

Pittsford Adult Recognitions – June 14, 2018

Hi, I am Sue Isgrigg, the adult recognition chair for Pittsford. Each year at this time it is my honor to present awards to the dedicated leaders of Girl Scouting.

I'd like to start with the Years of Service Pin. These are awarded based on five year increments as adult members of Girl Scouting. I am sure there are others of you here that deserve this award but you need to let me know so I can award it.

For five years of service:

Karina Anderson

Elizabeth Brown

Terry Fitch (We tried to give it last year.)

Shauna James

Annalise Johnson-Smith

Wendy Littlefield

Linda Rimmer

Karen Sarosky

Carrie Sisson

Megan Williams

As adult recognition chair it is my honor to present a Green Angel Pin and Certificate to Tom Albert. He has been our service unit treasurer for many years. Can you think of a more thankless job? Thank you, Tom, for all you have done for our girls. Accepting his award is his wife, our Cookie Lady, Beth Albert.

Tonight I am presenting four Outstanding Volunteer Pins. Here is how the Girl Scout Council describes this award: The Volunteer of Excellence recognizes those volunteers who have contributed outstanding service while partnering directly with girls in any pathway to implement the Girl Scout Leadership Experience through use of the National Program Portfolio or who have contributed outstanding service in support of the council's mission delivery to girls and adult members. The nominee is an active, registered adult Girl Scout.

The first award goes to a woman who has been a leader, a Cookie Mom and a troop treasurer over the last seven years. She has helped with both her daughters' troops. Among her many strengths is good communicator. Her organization makes all the parents want to be involved. She is sensitive to the needs of her girls. One nominator related that this leader let a shy girl take a public speaking role during cookie sales but was sure there was a script, rehearsed a bit, and had a more confident friend stand by for moral support. That's how you build Character, Confidence and Courage the Girl Scout way! Pittsford Service Unit presents this Volunteer of Excellence to Kristin Borrelli of Troop 60231.

Next we have the Volunteer of Excellence from a much newer leader who is a Cookie Lady. She started as a troop Cookie Mom and then joined the service unit team. She took on the task of Drive-thru booth management. This helped push Pittsford to over 49,000 boxes, a record I think. She did this by keeping track of each location, checking in on each group and bringing additional cookies to sell if inventory was low. Oh wait, I forgot to say that she took on a second troop this year because she has another daughter. She has done other things for our service unit like working on the Leader Daughter Committee, the Camporee committee and coordinating the babysitting for service unit meetings. One more admirable trait, she is adamant about girl-led activities. Her co-leader brags that in their troop girls decide which badges and activities they are going to do. Pittsford Service Unit is proud to present this Volunteer of Excellence Award to Amy McLaughlin of Troop 60240 and Troop 60804

This next woman leads a troop. She's a Cookie Lady too. In fact she was one of the judges in our cookie recipe contest. I love this quote. "With a constant smile and a strong constitution, she taste-tested 15 recipes and was the perfect addition to the judges panel." She has served on the Camporee Committee for Pittsford. On the troop level she stepped up because the girls chose a robotics topic. She learned new things and showed her girls how to step out of their comfort zone to try new things. As a cookie Lady she worked with Amy McLaughlin to manage the booth drive thru schedule. She helps lead the same two troops as Amy. You're getting the picture. I can resist saying this. She's the Real McCoy. She's Susan McCoy of Troop 60240 and Troop 60804. Congratulations on this Volunteer of Excellence Award.

The next award goes to a woman who has been with Pittsford Service Unit for six years. She has been a troop co-leader and cookie manager plus Magazines and Munchies. She helps plan and run every meeting. This past year she acted as travel agent, organizing a trip to Disney World with more than half the troop and their families. She booked flights, accommodations and classes for the troop members. At Disney World the girls took a World Citizen class at EPCOT and a STEAM physics class at the Magic Kingdom. Back in Pittsford, she coordinated the building of the little free library the girls worked on as part of their Bronze Award project. I love this quote. "Our troop has increased the number of Girl Scouts due to the amazing activities and volunteer programs." This Volunteer of Excellence Award goes to Erin Janson of Troop 60806.

Our service unit is proud to announce that Missy Richardson received the Appreciation Pin from our council. This national level award was presented at the Annual Meeting of Girl Scouts of Western New York. This honor was due to all things Missy does for us like Trunk and Treats, our leader newsletter, starting our Facebook page and much more. Congratulations Missy.