

HISTORY OF THE MAYNARD GIRL SCOUTS
1919-1976

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FOREWORD

This history is written with much grateful acknowledgement to Mrs. Charles (Alice) Warren who has been involved in girl scouting over 20 years. With her telephone calls, meetings, and letters written to leaders from 1919-1942, she has made the early history possible, along with Miss Pearl McAuslin, a Girl Scout in the first troop in 1919, and a leader for years. Miss McAuslin added many interesting and informative details as well as donating several pictures. Miss Edith McAuslin, another early Girl Scout and a member of our Historian meetings at Mrs. Warren's, also, provided pictures and happy anecdotes.

Mrs. Allan (Maxine) Nenonen, Maynard Neighborhood Chairman and Leader (1968-1976) suggested record keeping of Maynard's Girl Scouts. Our hope is to provide future Girl Scouts and interested persons with knowledge of past scouting years.

It is not known if there were former Historians--this book is a partial history--girl scouting in Maynard has been very active and many records and pictures have been lost, destroyed or damaged. Many leaders or service team members' names are omitted from this book because of lack of knowledge.

All leaders and service team members were volunteers, dedicated to helping girls enrich their lives, opening the world to them and they, along with the girls kept scouting alive. Many thanks to them.

Mention must be made concerning Troop Committee members, Troop "Cookie" mothers, and helping mothers throughout the years, for their assistance has been invaluable and they, too, have been a necessary part of the survival of Girl Scouting.

Thanks to all churches, public buildings, and organizations that have allowed the uses of their property, for without meeting places, the Girl Scout program could not be extended.

Girl Scouting not only involves those directly concerned but all those who have helped or contributed in any way enabling girl scouts "to be the very best they can be" and assets to their country.

Space has been provided to add more information that you may have---please add what has been inadvertently omitted.

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Mrs. Robert (Lillian) Hanson
Mrs. Ethel Pekkala Hathaway
Mrs. Barbara Stockbridge Kenney
Miss Dorothy Marsden
Miss Roberta Marsden (Grigas)
Miss Edith McAuslin
Miss Pearl McAuslin
Mrs. Allan (Maxine) Nenonen
Mrs. Wilhelmina Parker
Mrs. Philip (Shirley) Parks
Mrs. Aili Kajander Potter
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MAYNARD GIRL SCOUTS, 1919-1946

At a March 1974 meeting in Mrs. Charles (Alice) Warren's apartment, Miss Pearl McAuslin, a member of the first Girl Scout troop, recalled that Miss Eva Dodge, a high school science teacher of Maynard in 1919, had discussion groups with interested high school girls in the hallways of the former Maynard High School on Summer St. Miss Dodge sparked the idea of having a Maynard Girl Scout troop. Within a few months, the formal Girl Scout troop was formed with approximately 30 Maynard girls registering with the National Girl Scouts of U.S.A., with Eva Dodge as Advisor, Florence (Gus) Gustafson as Captain and Doris Miller (Sims) as Lieutenant. This was seven years after Juliette Low introduced girl scouting in Savannah, Georgia.

The first troop meetings were held after school hours at the Summer St. High School and later, at the Congregational Church and the former* Town House, (on the location of the present post office).

When Miss Dodge left Maynard at the end of the school year, a local council consisting of interested members and mothers was organized to help with advice, assistance, and matters of finance. This is similar to our service team members of today. The directors of this local council in 1920 were Mrs. Orren Fowler and Mrs. John Miller, (Doris's mother).

In 1921, the Girl Scouts marched in Maynard's 50th anniversary parade and entered a float, (Pg. 105, History of Maynard). They experienced their first camping trip in August 1922, at Kamp Kum Sum Mor, Long Pond, Chelmsford, learning out-of-door living and earning merit badges. Girls camping were: Helen, Angell, Ethel Crowther, Ellen Emanuelson, Helen Gardner, Alice Grindrod, Marion Holt, Pearl McAuslin, Edith McAuslin, Carolyn Murray, Pauline Newton, "Pam" Nordberg, Helen Peterson, Dorothy Spence, Ellen Swanson, Emma Whitney with leaders, Florence Gustafson and Doris Miller. Ann Levenson was the swimming instructor with Ethel Butterworth chaperoning the girls.

