has been my mantra ever since. I have started 3 troops in 3 schools in Park Slope, Brooklyn. I volunteer for recruiting events whenever I can and since the pandemic, I have worked tirelessly on virtual events as a participant or a guest. I am happy to be a Friend of Pax Lodge where We Wish you Love, We Wish you Light.

I am proud to be a Girl Scout and we love to sing, so I can safely say that is my favorite way to spend time whether it's sitting at home on a Zoom singalong or in person at our camps or conferences, I can't wait for the singing. I might even break into cadence as I go Swinging Along the Open Road, that Everywhere We Go People Want to Know who we are.

So let me end with another of my favorite quotes from Maya Angelou "If you're always trying to be normal you will never know how amazing you can be."

# JULIE DAWSON ART FOR FRIENDS OF PAX LODGE USA

BY: BARBARA JOHNSON

We are thrilled to announce that Julie Dawson has consented to design an original Kaleidoscope art piece for Pax Lodge.

Pictured below are the two she has created for Our Cabana and Our Chalet.



The images contained in the artwork will be those representing Pax Lodge and its history as well as iconic symbols of London.

We are hopeful that her artwork will allow for the creation of merchandise to raise funds to support Pax Lodge. Ideas presented thus far include a scarf, notecards, and various printed artwork (framed and unframed) by Julie Dawson.

Stay tuned for updates in the coming months.

# PAX LODGE UPDATES

BY: LIZ TRANTER, SENIOR PROGRAMME MANAGER

The following sessions have been facilitated by staff and Friends of Pax Lodge during the lockdown:

-Explore London with Pax Lodge - 3 sessions during 2021. Led by Catherine Gritz, former volunteer, member of Friends of Pax Lodge UK and GSUSAO.

-Pax Lodge Experience - 15 sessions in 2021. Led by Liz with support from former volunteers. Most sessions were open to everyone, but there were also sessions specifically for Girl Guides of Malaysia and Irish Girl Guides. We also have sessions planned for 2022 with GSUSAO which will also be open to other WAGGGS members.

-Look Back At Pax Lodge History - 3 sessions in 2021 led by Marlene Logan.

-Patron Saints of UK and Ireland - 2 sessions led by Liz, 2 former volunteers Cat (GSUSA) and Deirdre (Catholic Guides of Ireland) with Shannon from Scotland who was a JLS participant in 2019 and a member of Girlguiding.

-We have also been involved in a number of joint events with the other World Centres, including World Thinking Day 2021, International Day of the Girl 2021, Travelling to a World Centre, and volunteering at a World Centre sessions. Plus, of course, two brilliant Global Campfires.

-We have had approximately 300 participants in our Pax Lodge sessions, from 7 different MOs (UK, USA, Canada, Malaysia, Ireland, Australia, Japan). Plans are to officially re-open Pax Lodge before World Thinking Day on February 19, 2022. Fingers crossed all plans come to fruition. everyone!

All upcoming events can be found on Eventbrite <https://bit.ly/progvirtual> Including our Christmas Lights and Traditions session

<https://bit.ly/lightsandtrad>  
World Foundation grants were used to fund the initial set up costs of the World Centres virtual programme Thanks for your support.



# PAX LODGE UPDATES

95% of the intended updates of Pax Lodge have been completed. See below some examples of the great improvements happening to our London home!

*before*



Entrance Area

*after*



Reception Area



Old office area turned into the new shop



# JULIETTE GORDON LOW PLAQUE

Information provided by: CATHERINE GRITZ

A campaign to obtain a commemorative plaque on the site of Juliette Gordon Low's house in the Mayfair area of London has been established by the Juliette Gordon Low plaque committee. See below the ways you can support this effort!

