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Québec Council's AGM

This year's Annual General Meeting celebrated the accomplishments of the 2015 year — individual, community based and province wide. There was much to celebrate as this was the first year in which each branch had its own landmark provincial event! This made for many opportunities for members of all ages to take on leadership roles, and share many wonderful Guiding experiences.



Each attendee received a pair of GGC branded swag sunglasses, the better to keep an EYE on Guiding this summer. They were accompanied by a pledge to earn those glasses by making GGC SEEN in your communities. (Look into the [Kiosk-to-Go](#) resources – anyone can earn themselves some swag by keeping GGC in VIEW!) Read more on [page 7](#).

Some of the notable milestones celebrated included 80 years of membership for Beryl Ball, currently of the West Island Trefoil Guild. Quebec Awards were presented to Guiders with over 35 years of Unit Guider activity. Due to the many events in our year, an unprecedented 20 Provincial Commissioner Honours Gold awards were also presented to the prime leaders of these events.



Our invited guest had an easy commute: Chief Commissioner Pamela Rice spoke of new structures for Councils across the country, and the launch of greater youth input on the action of the National Board through consultations with a new National Youth Council. We heard from our own youth voices, in a presentation from Rangers/Trex and young Guiders sharing a girls' eye view of youth leadership. The key is not about leadership for tomorrow – Guiding builds leadership that is real and today!

A major unveiling of the evening: The 2016-2017 Quebec Council members, reflecting newly defined positions for about half of the Council members.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the diverse preparations needed to make our AGM such a great celebration!



The review and re-structuring of Québec Provincial Council, along with the councils of every provincial jurisdiction has been a process that has involved the input and insights of very many members in Québec, and across Canada.

The goal of a common structure nationwide was a challenging one, but once a common model was reached, numerous Québec Guiders applied or were encouraged to become involved. We are very proud to say that Québec Council 2016-2017 is complete, and looking forward to serving Guiding in Québec and we have achieved the full complement of members:

Valerie Zaloum
Pam Godfrey
Andrea Romano
Sara Ogilvie
Angie Kruller
Rachel Bachmann
Elaine Keeble
Sarah DiMilo*
Lisa Labelle
Stacie Bouchard
Deborah Dumoulin
Pamela Ireland
Susan Welsh

Provincial Commissioner
Deputy Provincial Commissioner
Provincial Treasurer
Member Services Co-ordinator
Girl Engagement Co-ordinator
Risk and Compliance Adviser
Commissioner Representative (Support Specialist)
Commissioner Representative
Commissioner Representative
Elected Member – Youth Chair
Elected Member – Financial
Québec Council Secretary
Director of Council Operations

* Missing from the photo

The Council extends thanks to Cecilia Cherry, QC Nominations chair, for her devoted work in interviewing candidates and collating references for the various positions. This was an unprecedented task, and we are grateful for Cecilia's attention to detail, to inform the deliberations and voting.



Girl Guides of Canada enables girls to be confident, resourceful and creative, and to make a difference in the world!

Congratulations to **Ximena Ortega**

from the 82nd Montreal Guiding Unit,

recipient of a **Girl Greatness Award** for
Courage!



I was born in Mexico City. When I had 2 years old my mom realized that I could not speak well. Later, I was diagnosed with Apraxia of Speech. My Mom brought me with many people, and told me I was going to play with friends. It was up to age 5 that understood that those friends were called Speech Language Pathologists. I was absent from school to go to my therapy. It was tired, but fun at the same time, because they showed me how to pronounce properly using games. Additionally, I had to learn some sign language and visit the Occupational Therapy.

When I started Elementary School I was afraid to talk to my classmates. The first months of school were difficult for me, there were girls in the class, who do not invite me to play with them and I was alone all the time. My mom noticed it and told me that was "bullying" and talked to the Principal. From there the situation changed. Now these girls are my friends, and while I couldn't communicate well with them I never give up, and always exceed my obstacles. My therapy ended when I turned 8 years old. Today I am a very happy girl, and can communicate in three languages: English, French and Spanish. I'm very well in school, and all the teachers tell me that it is a pleasure to have me in their class. I am a girl who always tries to help people. I love school, mathematics and science. I get much recognition such as: Better School Performance and Exhibiting Model Behavior.

I have enrolled two years in Girls Guides of Canada and I found many friends, GGC helps me to express what I feel and to become a better citizen in everyday life.





Have you sent in a song from your unit yet? Email wta90@guidesquebec.ca with a video or picture and help us fill the 90 days!