"Gus" Gustafson and Doris Miller continued as leaders until 1924. Pearl McAuslin continued as leader from 1924-1940 with various assistants, including Frances "Pam" Nordberg Forgie-1926, Lillian Townsend-1928 and Helen Wilcox Rupprecht-1929, 1930.

In 1927, many girls participated in the 15th anniversary of Girl Scouting by taking a bus trip to the Boston Garden, Boston for the big jamboree.

Mrs. Frank (Clara) Grieve became leader of the younger girls, ages 10-13, approximately 1931-1941. Some of the Cloverleaf troop scouts in 1931 were: Anne Bellows, Virginia Collins, Constance Dawson, Ruth Fayton, Anna Fayton, Clara Hale, Barbara Hamlin, Aili Kajander, Alice Larsen, Dorothy Marsden, Roberta Marsden, Ruth Marsden, Laura Merrill, Lois McCleary, Dorothy Peterson, Edith Priest, Bertha Sneck, Barbara Stockbridge and Annie Swanson. Miss Dorothy Marsden later became a leader, 1938-1943.

*See note at end of article.

During World War 2, "A victory book campaign was conducted by the Girl Scouts and about four hundred books were collected to be sent to the servicemen" (Pg. 176, History of Maynard). Money was also raised and donated to the Red Cross and Soldiers' Xmas Funds.

Among some of the volunteer leaders (with approximate dates):

1919-1920	Eva Dodge
1920-1924	Florence Gustafson
1920-1924	Doris Miller
1924-1940	Pearl McAuslin
1928-1930	Lillian Townsend
1929-1930	Helen Rupprecht Wilcox
1931-1941	Mrs. Frank (Clara) Grieve
1933-1939	Elizabeth Weatherbee Moore
1933-1937	Ethel Butterworth
1936-?	Marion Townsend
1937-1944	Mrs. Orville (Grace) Tucker
1938-1943	Dorothy Marsden
1938-?	Janette Taylor
1940-?	Eleanor Flaherty
1940-1942	Mrs. Sheridan
	Mrs. Charles (Alice) Warren
1941-1943	Mrs. Alan (Myrna) Palmer
1941-1943	Mrs. White
1941-1946	Jean Tucker
1941-1946	Ann Tucker

1941-1944 Aili Kajander Potter

1941-1944 Marion Hull Stapell

Girl Scouts met until 1947---no further records uncovered until 1952.

*Originally a rooming house, located on the corner of Florida Road and Main Street, it was used by the Girl Scouts only after Maynard purchased the building to use as their Town House.

MAYNARD GIRL SCOUTS, 1952-1976

In 1952, Mrs. Harold (Ellie) Wilcox and her committee, Mis Delma Sanborn (later to become Mrs. Carlton Tracy), Mrs. N.A. Keto, Mrs. Carl (Ruth) Nelson, Miss Virginia Whitney, and Mrs. Charles (Alice) Warren revived girl scouting in Maynard.

The first "Brownie" Girl Scout troops in Maynard, enabling second and third grade girls to join, were organized by Mrs. Charles (Alice) Warren in January, 1955. Approximately 100 girls, ages 7-9, were registered in this new level of scouting in our town.

Girl Scout day camping was brought to Maynard in 1959, when dedicated and interested women became involved with this four year project, 1959-1962. The land committee and G.S. leaders, Mrs. Morgan (Jean) Lydon, Mrs. Robert (Lillian) Hanson, and Mrs. Alfred (Bette) Davis secured permission in 1959 from Mr. and Mrs. Abel Cutting for use of their Dettling Hill lot on Parker Street. In order for the Day Camp area to conform to Girl Scout council rules, a great deal of preparation was involved, such as; clearing the area, purification of water, installation of a water pump, available sanitary facilities, spraying of poisonous plants, and platform tents built. This was to become "Camp Jethro". Mrs. James (Helen) Wheeler, Co-Chairman of Maynard Girl Scouts, attended the New York Edith Macy Training Center in 1960 for the required training necessary to become Camp Director for the Maynard Girl Scouts. This course of co-ordinated methods is still in use today by leaders and administrators in the Girl Scout programs in all parts of the world.

