

Girl Scouts Recognize Grand Central Team as Partner in the Community

By Adrienne Fors

PEN ARGYL - The Grand Central Landfill teams' bright yellow vests are no comparison to the awesome badge filled vests of the Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania, but the Slate Belt Girl Scouts felt the WM team earned a different kind of badge - recognition as a community partner.

On November 3, members of the landfill's habitat team joined the Slate Belt Girl Scout Unit at their annual volunteer awards event in Gilbertsville, PA. The girls and their leaders (who won a number of awards!), nominated WM and the entire Grand Central Team for their efforts to ensure that the scouts and the community have a place to learn in the Slate Belt. "WM owns an education center and has offered the Service Unit this space to meet and hold events for the girls as well as a place to earn badges and work on higher awards. Two of our Service Unit girls have completed their silver awards while other members worked on butterfly gardens, flower beds all the while participating in a learning experience open to the entire community." stated Service Unit Leader Jenn Hartzell in the nomination.

Hartzell continued, "Our entire Service Unit and the community benefit from WM's efforts. The impact that Adrienne and WM have had on our SU has been phenomenal. Girls know that if they want to learn more about saving the planet, WM staff is the way to go. Leaders know that they always have the support they need from a local reliable company, there is always a meeting spot available to any of our troops if needed and also a fabulous spot to hike for a day. WM has allowed our Service Unit to do so many things that we normally would not be able to do such as archery day, landfill tours, bird banding, so many things that we would have to either travel distances to do or pay fees for are local to us and free of charge."

The nomination earned WM the "Friends of Girl Scouts" Award.

"This award came to us as a surprise. The team was honored and humbled as the work we do together is simply something we enjoy. We appreciate the Slate Belt Service Unit and the leaders immensely." said Sr. Community Relations Specialist, Adrienne Fors.

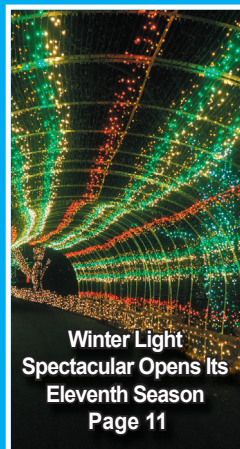
Our Slate Belt leaders earned the Super Service Unit Award that day. One Slate Belt leader, Millie DeLabar, was recognized for her volunteerism with the Girl Scouts of 40 years and has had membership as a girl scout for 55 years. Her contributions to the leadership in the Slate Belt was recognized through the highest award - the Gertrude K McGonigle Award. Congrats to all!!



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The PAHS Alumni Association: Memorial Wall Centerpiece

By Margaret Wismer

PEN ARGYL - Memorial wall centerpiece is finally complete and there will be a dedication ceremony will be announcement (read the Blue Valley Times for the Date & Time). Brick forms for the 8 sections of the wall are available and will be available until each section of the wall is filled. Please contact Joe DePue at 484-548-8882 or Craig Reduzzi at 484-239-0196 for more information on purchasing a brick.

Forms are available at at the Pen Argyl area schools district offices and Instant replay, Wind Gap PA. A special Thank you goes to in "memory of" one of our own Fallen Knights "Randy Ehle" for his dream to have this Memorial wall happen. Also, Thanks to the Alumni board, school district and all the sponsors who made this happen!

The purchased bricks will start going in place in the spring of 2025.

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