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Representing three generations of Girl Scouts, Girl Scout Alumna Gail Boyle brings with her many fond memories that she shares with her mother and her daughter. The opportunity to be a float rider on the Girl Scouts' 100th Anniversary Float has brought back Ms Boyle's childhood when she was a Girl Scout and has also reminded her of the wonderful experiences she enjoyed as a Girl Scout Troop Leader for her daughter's troop. The opportunity to ride on the float also sparked conversations and touching recollections with her mother, who was a Girl Scout when she first came to this country from Germany as a young girl in the 1940's.

Selected by a committee from numerous entries of impressive women executives with powerful stories to ride the float, Ms. Boyle feels that being a Girl Scout and the experiences it gave her have helped her to become the woman that she is today. With more than 25 years of experience in commercial lending, she is the Senior Vice President for Union Bank's National Specialized Lending group, and responsible for the bank's national fund finance activities, focusing on specialized credit products.

Ms. Boyle received her bachelor's degree in History from the University of California, Irvine and her Master's Degree in Business Administration from Loyola Marymount University. Involved in her community, Ms. Boyle also serves on the board of the Santa Monica YWCA. As she reflects back, she sees how the Girl Scouts gave her the skills to achieve many different goals and objectives concurrently while learning to accomplish tangible tasks for a greater reward. She earned more badges than anyone in her troop and enjoyed the recognition as well as the knowledge and pride that she gained.

Taking part in the Girl Scouts 100th Anniversary Celebrations has brought back many wonderful memories from Ms. Boyle's mother as well. As an immigrant to the US from Germany in the 1940's, Ms. Boyle's mother learned how to be an American from her Girl Scout experiences. Taking part in the Girl Scouts gave her mother pride and a safe place to learn about American culture by offering her access to life changing opportunities and memories that would last a lifetime, like the opportunity to participate in several parades in the DC area where she lived at the time and to meet then President Franklin Roosevelt while in her Girl Scout uniform. All of these experiences were important to her mother becoming an American young woman who could assimilate and then become a successful scientist before later becoming a full time mother.

Ms. Boyle also credits the nurturing experience of being a Girl Scout as having helped shape her own daughter's life. By exposing her to more independent life experiences, she feels Girl Scouts contributed to her choosing to live abroad in France and seek a career requiring language, science and art skills as a winemaker. She is grateful for the opportunity to participate in such an incredible milestone and be involved with an organization that has given so much to three generations of her family. "Thank you so very much for giving me the chance to reflect on this aspect of my life. I so appreciate the organization and all that it does for girls, women and society. And I am very proud to work for Union Bank who is helping support the Girl Scouts and this float."