The people, along with Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Lydon, Mrs. Hanson, and Mrs. Davis, who made this project successful were: Mrs. Albert (Simone) Iskian, Co-Chairman and Supply Sgt., Mrs. Frank (Lillian) Alto, Mrs. George (Barbara) O'Brien, Mrs. Ethel Pekkala (Hathaway), Mrs. Rudolph Michelson, Mrs. Margaret B. Buscemi, Mrs. Clarence (Pauline) Braman, Miss Gladys Simpson (Mrs. Cuniff), Mrs. Arthur (Doris) Burt, Mrs. Alan (Myrna) Palmer, and Mrs. Louis (Ann) Maglione.

Camp Jethro was used as a day camp area in 1960, 1961, and 1962. Pictures are included with this report.

Maynard joined the Bay Path Colonial Girl Council, Inc., Framingham on Dec. 29, 1962. In April of 1964, Cadettes Marcia Parks, Marianne Buscemi and Joanne Benedict of Maynard with scouts and leaders from other towns helped council move to their new location in Newton Upper Falls, where they remained until 1974. Their new location is now Totten Pond Road, Waltham. Mrs. Earl (Mildred) Albans, who represented Bay Pay Council became Maynard's first Field Director and attended the Maynard Neighborhood meetings. After Mrs. Albans's resignation in 1971, Miss Bette Bolke represented council until 1973 when Mrs. Philip (Karen) Goodwin replaced her.

To support the council and raise money, movies were shown by the Maynard Girl Scouts at the Fine Arts Theatre in 1963 and 1964. It was a successful venture.

The 70's brought awareness and action with involvement of the community. Service to others has always been a way of life to a Girl Scout. These years included bingo games, songs and skits by Cadette Girl Scouts with the elderly of the new complex, Housing for the Elderly on Powdermill Road. "Beacon Santa"-a local newspaper's "Christmas gifts for the needy" saw Girl Scouts wrapping packages, giving donations, delivering Christmas presents while singing Christmas carols. Service projects throughout the years are too numerous to mention.

The Girl Scouts beautiful float with girls wearing international clothing depicting world friendship, entered in Maynard's Centennial Parade on July 4, 1971, received the "Future Citizens Award".

Girl Scout Troop camping continued with trips locally and out-of-state, including the Girl Scout camps owned by the Bay Path Colonial Council, Inc.,--Camp Mary Day, Natick--Camp Winnetaska, Ashland--Camp Virginia, Bolton and Camp Nacochwa, Cochituate, and Camp Wabasso, Bradford, New Hampshire.

The Sixtieth Anniversary of Girl Scouting in the United States, the Diamond Jubilee, brought scouts from towns of the Bay Path Council to the three day event at the Natick Mall, Natick in March, 1972. Two Maynard troops, Junior Girl Scout Troop 407 and 490, represented our town with demonstrations and a skit.

The Keep America Beautiful Day, April 1972, 73, and 74, stressing ecology and clean-up of our country, involved Girl Scouts, along with other youth organization, in clearing litter, planting flowers, and informing the public with posters to truly keep our town and country beautiful.

In March 1972, the Josette Guay Campership Award, suggested by our Neighborhood Chairman, Mrs. Allan (Maxine) Nenonen, in memory of an exceptional Maynard Girl Scout, Josette Guay, was established. This memorial award is presented to a Girl Scout who exemplifies the ideals of girl scouting--who, when attending Girl Scout summer camp, represents the girls from Maynard. Outstanding girls who have received this award are: Cathy Pillivant-1972, Patricia Brown-1973, Brenda Lockhart-1974, Diane Lauretta and Allison Stamm-1975.

Further information with pictures and newspaper clippings of 1966-1976 is kept in the Girl Scout Historian Scrapbook and is available for anyone interested by contacting the Historian or the Neighborhood Chairman.