August 13-14

Wa-Thik-Ane's 90th Anniversary Celebration

Come up to join us for the day or overnight...

- Saturday, August 13th - day only: \$15 includes BBQ lunch – must have a bracelet
- Saturday and Sunday, August 13th and 14th: \$45 as a patrol or member, includes Saturday lunch, supper, snack and Sunday breakfast
- Sunday as a family with your own picnic lunch

Deadline — June 19th: Registration [form](#)

Property Committee | lacbouchette@guidesquebec.ca





News from the Provincial Camping Committee

Quebec Fall Day Camp 2016

******SAVE THE DATE – Saturday October 1, 2016******
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.

For the past 3 years there have been around 400 participants (max capacity) rain or shine! Be sure to send in your Unit Registration Form 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 be in August. A call out to Guiders will go out in the coming months.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Angie Kruller, who was our former Camping Adviser, has moved on to the exciting new Council role of Girl Engagement Co-ordinator. Welcome to Joanne Cardinal, our new Camping Adviser!

It takes a team to make memories



**Join us Now for the 2016
Season**



Camp runs in consecutive weeks from July 15th to August 6th 2016. Check out our [camp dates](#) on the GGC Quebec website under Wa-Thik-Ane Summer Camp. If you can help, contact Joanne Cardinal at cardinal.4jackson@gmail.com or 514-453-2547.



Joanne Cardinal, Camping Adviser; Patricia Tellis and Carol Kelly, Deputy Camping Advisers | camping@guidesquebec.ca

Don't forget to order your cookie [ribbons](#)! The order form is available on the [Cookie Resources](#) page of the QC website!



The deadline to log your [Cookie All Stars](#) information is **May 30**. Do it early to make sure your girls get the [prizes](#) they earned! Remember: only your Contact Guider can log in.



There are still a few cases of cookies at the office. Could you use some for summer PR events? Let us know at admin@guidesquebec.ca.

Helena Green, Cookie Adviser; Kelly Vandzura, Deputy Cookie Adviser | cookies.biscuits@guidesquebec.ca

Camp Clean-up



Many thanks go out to the enthusiastic volunteers who helped with the clean-up this past weekend at Camp Wa-Thik-Ane and a big shout out to the districts who have adopted a site. We are grateful for your constant support!



This summer: Take the Membership Growth Pledge!



I promise to:

- talk to someone about Guiding – as an adult or for their daughter
- share or place GGC promo material in your neighbourhood
- take part in a community service in uniform
- send a GGC promo message someplace where it will be shared or published
- write a blog about a special Guiding experience
- participate in a PR or community event that promotes Guiding



...and earn your pair of GGC swag sunglasses!

- invite another member to do likewise – she can earn HER own swag sunglasses!

When you have fulfilled your pledge by completing two actions from this list, e-mail communications@guidesquebec.ca so your efforts and successes at outreach can be shared and celebrated!

Do your District proud, and grow your Guiding Community!

We all know that Guiding is what every community makes it, and we have great Guiding to share! In taking your Girl Guide visibility to activities in your community, your schools, and town events, that's the way you can grow Guiding, and meet that pledge!

Every branch has program items focussed on sharing the Girl Guide experience, so girl members are very much a part of the team! Be on the lookout for new potential Guiders - the ultimate capacity builder!

Need some ideas? Check out the [Kiosk-to-Go!](#)

Why not apply for an [event subsidy](#) while you're at it?



Look sharp!
Keep an EYE on
Girl Guides
Guides
on view!
Focus on Girls
All-Girl Vision
Watch Guiding
Grow!





Guest Speaker Spotlight

If you are looking for some great ways to deliver programming to your unit, it's always fun to have a guest speaker (or two!) Look at the awesome way the Valois Sparks leaders delivered program on safety and healthy living by having a couple of experts come in and talk about the girls and skateboarding.

Here's what on of the guest speakers had to say:

Had a great night with the SPARKS of the Girl Guides tonight! I was asked to give a skateboard introduction class to these amazing young girls and share with them how great skateboarding is and that girls can do it just as well as any boy! We also got to go over the basics and importance of skateboard safety and equipment so that they are well prepared before stepping into a skate park. It's so important to get young girls into sports like skateboarding and help them build self esteem and make sure they feel confident to go into any skate park full of boys and have fun! It's important for more males to mentor young girls and promote equality in sports and in Politics.



Animated Knots

Looking to brush up on your knot skills? animatedknots.com is a wonderful resource that presents a large number a knots through series of images that show how to tie them. Each knot's page also includes a description of its uses.

