



A spring of spectacular achievements

Congratulations Annie!



Pointe-Claire district recently presented the Medal of Fortitude to **Pathfinder Annie Varvarikos**, (pictured here with PC Valerie Zaloum) for her indomitable spirit and her inspirational love of Guiding in the face of serious health challenges this year.

We wish her continued recovery and salute her positive attitude, her engagement and her enthusiasm for her Guiding endeavours.

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Félicitations Pamela!

Our own 2011-2014 Provincial Commissioner **Pamela Rice** was installed as **GGC Chief Commissioner** June 7th, during the GGC Annual General Meeting this year in St. John's, Newfoundland. We're looking forward to the next three years and wish Pamela well in her new responsibilities.



Left: new **Chief Commissioner Pamela Rice** with outgoing **Chief Sharron Callahan**. (photo by Valerie Zaloum)

Read more stories from across Québec on [page 12!](#)

A Message from Valerie

We're on the brink – it's almost summer! Celebrations are wrapping up, spring camps and special outings are mostly done, and hundreds of new pins, badges and awards have been presented. Some of you are looking forward to a wonderful week (or more) at Wa-Thik-Ane.

There are a few short weeks left for girls to get their returning or new member registration welcome pack, and early bird crest (adults who pay their own registration are eligible too - adult registration for 2015-2016 is \$75).

[Our AGM](#) celebrated opportunity – the ones we seize, the ones we build, and the ones that step right up for us. This year for the first time we celebrated the Youth Commitment Award, a recognition of 10 completed years of girl membership, available to registered Rangers commencing their 11th year. The fall will welcome the first cohort of Rangers who will receive a brand new pin to mark this achievement.

Nationally and provincially we have reached out for feedback in many ways - the goal is always to make the very best Guiding experience for all. Members who attended the National Conference had what was for many, a first opportunity to work and play with Guiders and Rangers from across the country. Their experience will impact our local Guiding in many ways in the future.

I hope to see many Rangers and younger Guiders on June 20th for [Young Women's Forum](#) - there will be much to share and learn, and an exciting new opportunity for Rangers will be explored - be part of building new connections in our Guiding community!

Have a safe and happy summer!

Valerie





AGM 2014 Award Recipients

Membership Pins 20 years +

20 years

Gillian Ainsworth
Tanya Brassard-Sansoucy
Sarah Dezan
Christine Downey
Charyl Hyndman
Meaghan Macro
Renee Marak
Patricia McKay
Jessica Mitchell
Janet Pompura
Lorraine Wheeler

25 years

Jennifer Dickson
Sarah Di Milo
Helena Green
Esther Keller
Diana Rice
Valerie Robb-McKay

30 years

Rosetta Elkin
Janet King
Elizabeth Leclerc Grondin
Gladys McCaig
Susan Sayer

35 years

Felicity Critchlow
Anne Gyulai
Anne-Marie Hamelin
Angie Kruller
Lori Labelle
Pauline Owczar

40 years

Tracey Brennan
RoseAnna Cirino
Denise OBriain

45 years

Druse Bryan
Donna Giroux
Debbie Paish

60 years

Phyllis Brickwood

Certificates of Appreciation

Young Women's Form

Stacie Bouchard

Symposium

Annette Levasseur
Debbie Paish
Louise Triggs

Winter Camp

Shannon Jackson

Festi-Guides

Ellen Gauthier
Pam Godfrey
Helena Green
Wendy Hauck
Shannon Lemm
Joanne Millette

Fall Day Camp

Carole Blais
Kirsti Harris
Joan Lax
Heather Martin
Nancy Shaw

Girl Recognition Event

Cindy Brophy-Harris
Laurie Richard

Creation of a Crest

Allison Moenck

Certificates of Appreciation

continued

Contributions of Great Ideas to Guides Quebec closed Facebook Site

Renée Sabetta-Cavers
Barb Collins

Passion & availability to the Media Following the Wa-Thik-Ane Camp Incident

Charyl Hyndman
Susan Welsh

Shining stars

10 years as a Unit Guider

Sophie Bacchi
Carla Farnesi
Helena Green
Alexandra Fraser
Laura Provençal

Gold Thanks

Lisa O'Brien

Commissioner Award

Sophie Bacchi - Laval
RoseAnna Cirino - Northern Lights
Esther Keller - Lennoxville
Lisa Labelle - Riverdale
Angela Whelton - Valois Dorval

Bronze Merit Award

Sarah Di Milo

Medal of Merit

Angie Kruller
Heather Martin

Awards continued on next page...