Among some of the volunteer leaders (with approximate dates):

1952	Mrs. Harold (Ellie) Wilcox, Miss Delma Sanborn (Mrs. Carlton Tracy) and Mrs. N.A. Keto
1952-1960	Mrs. Charles (Alice) Warren
1952-1958	Miss Virginia Whitney
1952-1956	Mrs. Carl (Ruth) Nelson
1954-1958	Mrs. Thomas (Wilhelmina) Parker, Sr.
	Mrs. Ruoff (Irene) Tompkins
1955-1962	Mrs. Alfred (Bette) Davis,
	Mrs. James (Helen) Wheeler
1955-1960	Mrs. Toivo (Sylvia) Erkinen
	Mrs. Alan (Myrna) Palmer
1955-1959	Mrs. Paul (Helen) Engelhardt
1955-1958	Mrs. Ernest (Alice) Thane
1955-1956	Miss Sylvia Campbell
	Mrs. Nicholas DiGrappo
	Miss Betty Ann Marchant
	Mrs. Allan (Frances) Maki
	Mrs. Elizabeth Mariano
	Mrs. William McDowell
	Mrs. S, Osmo
	Mrs. Sara Patterson
	Miss Leonard Rae
	Mrs. Rose Rubin
	Mrs. Kenneth Jarvinen (Helen)
	Miss Phyllis Wade (Mrs. Al Greeno)
1956-1961	Mrs. Waino (Ethel) Pekkala (Hathaway)
1956-1960	Mrs. Morgan (Jean) Lydon
1957-1964	Mrs. Matti (Sirrka) Tervo
1957-1963	Mrs. Clarence (Pauline) Braman
1957-1962	Mrs. Albert (Simone) Iskian
1957-1961	Mrs. Walter (Kathleen) Lowe
1958-1969	Mrs. Frank (Lillian) Alto
1958-1962	Mrs. Robert (Lillian) Hanson
	Mrs. Rudolph (Charlotte) Michelson
1959-1962	Mrs. Margaret Buscemi
1959-1961	Mrs. Arthur (Doris) Burt
1960-1963	Mrs. George (Barbara) O'Brien
1960-1962	Mrs. John (Peg) Kennedy
1960-1961	Mrs. Lauri (Marion) Toivonen, Mrs. Francis (Helen) Corcoran
1961-1962	Mrs. James (Kathy) Smith
1961-1963	Mrs. Louis (Anne) Maglione
1962-1963	Mrs. John (Edith) Gunn
	Mrs. Raymond Landry
	Mrs. Norman (Lorraine) Poirier
	Mrs. Mary Jane Taylor
1963-1974	Mrs. Philip (Shirley) Parks
1963-1967	Mrs. William (Mary) Panetta
	Mrs. Thomas (Jean) Roche
1963-1966	Mrs. Benjamin Giammarco
1963-1965	Mrs. Nicholas (Shirley) Barilone
1963-1964	Mrs. George (Peg) Bradley
	Mrs. Brooks
1963-1964	Mrs. Ronald (Barbara) Edwardson
	Mrs. Jean Stoddard

1963-1969	Mrs. Guy (Naomi) Iannuzzo
	Mrs. Robert (Claire) McCabe
1964-1967	Mrs. Frederick (Helen) Boothroyd
1964-1966	Mrs. Henry Regan
	Mrs. David Young
	Mrs. Herbert (Betty) Torppa
1965-1976	Mrs. Lewis (Alicia) Bowker
	Mrs. Owen (Norma Jean) Hill
1965-1967	Mrs. Gerald (Agnes) Clark
1965-1966	Mrs. Burt (Carol Lee) Jenkins
1965-1966	Mrs. Audette
1966-1976	Mrs. William (Joanne) Brown
1966-1972	Mrs. Edward (Mary) Arcieri
1966-1971	Mrs. Stuart (Del) Covey
	Mrs. Edward (Marie) Donnelly
	Mrs. Herbert (Judy) Hill
	Mrs. Robert (Kay) Metz
	Mrs. Rodger (Kathy) Murray
1966-1970	Mrs. Frederick (Barbara) Hunter
1966-1969	Mrs. Richard (Ann) Barry
	Mrs. Clifford (Rose) Hicks
1966-1967	Mrs. William (Ruth) Cole
	Mrs. William (Pat) Cox
	Mrs. Robert (Helen) Latas
	Mrs. George (Ann) Lemire
	Mrs. Andrew (Mary) Mitzcavitch
	Mrs. George (Elaine) White
	Mrs. Emile (Doris) Wigeri van Edema
1967-1975	Mrs. Alfred (Ellie) Guay
1967-1972	Mrs. Lawrence (Priscilla "Sue") Wongburg
	Mrs. William (Hazel) Pratt
1968-1976	Mrs. Allan (Maxine) Nenonen
1968-1972	Mrs. Mark (Ellie) Waldron
1968-1971	Mrs. Charles (Janet) Calabria
1968-1970	Mrs. Edward (Cecile) Karpeichik
	Mrs. Dale (Evelyn) Johnston
	Mrs. James (Audrey) Duggan
	Mrs. Guy (Louise) Talbourdet
1968-1969	Mrs. Edward (Marguerite) Doran
	Mrs. Charles (Shirley) Garlisi
	Mrs. Bob (Noreen) Hickman
	Mrs. Howard (Janice) Loring
	Mrs. Fred (Carole) Mallonee
	Mrs. Jeannette Michurd
	Mrs. Leonard (Joyce) Winterburn
1969-1973	Mrs. William (Christine) Molloy
1969-1971	Mrs. Walter (Kendrea) Justice
	Mrs. Dennis (Judy) Toponce
1969-1970	Mrs. Gordon (Joanne) Baker
	Mrs. Lee Varrichione
1970-1976	Mrs. Harold (Louise) Marderosian
	Mrs. Stanley (Peg) Waluck
1970-1975	Mrs. Robert (Sharron) Wright
1970-1973	Mrs. Donald (Dorothy) Brown
	Mrs. Robert (Agnes) Doyle
	Mrs. Roy (Diane) Tyler