If you have access to the Internet at your meeting place, why not let the girls explore the site and teach themselves some lashing skills?

Charyl Hyndman, Program Adviser | programme@guidesquebec.ca



Where will you be in July 2017?

The search for experienced Guiders to accompany a patrol to [SOAR 2017](#) in BC continues until the end of the month. What are you waiting for?

- [Fact Sheet](#)
- [Guidelines](#)
- [Adult application form](#)
- [Adult reference form](#)

Send application electronically to international@guidesquebec.ca

**Guider Application deadline:
May 31**



Lori Labelle, International Adviser | international@guidesquebec.ca

Scholarships

Provincial Scholarships

*****2 scholarships will be offered this year!*****

Who can apply? Any registered Québec member of GGC-GdC who is entering or pursuing post-secondary education (in any field of study) on a full time basis.

This scholarship is based on your active Guiding and community involvement. Former members and past recipients are not eligible to apply.

Details are available on the [QC website](#).

**Application deadline:
June 1**



Quick Tips for Safe Guide



Want to save time?

- When you fill out your Safe Guide forms for your activity, please use the current [forms](#) (July 2015).
- Don't forget to fill out the **top** of the SG.3 if you are using a TPSP (third party service provider) and if you are doing any water activities.
- Make sure you provide the iMIS numbers of the Guiders on your form.
- In the location section, if you are camping at Wa-Thik-Ane, indicate which camp site you're using.
- On page 2, don't forget to fill out the section on the right hand side with an X in the appropriate box to indicate the forms you are sending in.
- Finally, make sure your forms are sent together and on time — i.e. no later than two weeks before your activity.



It's time for swimming!

- Refer to the *Swimming* section of Safe Guide. The swimming planning chart on page 95 will tell you the level of your activity. Check your general supervision ratio for swimming on pages 98 and 99 and please read from page 95 to 102 for complete information. For a yellow level activity, make sure your WA.1 is with your SG.3 when you submit it to sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca for assessment. Fill out the right side of the SG.3 with an X in the appropriate box.
- If you are camping/swimming somewhere other than at Wa-Thik-Ane, be sure to send your forms and your WA.1 on time (at least two weeks ahead of your activity) as you will need the approval of a special Water Assessor.



Charter school buses:

Many groups use charter school buses for transportation to and from camp. Charter buses are considered a TPSP as indicated on page 72 of Safe Guide. Planning with your TPSP on page 74 will help the Responsible Guider to provide the Assessor with:

- The name of the bus company and their phone number.
- Confirmation that proof of insurance has been provided to the provincial office.



Hello!

You will likely note that this Treasurer's Trove is coming from someone new. Dawn, after many years as Treasurer Support Specialist, has decided to hand the reins over to someone else. I am looking forward to taking on this new role and hope to be able to meet the same standards you have come to expect from Dawn! With my accounting background, I hope to be able to provide some added-value.

I intend to continue these Treasurer's Trove notes in the Piccolo, and will be reachable at the same finances-support@guidesquebec.ca address for any questions you may have. Please don't hesitate.

Mid-Year Reviews

With the Guiding year winding to a close, and most of us looking forward to a break from the books over the summer, now is the time to start preparing for mid-year reviews.

Preparing the mid-year reviews now will give you some piece of mind over the summer that all items have been recorded and the books balanced. It will make for a smoother transition come the fall when the Guiding year starts up again. Reminders for the mid-year reviews:

- Period covered (all): should be from January 1st, 2016 to when your unit/district/council "ended" in the Spring.
- Unit & Trefoil Guild Books: to be reviewed by District Treasurers. Completed Annual Financial Reports and Financial Review Checklists to be sent to the office.
- District Books: either (1) have books reviewed by another District Treasurer and send the Annual Financial Report and completed Financial Review Checklist to the office, or (2) send books and all supporting documentation to the office where a reviewer will be found.
- Reports to be submitted to the office as soon as possible, latest being the end of June.

Once the reviews are complete, you may continue where you left off until the end of the year. Keep in mind that for the year-end review, it is the full 2016 being reviewed, so all documents from the mid-year must still be retained and re-submitted.

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

Claire Morier
Treasurer Support Specialist

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Need to contact an Adviser? Download an updated contact list of the Québec Council and Advisers [here!](#)



Guides Québec on Breakfast Television Montreal

Watch the video [here](#)

Earth Day

The 4th Mount Bruno Brownies planted trees and bushes on Earth Day and the [2nd Riverdale Guides](#) picked up trash in a local park.



