



### ***Meet Bungee-Jumping Girl Scout and Volunteer Extraordinaire Janet Whaley***

As a girl growing up in Van Nuys, Janet heard about Girl Scouts and eagerly signed up on a waiting list. Once in, she never left the Girl Scout family.

For eight years, as a Junior, Cadette, and then Senior Girl Scout, Janet learned many new skills while making lifelong friends. Participating in Mariner Girl Scouts, Janet and her troop learned how to sail, tie knots, signal Morse code through flags, and swim different strokes. Weekly study sessions and endless practice tests paid off during the annual GAM (Gathering of All Mariners) weekend of rigorous competition. Janet and her troop won the highest award—the Golden Clipper.

Grateful for her Girl Scout experience, Janet became an adult member, serving as a Cadette troop assistant leader for three years and a Senior troop advisor for five years. Later, Janet participated in a Wider Opportunity and joined the board of directors of the San Fernando Valley council. Janet was elected and served as a delegate to the Girl Scouts of the USA National Convention in 1987 and 1990.

When asked what she values most about Girl Scouts, Janet shared, ***“Through Girl Scouts, we learn to do things we have never done before. Girl Scouts builds confidence that lasts a lifetime.”*** Janet credits Girl Scouts with giving her courage and resilience to try new things and develop new abilities.

Thanks to her Girl Scout experience, Janet has built a successful career working at a variety of government, non-profit and for-profit organizations, providing leadership, counseling, and human resources guidance. Outside of work, Janet’s calendar is packed with travel, history research (she’s a Civil War women’s history buff) and volunteer activity. Janet’s two favorite volunteer commitments—Girl Scouting and the Rose Parade—overlap when Girl Scouts participate in the parade.

On a recent trip to New Zealand to celebrate a milestone birthday, Janet tried bungee jumping for the very first time. She said that she would never have had the courage to leap off that cliff were it not for Girl Scouts.

Janet's career, volunteer and civic involvement and zest for life all tie back to those early days as a Girl Scout. ***"I wouldn't be where I am today were it not for Girl Scouts, that's why I believe it is important to give back. I owe it to other girls to give them what has been given to me."***

Janet made a decision to create a legacy of support by including Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles in her estate plans and for that we are deeply grateful. Legacy support will help Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles serve more girls and provide financial assistance to those who need it. Janet is a part of our **Juliette Gordon Low Society** which recognizes individuals who have named Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles as a beneficiary in their wills, trusts, insurance plans, or retirement accounts.

If you have included Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles in your estate plans, please let us know so that we can thank and recognize you as a member of the Juliette Gordon Low Society. To notify us or to find out more information, contact Chris Dean at 626-677-2264 or [cdean@girlscoutsla.org](mailto:cdean@girlscoutsla.org). Your support will inspire others and empower the next generation of female leaders!