## Challenge Badge:

In conjunction with the Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting History Tours offered, there is now a Challenge Badge relating to Juliette Gordon Low's life in London! Completing the activities contained in the .pdf attached below will help you discover places and people in London connected with Juliette Gordon Low. It's ideal for units or troops visiting, or planning to visit, London, but also interesting for those who live here too. Joining me for a Girl Guiding/ Girl Scouting London Locations Tour with your troop or group will enable you to complete many of the activities in the Challenge as well as to learn about Girl Guiding's origins and connections to iconic London landmarks. But you can also download the Challenge and complete it on your own- and it is even possible to complete many of the activities virtually, which is great preparation for those planning and prepping for a trip to England's capital. Once you have completed the Challenge, you can then order the badge, the proceeds of which go into a fund to apply for and erect a commemorative plaque on the site where Juliette Gordon Low's London home originally stood. You can find more details on the badge here: <https://www.usagso.org/content/dam/girlscouts-usagson/documents/communities-page/community-patch/london/jglchallenge.pdf>

## Individual Donations:

There is a PayPal account set up for contact and to take donations.

This is: [jglplaquecampaign@gmail.com](mailto:jglplaquecampaign@gmail.com).

## Spread the word:

Talk to your local troops, fellow Girl Scout supporters, friends, and family about this important part of our history! You can direct others for more details to:

Obscure Tours London Website: <https://www.obscuretourslondon.com/post/juliette-gordon-low-in-london-challenge-badge>

Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/Juliette-Gordon-Low-Plaque-Campaign-243490237564336/?ref=pages\\_you\\_manage](https://www.facebook.com/Juliette-Gordon-Low-Plaque-Campaign-243490237564336/?ref=pages_you_manage)



JGL in London Challenge Patch



# MACY GATHERING

## overview

BY: MARLENE LOGAN

This year we added a virtual element, so we had most of our members in attendance at some point during the weekend. I need to thank our members who certainly made my life easier: Alison set us up with a Zoom account so that everyone had an opportunity to participate; Pam monitored our attendees and gave me screen shots and a copy of the Chat; Barbara took notes from our executive team meeting and led the succession process conversation; Sarah kept minutes of that meeting, Maureen is on the World Foundation website team and brought us up to date; Libby took notes during the World Foundation, WAGGGS, and GSUSA presentations; Lisa offered to take over our social media postings (and did); Ruth wrote the draft solicitation letter; Meg offered to be our Power Point guru for future meetings; and, of course, Mary Jane took the lead for the pinning ceremony at the Great Hall. My apologies if I missed anyone.



A true example of a hybrid meeting! Members joined both near and far to connect during the annual Gathering!

Photo courtesy of Marlene Logan.

## succession plan

BY: BARBRA JOHNSON

The Friends of Pax Lodge, USA met on Saturday, October 23, 2021, at Edith Macy to discuss the Pax Lodge leadership succession plan. Here is the proposed verbiage of the first proposal:

Friends of Pax Lodge USA nominates a Chair who will be ratified by the World Foundation Board. The Chair then can select as many vice-chairs as necessitated by the activities of the Friends group, at that time. A Vice Chair COULD succeed to the Chair position, but any Pax Lodge USA Friend could be appointed to the Chair position. The nomination process for the Chair's position should begin at least one year before the end of the serving Chair's final term.

A second proposal was entered on October 26, which limited the elected Chair to appointing ONE Vice Chair. These two proposals were put to a vote of the Friends of Pax Lodge in late October. The first succession plan overwhelmingly carried the majority of votes and passed November 2, 2021.

NOTE: this does not preclude that the Foundation Board COULD appoint co-Chairs to the leadership position. As we all know, circumstances change, and we need to be flexible.

# MACY GATHERING

*After two years of in person hiatus, we were finally able to meet at the Gathering at the Macy Conference Center.*

**Marlene will send the notes/minutes individually to anyone who is interested, but here is what was covered or accomplished:**

- The Board confirmed our newest member, Meg Oldman, Katrina Forar was retired from our committee due to conflicts, and Sue Reimer was moved to Emeritus status
- The World Foundation website is being revised.
- We have a file sharing system set up on Google Drive.
- We now have a new fundraising system, Salsa, that will make bookkeeping for our Pub Lunch easier.
- WF Mission & Goals are being revised.
- The ability to donate has been added to WF Facebook account—we also have Instagram & Twitter accounts.
- The WF Friends Policies & Procedures will be updated.
- The FoPL USA committee committed to raising \$40,000 during 2021-22 fiscal year (we raised \$35,767 during 2020-21). It was also decided to create triennium goals. The triennium goal is \$100,000.
- Ruth offered to write the solicitation letter draft (it will be ready to go out once I have some information I need).
- Pax Lodge will open February 19th. Our Chalet should open in May and Sangam in July. Negotiations with Guías de México were ongoing for their exit from Our Cabaña
- We will work more closely with USAGSO.
- The Pub Lunch was seen as a great fundraising and recruiting opportunity. The date agreed upon is September 24, 2022.
- Liz Tranter, Senior Programme Coordinator, and Magdalene Thomas, WAGGS Head of International Operations, joined us from England for updates
- FoPL USA created a succession policy.
- We learned that our greatest challenge is still technology.
- Jennifer, Lisa, Libby, and Dennis received their Macy pins.