Take a look at the [photos from our May 7th AGM!](#)



AGM 2014 Award Recipients

Provincial Commissioner's Honours Award

Québec Council AGM on May 7, 2015

AGM = Annual General Meeting; FDC = Fall Day Camp; FG = Festi-Guides;
GR = Girl Recognition Event; GS = Guider Symposium; SC = Summer Camp;
WC = Winter Camp; YWF = Young Women's Forum

Bronze

<i>Lydia Berryman</i>	<i>FG, WC</i>
<i>Joanne Cardinal</i>	<i>FDC, WC</i>
<i>Sarah Di Milo</i>	<i>FDC, YWF</i>
<i>Sinclair Harris</i>	<i>SC, FDC</i>
<i>Mary-May Hubert</i>	<i>WC, FDC</i>
<i>Elaine Keeble</i>	<i>GS, WC</i>
<i>Esther Keller</i>	<i>WC, YWF</i>
<i>Annette Levasseur</i>	<i>AGM, GS</i>
<i>Michelle McKenzie</i>	<i>WC, FDC</i>
<i>Anita Scott</i>	<i>AGM, GS</i>

Silver

<i>Patricia Tellis</i>	<i>FDC, WC, YWF</i>
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Gold

<i>Joanne Cardinal</i>	<i>SC</i>
<i>RoseAnna Cirino</i>	<i>FG</i>
<i>Sarah Di Milo</i>	<i>GR</i>
<i>Elaine Keeble</i>	<i>FG</i>
<i>Angie Kruller</i>	<i>FDC, SC</i>
<i>Pamela Rice</i>	<i>GS</i>
<i>Kelly Vandzura</i>	<i>SC</i>

- Annette Levasseur, Provincial Awards Specialist | awards.reconnaissance@guidesquebec.ca.

Young Women's Forum

It's not too late to register! [RSVP at this link.](#)

5th Annual Young Women's Forum

The Young Women's Forum is gathering members ages 15 to 35 who want to share their knowledge and shape the future of Guiding in Québec. Featuring a keynote address by **Maya Johnson**, reporter for CTV News.

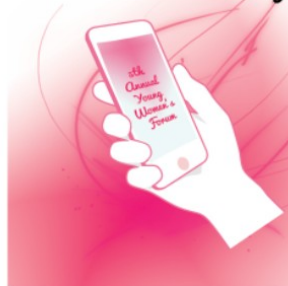
Our Topics: My Identity, My Social Media



Getting Your Message Across






Have Your Say



Our Keynote Speaker:

Maya Johnson, Reporter for CTV News (pictured). An intrepid reporter from a young age, Maya blazed a trail for herself in the Montréal media industry, freelancing for CTV as a university student. She has reported on many issues in Montréal, and has recently anchored the CTV late evening news as a substitute anchor.

-  **When:** Saturday, June 20, 2015 from 10am – 3pm
-  **Where:** The Yellow Door 3625 Rue Aylmer, Montréal, QC
-  **Who:** Rangers and Guiders: ages 15-35

Read about the days topics and other details in the [eblast!](#) Contact Deputy Provincial Commissioner Stacie Bouchard with your questions at dpc.cpa-Stacie@guidequebec.ca

Hope to see you there!

~Stacie Bouchard & Sarah DiMilo & Diana Rice

Help us plan the celebrations of 2017

If you were at the Québec AGM, you heard the very first buzz!

2017 will be a very special year in Montréal, as the city and the country celebrate milestone anniversaries. Girl Guides in Québec can be part of that celebration, by staging a special event or set of activities to be run in 2017 all on our own, to piggyback onto those of this historic year.