1970-1972	Mrs. Robert (Sally) Jarmolowicz
	Mrs. James (Martha) Peddle
	Mrs. David (Pauline) Pittman
	Mrs. Salvatore (Mary) Spinale
	Mrs. Terrill (Ruth) Whalen
1970-1971	Mrs. Arthur (Jean) Anderson
	Mrs. George (Alice) Edwards
	Mrs. Gladys Gallagher
	Mrs. Arthur (Carol) Lynch
	Mrs. Russell (Kathi) Manchester
1971-1976	Mrs. Lyman (Kay) Stone
1971-1975	Mrs. Edward (Miriam) Johnson
1971-1973	Mrs. Dean (Barbara) Horman
	Mrs. Russell (Helen) Rogers
1971-1972	Mrs. John (Caroline) Borden
	Mrs. Robert (Cheryl) Frazier
	Mrs. Mateo (Barbara) Mucciaccio
	Mrs. Carl (Gloria) Nilsson
	Mrs. Robert (Donna) Stone
1972-1976	Mrs. William (Jean) Duggan
	Mrs. James (Willie) Hanson
1972, 3 & 1975-76	Mrs. Andre' (Mary Lou) Beshta
1972-1975	Mrs. Stanley (Peg) McClure
1972-1974	Mrs. Eugene (Ann) Chambers
1972-1973	Mrs. Robert (Pat) Rodday
1972	Mrs. Edward Goulding
	Mrs. Gilles (Simone) Gallant
1973-1976	Mrs. Dennis (Dotti) Murphy
	Mrs. Donald (Donna) Henrick
1973-1974	Mrs. Wilfrid (Eileen) Boudreau
	Mrs. Thomas (Pat) Bowman
	Mrs. Rodman (Betty) Murray
	Miss Joanne Talbourdet
	Miss Anne Marie Guay
1974-1976	Mrs. Richard (Linda) Hobbs
	Mrs. John (Dorothy) MacKeen
	Miss Susan Brooks
	Mrs. Dominic (Jane) Colombo
	Mrs. John (Arlene) McNiel
	Mrs. James (Ann) Owens
	Mrs. Paul (Sandra) Piotte
1974-1975	Mrs. Raymond (Maggie) Laskowsky
	Mrs. Fred (Nancy) Mariani
	Mrs. Joseph (Dorothy) Mottershead
	Miss Debbi Nenonen
	Mrs. James (Francine) Shaw
	Mrs. James Sutkus
	Miss Kathy Sweeney
1975	Mrs. Joseph (Connie) Cardoza, Mrs. Lawrence (Cathy) Monaco
1975-	Mrs. David (Pat) Harrity
	Mrs. Cathy Doreau
	Mrs. John (Barbara) Paanenen
	Miss Joy Tucker