

Happy Thinking Day, I look forward to hearing all about your Thinking Day activities.

Congratulations to our own Kay Dubie the new National Trefoil Guild Specialist.

Thinking Day always brings out those special memories of past experiences in Guiding such as camping, unit events, trainings, Trefoil Guild gatherings, and mentoring new leaders to the joys of Guiding. What are your special memories that keep you in this wonderful organization? Take a moment to reflect and thank yourselves for all you do for Girl Guides of Canada. You have influenced generations of young women and I personally wish to add my THANK YOU!

I have a request, when submitting your minutes please include your Trefoil Guild name in the file name and the subject line. With so many units submitting (thank you) when I receive an email that says "Trefoil minutes" it could be anyone's. Everyone wants to know who you are and where you are from and what you are up to!!!

Pictures that are included in your minutes or on Facebook might not be published. We need to know who is in the photo and that they have a valid IR.1 on file.

Upcoming Trefoil Guild Events – Ontario & Canada –

Please check our Trefoil Guild page on the Ontario Guiding website and the Events Calendar to keep up to-date, perhaps this is something your Trefoil Guild secretary could do and bring to each meeting.

May 31, 2014 – Rally Day – Canada's Wonderland. Trefoil Guilds in the Toronto Area are willing to offer lodging to Trefoil Guild members attending Rally Day.

June 2015 – Provincial Trefoil Guild Gathering London Ontario

June 2016 – NATIONAL TREFOIL GUILD GATHERING St. John's NL

February 17-March 25, 2015 **Around Our World 2015**: We are looking for two more participants. <http://www.goingplacetogether.com/WomenWAGGGS/AroundOurWorld2015/tabid/248/Default.aspx>. The next trip is possibly Sangam Thinking Day 2016, www.goingplacetogether.com.

Trefoil Guild Activities

1st Dorothy Crocker Trefoil Guild (Ottawa)

Christmas Pot Luck – it was suggested we deliver the gifts donated to the seniors ourselves to the home next year – we could also provide a form to give the buyer a better idea of what to purchase. Wreaths Across Canada, thanks to everyone who participated – we looked great in our purple scarves. Several members attended Christmas Lights on Parliament Hill – December 5th. Lindy is going to Our Cabana in February – Bon Voyage!

1st Grand Gals Trefoil Guild (Guelph/Wellington County)

In October several members attended the annual "Haunted House" event at the Wellington County Museum. In December we held a pot-luck dinner, a cookie sampling and raffled items to support a local unit who will be going to Rally Day in May. This year's service project is collecting items for a local women's shelter.

The Vintage Amethysts (aka **1st Richvale Trefoil Guild**) enjoyed a Christmas gathering when a guy in a red coat made an appearance.

1st Flowertown Trefoil Guild (Brampton Area). Revelfest for Community 15, Sparks and Brownies was a huge success with 135 girls in attendance. Thirteen ladies from our Trefoil Guild helped out with refreshments and at the cookie decorating station. Huttonville Guiding are celebrating their 50th Anniversary on Saturday, February 22nd at Huttonville School. Several dignitaries will be present. Our Trefoil Guild has been invited and also we have been asked to help out with the refreshments. Six ladies have volunteered to help Savi with the refreshments

2nd Near North Trefoil Guild (North Bay Area)

January 9th, 2014 – Guider Social – Ring in the New Year – 7:00 – 8:30 pm at Trinity United Church – this was an appetizers/hors d'oeuvres/desserts potluck event.

1st Credit River Trefoil Guild (Mississauga & Area) Dare To Be Social Tea – Sunday, February 9th with speaker Sharon Snitman, Wildworks Designs. Subject: Hats, how they are made, maybe a chance to help make one. Sharon is a hat maker and was at the One of a Kind Show. Mary Elizabeth received her 40 year pin

1st London Trefoil Guild Barb Maslak reported that a number of afghans were taken to Western Area Youth Services (WAYS) and the balance given to Project Linus Canada. Thank you to everyone that brought in underwear for Mission Services. Thank you to Johanna V.T. for taking them to Mission Services. We took part in Thinking Day activities Feb 22, Church parade Feb 23rd with a Thinking Day lunch at Golden griddle afterwards

WOW (Ottawa area) We decided that we would donate our next pillows to The Queensway Carlton Hospital as they have a need. We were represented at the Remembrance Day ceremony by six to seven members who marched in the parade. We also had Charlotte Ann Kirby accompany one of our youth members to lay the wreath. Our girl event is to be held on two consecutive nights, first for Sparks and Brownies, second for Guides and Pathfinders.

1st Hill Trefoil Guild (Cornwall and Area)

Congratulations to Joyce Bailey who received her 50 year pin and to Sandi Caron who received her 35 year pin. Margaret Mortimer has been congratulated on her 50 years of service late last year but as yet, she has not received her 50 year pin. A big thank you goes out to Lynne Chenel and her husband Tony for delivering the Christmas mugs and for making the fantastic poster which explained what a Trefoil Guild is and what we do. We invited two units join the 1st Hill Trefoil Guild for an outing of sliding followed by a light lunch and sing song and possible craft.

The 1st Meeting Place Trefoil Guild (Newmarket) Every February for the last five years our Trefoil Guild has got together for a "sewing bee". Several of our members over the years have been diagnosed with breast cancer. At Southlake Regional Health Centre (the hospital in Newmarket), breast cancer patients are given small pillows (to use under seatbelts) and bags to carry them in. For the past five years we have been making some of these pillows and bags and all of the material is donated.

1st Ganaraska Trefoil Guild cut and tied two fleece blankets - one is for one of our members who is not well and the other will go to a local nursing home for a resident who is in need. We had lots of fun and good visiting ... and there were chocolates too!!! Christmas dinner included friends, fun, food, crafts and sharing - doesn't get any better than that!

Toronto Trefoil Guilds enjoyed a tour of the Ontario Legislature Building followed by a Victorian Tea.

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