Furthermore, Valerie and your Council will finish their term in 2017 – what better way to turn a page than with a PARTY!



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Québec Council will be collecting suggestions, ideas and full blown proposals from now until the middle of November, in order to build a plan for a big celebration, one that is open to the whole Guiding community (remember 2010? Today's Brownies weren't even BORN then, so we are surely due!)

Do a little blue sky dreaming over the summer months – share your ideas, and/or your interest in being part of the dream team, to admin@guidesquebec.ca Subject line: Dream 2017

Sweet Dreams!



Joanne Cardinal

District Commissioner
PINCOURT DISTRICT

Be inspired!

It was the perfect time to catch up with Joanne Cardinal. There are many adventures taking place in Pincourt District. At the centre of Ile Perrot, you are not far from where an amazing project is taking shape. The Pincourt Girl Guides and the [City of Pincourt](#) are working together to get an amazing service project off the ground. They are launching a micro-library created and designed by the girls in partnership with architects Kanchan Quinlan and Maysan Mamoun from COdesign. Joanne was even [interviewed by CBC Radio](#) about the project! Joanne makes things happen and captures the impossible. She taps into any new ideas and never passes up on opportunities for the girls.

Her go-to resource: The experience she gained from working in the management field.

Her Eureka moment: Seeing all the girls having fun together at district camps.

What she had to learn on the fly: The best way to communicate with parents.

Best activity with her Guiders: Holiday get together sponsored by a group of parents. It is very much appreciated and is a nice way to thank Guiders for giving their time.

The biggest undertaking as DC: being there to support Guiders and member's families.

Always listen to: your girls. Joanne shared a story where a certain Brownie would always say her promise each time she saw Joanne. It made her so proud.

Her Guiding mantra: "It is all about the girls. I am in it to see the girls having fun and learn."

At District Meetings, you will find: the District Buzz agenda with everyone's opinion welcome.

In Guiding, now is a good time to: meet new people

What can be found in Joanne's trunk: Books for the micro library launch, First aid kit, reusable shopping bags, work gloves for camp and bungee cords. No cookies?

Her secret weapon to get re-energized: Enjoying the girls. It is that kind of thrill!

NEED TO KNOW

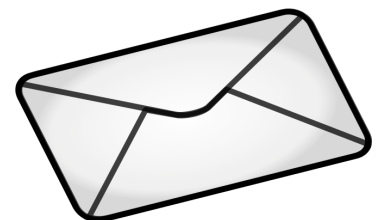
For Joanne, Guiding never ends. At the time of this interview, Joanne's husband Bob was hoping to be interviewed as well. This is something we might need to explore in the future.

Elaine Keeble, DC Support Specialist | dc.cs-support@guidesquebec.ca

International News



Would your unit like to become Pen Pals with girls in Peru? Have them sign up for the Twinning 2020 Pen Pal initiative to connect with girls in Peru! [Register at this link.](#)



Lori Labelle, International Adviser | international@guidesquebec.ca



From the Camping Committee

SAVE THE DATE!

Québec Fall Day Camp 2015

Saturday, October 3, 2015

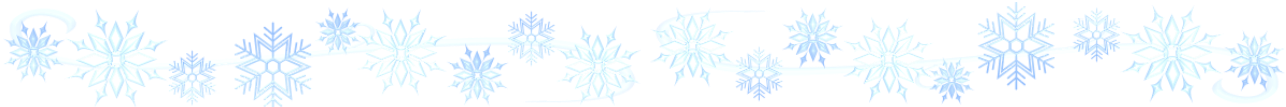
Event will take place at Camp Wa-Thik-Ane, Morin Heights

Information and forms for the Fall Day Camp will be in the August Piccolo. Please start talking it up with your Unit/District now before Units close for the summer. Last year we had almost 400 participants (max capacity) even with the rain! Be sure to get your unit registration form in early to guarantee your spot.

We will be looking for Guiders to be part of the planning team for this event. No experience necessary, only enthusiasm and a smile required!