Syrian Refugee Donations



Holli Drum and Charyl Hyndman made a special delivery! The last of the bags that were made as a Community service project at the **Brownie Twinning Event** in February were given out to some very excited Syrian refugee children at the École arménienne Sourp Hagop.

Thanks to principal Léna Kadon for her warm hospitality and Sofie Sondermeyer, a Valois-Dorval Brownie, who participated in the Brownie day & eagerly came to help us distribute the beautiful bags filled with books, colouring materials, and hand made cards welcoming the children to Canada.



The smiles on their faces were well worth the trip. Ms. Kadon had the children thank us and they said, **“Thank you Guides, Thank you Canada”** We couldn’t have been prouder! As we were leaving, we were each presented with lovely papier maché bowls that the children had made themselves with a beautiful picture of a traditional village girl painted on the inside.



“I think she looks like a Super Hero,” says Charyl.

Northern Lights Sparks went to Club Fiesta for a night of manis, pedis, girlfriend time, apple juice toasts and popcorn, VIP red carpet with funky accessories and a good game of freeze dancing with cotton candy for everyone!! Go Sparks!

Photo courtesy of Anny Rail-Fink.



Brownies in Northshore District completed the NEDIC [Love Yourself Challenge](#) and made positivity mirrors. What great messages!

Photo courtesy of Laura Litvack.



[LaSalle Sparks and Brownies](#)

learned how to pitch a tent and make bedrolls.



Girls from the 1st Milton Park Guides, the 66th Montreal Guides and the 82nd Montreal Guiding Unit had a great time going to see Geordie Theatre's production of *Beethoven Lives Upstairs*.

Photo courtesy of Roxanne Teemal.



Nearly 200 Guides from [Pointe-Claire District](#) and [Valois-Dorval District](#) and Scouts participated in the Terra Cotta Park Clean up. They cleaned the park and then did some tree planting.

"It's so important to make sure our green spaces are clean and protected...and we're always happy to be a part of that!"



[Liesse District](#) girls visited the fire station where the father of three of their girls works. They got to climb up into a fire truck and see how a fire hose works!



A Tribute to Lakeshore Guides

I was recently at a retirement dinner for Father Michael, the minister at Christ Church (Beaurepaire). It was held in the church hall.

The Lakeshore Guides who have their meetings in the hall were asked to serve. The third-year Guides along with a few Pathfinders and two Rangers did a marvelous job serving a 4 course dinner to a 100 people. They were quiet, efficient, polite, helpful and looked very smart in their uniforms. Didn't see or hear anything being spilt or dropped.

I was proud to be able to say that we were all members of *Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada*.

Margaret Martin, Screening Specialist

British High Tea for Québec Spin



The 1st Knowlton Guides hosted a British Cream Tea, Thursday, February 25, 2016 in the Cafeteria, at Knowlton Academy School to complete the Québec Spin Challenge.

The idea was proposed by one of the Guides at their meeting. They made lists of everything they needed, borrowed dishes from their local IOOF Hall, delivered invitations, made floral fascinators, table favours, place card holders, centre pieces and napkin rings, prepared the food, and welcomed their guests.

When all the guests were present, the Guides gave their welcome and sang "I'm a Little Teapot" and played a welcome game. They also read the story Miss Spiders Tea Party.

On the **action** ring: they took the Lead in hosting this Tea Party event.

On the **participation** ring: their unit worked together to prepare for and host the tea.

On the **sharing** ring: they are making a DVD for each unit member, posting a photo on the school notice board, and they filled the entire front page in the local paper, The Brome County News on Tues. March 8, 2016 (International Women's Day)...with not one, not two, but three photos!

On the **side benefits** ring: they learned a lot about planning and hosting an event and about tea party etiquette and food.



Members are always encouraged to submit photos and stories from your Guiding adventures! Please email photos along with a short description to communications@guidesquebec.ca. Need more information? Download the Piccolo [submission guidelines](#) here.

May 31	SOAR Guider Application Deadline
June 1	GGC-QC Scholarship Applications due
July 15-August 6	Wonderful Weeks at Wa-Thik-Ane
August 13-14	Wa-Thik-Ane 90th Anniversary
October 1	Fall Day Camp

Families were sent the Spring Parent Newsletter at the beginning of May. Take a look at the web versions here!

[English](#) [French](#)

To the parent or guardian of:
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LE LEADERSHIP DES FILLES COMMENCE ICI!
GIRL GREATNESS STARTS HERE



Girls who register before June 30 will receive their 2016-2017 membership crest by personal mail, with a personalized welcome-to-Guiding greeting.