# VOLUNTEER AT PAX LODGE

*Pax Lodge is looking for volunteers - help spread the word to Scouts you know who maybe interested in this once in a lifetime opportunity! Below you can find additional details about the role of a Pax Lodge Volunteer.*

Pax Lodge is one of our five World Centres and is a place for members and families of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts to meet. It offers accommodation (for guiding/scouting and non-guiding/non-scouting guests), meeting facilities for different companies, international volunteering programmes, programmes and a wide range of activities.

As a Volunteer you would be closely working with Programme Manager, Front of House staff and Guests that can be either with or without Guiding/Scouting background. You will be assisting World Centre Manager, Deputy World Centre Manager and Front of House Coordinators to ensure the smooth running of the centre and to establish and maintain a friendly and welcoming atmosphere for all guests and visitors.

Volunteer positions are from 3 – 6 months (see Volunteer Application Form B for specific details) and we are able to provide free accommodation while you are here (bedrooms may be shared with up to one other volunteer, use of communal toilets, showers, general living space and kitchen), food for the duration of your placement and up to £500.00 reimbursement for qualifying travel and visa expenses.

## **What can you expect?**

- Daily breakfast service (including food preparation and clean-up).
- Daily laundry.
- Respond to guest needs and requests.
- Prepare facility space for conference and activity use.
- Provide occasional and basic lunch and/or dinner service to groups.
- Occasional guest room service (e.g. housekeeping).
- Plan, coordinate and deliver programme activities and events for guests and participants.
- Rotational coverage of online marketing and social media outlets.
- Staff the front desk and welcome guests to Pax Lodge.
- Respond to guest and client enquiries received by phone, email or in person.
- Assist in the shop as required.
- General administration duties.

# VOLUNTEER AT PAX LODGE

## What do we expect?

- Previous and current participation in Girl Guiding and/or Girl Scouting movements.
- Working knowledge of native country's Girl Guide or Girl Scout programme, and ability to share customs and traditions.
- Ability to understand and communicate in English.
- Ability to live and work closely with a team.
- Respect for diversity and differences.
- Flexibility, patience and ability to cope with changing priorities.
- Willingness to take direction and learn new skills and tasks.
- Generally able to learn basic new skills (both manual and IT related) quickly.
- Ability to regularly lift and carry up to 15kg.
- Overall positive demeanour.

## How does it work?

Volunteers work different day patterns and are off on different days and their time is divided in different areas of the World Centre, including Kitchen, Housekeeping, Programme and Office, working on the volunteer rota covering shifts between 07:00-21:00 and can consist of five days on and two days off, four days on and one day off or any other combination. This means that you will have different days off each week. While on duty you will have an opportunity to work in each area, although this may vary depending on the season you are applying for.

Occasionally we can adjust the rota to accommodate specific days off (e.g. if you have friends or family visiting) but this is not always possible. Advance notice the month before is required for any requests to change the rota.





## 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.

### PAX LODGE RE-OPENING

The most exciting event of all, Pax Lodge will officially be re-opening on **February 19, 2022!**

### 2022 GATHERING

The next annual Gathering will be **September 9-11, 2022** at the Edith Macy Conference Center.

### OB-PS

**October 20, 2022 - October 23, 2022.** The opening reception will take place on October 20th in Cincinnati.

### GSUSA CONVENTION

**July 14-24, 2023** in sunny Orlando, FL.

Be sure to also check out Pax Lodge's event calendar for some awesome programming coming up in 2022! You can find the link here: <https://www.waggggs.org/en/our-world/world-centres/pax-lodge/events/>



## PAST CONVENTION MEMORIES