First planning meeting will take place at the end of July (date & location to be confirmed). To be part of this amazing camping event team, please contact the Camping Committee at camping@guidesquebec.ca.

Looking forward to seeing you there!



ADVANCE NOTICE – Guide Provincial Winter Camp 2016

Location and Date to be determined

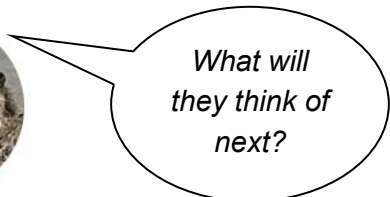
The first ever Québec Guide Provincial Camp in March 2014 was a huge success so we are planning to do it again! Please take this into consideration when planning your Unit or District winter camps for winter 2016. Planning for this event will start shortly after the Fall Day Camp.

We will be looking for Guiders to be part of the planning team for this event. Guiders from all branch levels are welcome to be part of the planning team. Familiarity with the Guide program would be an asset but is not required.

A call out to Guiders to be on the planning team will go out in the September Piccolo.

Program News

Have you been wondering how you can challenge your girls with more technology and nature related activities? Well, wonder no further! Keep your eyes on the August Piccolo for the launch of a brand new Québec program badge that you can incorporate into your new Guiding year -and just when you thought program couldn't get any more awesome! Take a sneak peek [here!](#)



- Charyl Hyndman- Program Adviser, Lizzie Knowles, Deputy Program Adviser -programme@guidesquebec.ca

Wonderful Weeks at Wa-Thik-Ane needs you!

Do you love being in the outdoors camping, swimming, boating and sharing all your knowledge with young ladies eager to learn! Then Wa-Thik-Ane in July is where you need to be, making friendships and memories.

We are still looking for volunteers for the following:

Wee Camp (Spark and Mom) July 5th to July 7th

Wee Camp (Spark and Mom) July 17th to July 19th

Brownies July 7th to July 10th

Guides July 12th to 18th

Pathfinders July 6th to July 12th

Adventure Camp July 20th to July 26th



If you have time to share for any of the above camps please email Joanne Cardinal at jackson.mom@sympatico.ca

Spring Registration Contest Results!

Congratulations!

Units

1st prize (\$100) 4th Beacon Hill Guides

2nd prize (\$50) TIE!

3rd Beacon Hill Sparks

66th Montreal Guides

3rd prize (\$25) 11th Laval Pathfinders

Districts

1st prize (\$200): Lennoxville

2nd prize (\$150): Lakeshore

3rd prize (\$100): Monklands

The provincial office will be in touch with units and districts to collect their prizes.

- Diane Oki and Shannon Jackson, Provincial PR Co-Chairs | pr.rp@guidesquebec.ca

Outdoor Adventure Leadership Camp Weekend!

Take advantage of this “pre-Guiding year” opportunity to participate in the always popular and fun OAL camp weekend. For your convenience arrival is Saturday morning and departure is midday on Sunday. Enjoy the camaraderie and Guiding spirit that this event provides.

- Dates:** Sept 12 – 13, 2015
Where: Camp Wa-Thik-Ane – Morin Heights
Sites: Stavert, Huron and Cree
When: Arrival- Saturday 8:30AM
Departure- Sunday 2:00PM



Registration Deadline: August 28, 2015

Full kit lists and more information will be sent to participants closer to the event date.

Please address all questions to Joanne at: training.formation@guidesquebec.ca

[Registration form can be accessed here](#)

Tent Camping:

Are you ready to take your girls on that outdoor camping experience but you just don't know where to start? You have never put up a tent and just don't know where to begin. “Tent Camping Training” will give you the confidence and skill needed to enable your girls to help plan and execute a fun filled safe camp.

During this interactive tent camping experience we will cover:

- Planning and Packing
- Tents and Tarps
- Kitchens and Cooking
- Activities and Program

You will be sleeping in canvas tents on floor boards on Huron site.

Residential Camping:

Have you taken your girls residential camping (camping in a building)? Have you organized an overnight or weekend camping experience? Do you want to feel more confident in working as a team leader and delegating tasks? Well then “residential camp training” is for you.

During this interactive camp weekend we will cover:

- Leadership styles/ Key areas in Safe Guide that relate to planning and running camp/ Supporting girls to challenge themselves.
- Camp Planning
- Food and Nutrition
- Camp Life

You will be sleeping in bunk beds in the dormitory room at Stavert lodge.

Joanne Millette, Provincial Training Adviser | training.formation@guidesquebec.ca

Provincial Training Week – November 16-20, 2015

Back by popular demand, the Training department will be running a Provincial Training week, from November 16th to 20th, 2015. Two eager districts have already booked sessions so there are at least two remaining. District Commissioners, don't wait too long, and book your night soon. You can book now and take some time to choose your training topic. Last year, three sessions hosted 56 Guiders, let's see if we can beat that total this year!

If you are interested in booking please contact: training.formation@guidesquebec.ca

56

Guiders participated in Training Week last year! Can we increase that number?

Joanne Millette, Provincial Training Adviser | training.formation@guidesquebec.ca

Safe Guide News

Safe Guide: our risk management program! Safety is the responsibility of all !

Ways to save time:

- When you fill out your forms for your activity please use the 2014 version of the form
- Don't forget to fill out the top of the SG.3 if you are using a TPSP and if you are doing any water activity
- Make sure the iMIS # of your Guiders are provided
- In the location section, if you are camping at WTA indicate which camp site you are using
- On page 2 don't forget to fill out the right side section with your X in the appropriate box of all the forms you are sending
- And for the last, make sure your forms come in together and on time: 14 DAYS FOR A YELLOW ASSESSMENT AND 21 DAYS FOR A RED ASSESSMENT
- Please note: Your Assessor will communicate only with the responsible Guider

SAFE GUIDE WITH ITS NEW AMENDMENTS WILL BE OUT IN JULY 2015. It is the responsibility of each Guider to be current with the latest version of Safe Guide.



SWIMMING

Follow your Safe Guide in the Swimming Section. Swimming planning chart on page 94 will tell you the level of your activity.

- Check your general supervision ratio for swimming on page 97 AND 98
- For a Yellow level make sure your W.1 is with your SG.3 when you send it to the assessor
- Fill out the right side of the SG.3 with an X in the appropriate box
- Swimming at WTA with water supervision provided is a Green level
- If you are not camping/swimming at WTA, send your forms and your WA.1 ON TIME. You will need the approval of the Water Assessor

CHARTER SCHOOL BUSES

Many groups use charter school buses for transportation to and from camp. A charter bus is a **TPSP (Third Party Service Provider)** as indicated in Safe Guide. Refer to pages **72, 73 and 74** of Safe Guide. You must provide the Assessor with:

- The name of the bus company with their phone number
- A contact name of the bus company
- Check if the proof of insurance have been provided to the provincial office (Step 2)
- Check if the bus company is insured during the week-end
- Fill out the right side of the SG.3 with the X in the appropriate box
- For complete information read the TPSP in the section Activity Guide (page 66-69 of Safe Guide)

Louise Triggs, Safe Guide Adviser | sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca

Spring Registration

From June 1st, all girls and families (including new girls) are able to [register online](#). The 2015-2016 membership fee for all girls is \$135. Please remind families that the online registration portal is also available in French.



All girls (new and returning) who register before **June 30th** will receive the Spring Membership Crest! Adult members who pay their membership fees for 2015-2016 will also receive the crest. It arrives with other fun goodies, **don't miss out!**



Treasurers' Trove

A reminder to Treasurers, please don't forget to get your books reviewed soon.

Mid-Year Reviews

The Guiding year is winding to a close, and while most of you will have a break from doing Guiding books over the summer, there is one job left before you can relax! The time for the mid-year report has come.

All Treasurers should balance their books at this time in preparation for the fall. Your mid-year report will cover the period from Jan 1, 2014 to the spring "end" of the Guiding year, the exact date of which will vary depending on your unit or council, usually in May or June. Doing this now will help you to close your books at the end of December, as everything should balance and make sense for the first half of the year, and it will be done while you still remember what happened!

Unit and Trefoil Guild Books: Financial Books should be collected by the District Treasurers, who should check that everything balances, is reasonable and clearly explained. Please send copies of the Annual Financial Report and Financial Review Checklist to the office.

District Books: Please have your books reviewed by an-

other District Treasurer and send the Annual Financial Report (half year) and filled out Financial Review Checklist to the office *or* send everything (receipts, bank statements, spreadsheet, Annual Financial Report, etc) to the office and we will find a reviewer.

It would be greatly appreciated if reports were received at the office as soon as possible after the end of your season, preferably by the end of June.

Once you have had your books reviewed, simply carry on from where you left off. Remember that you will have to submit your books, including all receipts etc. for the *entire year* when you submit your books for the Annual Financial Review in January.

For **Units and Districts** where the treasurer is changing over the summer, a full independent review must be done now.

I wish all of you a happy summer!



Lakeshore Heritage Camp!

Lakeshore District held their "Heritage" Camp at Wa-Thik-Ane. The weekend started off with a sunny Friday afternoon preparing for the girls arrival and pitching a few Guiders tents! -Carol Kelly (photos by Carol Kelly)



Sharing Guiding across Québec!

Take a look at some photos of the [1st Pincourt Guides micro-library here!](#) It was launched Saturday, June 6th and weather permitting, will remain in Trotter Park until September 30th! (image left)

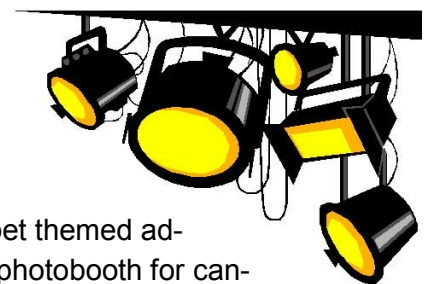


Valois-Dorval District held a 'Dad and Me' day camp at Wa-Thik-Ane, with lots of girls choice activities! -



Great work!

2015 Advancements!



Secteur Argenteuil held their Red Carpet themed advancement recently. They even had a photobooth for candid shots! -Argenteuil Facebook Group



Liesse held the advancement of some of their members. Guider Tracey with three Brownies advancing to Guides

[-Liesse District Facebook page](#)



Have you got a great story for the Quebec blog or the Piccolo? Send it with some photos to communications@guidesquebec.ca





Sheila Norman

Sheila Norman passed away on March 22, 2015 after a fierce battle with cancer. She leaves to mourn her brother Syd (Cathy); aunt to Mary (Bob) and Doug (Yumi); great-aunt to Lee, Erika and Alyssa. She also leaves behind many, many friends in Guiding.

To honor Shelia, we will celebrate her life at Camp Wa-Thik-Ane, a place that Sheila held close to her heart, where she made many life-long friends and worked tirelessly to preserve.

*Please join us to celebrate the life of Sheila Norman on
Saturday, August 15, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at
Camp Wa-Thik-Ane, Stavert Lodge.*

Please confirm your attendance by sending an e-mail to Sue Welsh at:
guides-quebec.manager@bellnet.ca or call 514-933-5839.



Girl Guides
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Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
June 1st	Online Registration open to all girls, including new girls
June 20th	Young Women's Forum
June 24th	Fête de la Saint-Jean-Baptiste – Provincial Office Closed
June 30th	Last day registrations receive the Spring Registration Crest
July 1st	Canada Day – Provincial Office Closed
July 5th – 25th	WWWTA begins!
August 6th	Deadline for submissions to the August Piccolo
August 15th	Celebration of Sheila Norman's Life , Wa-Thik-Ane
September 12th to 13th	OAL Training Weekend
September 19th	September DC Day
October 3rd	Fall Day Camp at Wa-Thik-Ane
October 25th	Montreal Impact Day <i>Mark Your Calendar!</i> 

Council Contact List

Need to get in touch with an adviser, or the office? Download an updated version of the [Québec Council Contact](#)

The Québec Council office will be closed Wednesday, June 24th, and Wednesday, July 1st.

Please note *The Piccolo* is not published in July.
See you in August!