

# LAGIMODIERE LINKS



June 2011

## What's happening in Lagimodiere Area

### Lagimodiere Area Council at the Area Annual Dinner and Awards



*Back row, left to right: Shannon Leask, Interlake District Commissioner, Paige Laye, Interlake District Rep, Loretta Reutner, International and iMis Rep, Laura Wiebe, Rosswood Valley Co- District Commissioner, Robin Myers-Keller, Treasurer, Peggy McPhee, Secretary, Marjorie Doyle, Links Editor*  
*Middle row, left to right: Pat van Ryssel, Northeast Co-District Commissioner, Sharon Romanow, Deputy Area Commissioner and Program Rep, Nancy Bollenback, Area Commissioner, Colleen Armstrong, Rosswood Valley Co-District Commissioner, Virginia Greening, President, Crocus Trefoil Guild*  
*In front: Melanie Spulnick, Northeast Co-District Commissioner*

*Missing from photo: Kathy Wallmuth, Seven Oaks District Commissioner, Shelley Macklin, Transcona District Commissioner, Kim Walker, St. Boniface District Commissioner, Heather Lamb, Product Marketing*

## Nancy's letter



You have probably been hearing about the new registration process that is starting for our fall registration. Parents will now be able to register online through National which means a lot less money handling for you as Unit and District Guiders.

Returning girls received a registration form from the Provincial office which allowed them to register there up until June 15, 2011. That deadline was firm so the Provincial staff will have time to input all the registrations they receive before the National online system starts August 1, 2011. At that time both returning girls and new members will be able to register through internet access. Although we will not turn away girls who do not have internet access we do want to encourage those who can register online to do it that way. Anyone who needs a subsidy or wants to make time payments will register through the Provincial office.

This fall our registration events will be different. Parents will not be filling out the registration form, just health forms and picking up any unit newsletters as well as meeting the Guiders that will be working with their daughters. Small cards will be available with the registration site printed on one side, branch levels on the other for the parents to take home to register online.

Unit maximums have been set by each District so units will not be overfilled. There will be a waiting list in case room becomes available and those girls will be contacted in order. If a space does not become available the girls will be offered another unit if possible and if nothing can be found that works, they will receive a refund of their registration money.

As with any change we will encounter "bumps in the road" but a positive attitude will go a long way to overcoming those obstacles.

Enjoy your summer and I look forward to seeing you back next fall. Lagimodiere Area membership numbers were up this year, let's see if we can do it again next fall.

*Yours in Guiding,  
Nancy Bollenback*

## Crest Challenge

Lagimodiere Area is challenging each of the six Districts and the Trefoil Guild to submit a minimum of one and maximum of five ideas for a new Area crest. It should have a Trefoil as part of the design and be no larger than 4". We would like it to represent the entire new area Interlake, Northeast, Rosswood Valley, St. Boniface, Seven Oaks, and Transcona

More details will follow next fall but put your thinking caps on now. The designs can be from girls or adults and each District will decide how to choose the one(s) they submit. I've seen lots of beautiful crests designed by our members so I'm sure we can come up with some great designs.

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## Lady BP Presentations



The Area would like to congratulate the following girls who have completed the Lady BP Challenge:

### **In attendance:**

Courtney Anderson  
Kiyana Bidochka  
Katrina Cayer  
Megan Chartrand  
Brittany Clark-Karlsson  
Anna Dupre-Ollinik

### **Those unable to attend:**

Leah Favell  
Leyah Fehr  
Alexis Ferguson  
Taylor Franks  
Aimee Hanson  
Meagan Holden  
Kaitlyn Isfeld  
Cassandra Karr  
Alexandra Klein  
Adara Le Page  
Jenna Low  
Breanna Markiewicz  
Madison Moore  
Brianna Nenka  
Destiny Reimer  
Rylee Roussin  
Alexis Stasiuk  
Alexandra Vieira  
Carlie Chartier  
Brehnah Doyle  
Justice McNamara  
Mackenna Nachtigall  
Noell Nowicki  
Lori Radovanovic  
Samantha Rogers  
Courtney Schroeder  
Sarah Schroeder  
Kyra Shaver  
Elizabeth Shearer  
Amanda Siragusa  
Alexi Slobodian  
Kayla Wagner

## Interlake District 1st Stonewall Guide News

### Muzzeum Sleepover!

The museum sleepover was so much fun. We did a lot of stuff. We went to the planetarium to put our stuff for the sleepover down. We went to the science gallery then. There was lots of activities we could do. After we went on a tour of the museum.

We went on a boat. We saw an aquarium. We got to go in the village. We saw a lot of animals. After that we had pizza and a juice box. We went to the science gallery to set up our sleeping bags. Then we went for the planetarium show. We got our pj's on and then went for a flashlight scavenger hunt. Next we went to Cosmomania.

After that, we went to sleep in the science gallery. We sneaked Rice Krispie cake in and we ate it when we went to bed. It was so yummy. Then they announced in 30 seconds they would turn on the lights. After walking up, we ate breakfast. We had fruit, yogurt, muffins and milk. Our legs were sore from sleeping on the ground. We liked the flashlight scavenger hunt. It was scary when everyone screamed. The museum was so much fun!



Thanks to the Stonewall Guides for the story and thanks to Rosswood Valley for the photo of the Sparks who attended the museum sleep over too!

## Amazing Historical Wakeover

by Grace Garneau, Area Youth Event Coordinator



It was a great day for the Amazing Historical Wakeover. We had 37 girls and 14 Guiders.

We met behind the Centennial Concert Hall and each girl was given a T-shirt, bottle of water and a snack. The girls were put into six teams: Downtown, The Forks, St. Boniface, Exchange District, Norwood Grove, and Waterfront.

The first event was the Exchange District Historical Walk. We had two tour guides from The Exchange District BIZ take us on a tour of the East side of Main St. We learnt about the

architecture of buildings, walked the new Waterfront drive, visited Hell's Alley and heard about the importance of the Winnipeg General Strike.

When we got to Old Market Square each group was given an envelope with a clue for the next leg of challenges. The clue directed them to Mountain Equipment Co-op. When they arrived outside, we took a team picture and they were handed a paper with some questions on it. Once inside MEC teams had to find prices of some items. Once this task was completed, they received another

clue that directed them to The MTS Centre, Timothy Eaton statue. Bonnie Patenaude was stationed there and handed out a song sheet. The girls sang "Make New Friends".

The next step was to get on the Downtown Spirit Bus and head over to The Forks. Once there they were handed disposable gloves and a garbage bag for the Tim Horton's Cleanup.

Later, we all met in front of Shaw Park for a pre-game picnic of a hotdog, potato salad, coleslaw, chips and a

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## Amazing Historical Wakeover continued

drink. There was some rain during the game but not enough to "dampen" our spirits.

After the game we left the ball park and walked across the Provencher Bridge to the St. Boniface Cathedral and cemetery. There was a list of questions to answer and directions to St. Philips Church for a quick stop before bowling.

After bowling it was back to St. Philips for pizza, veggies and dip. A movie played while everyone was



designed and ordered the crest. Alissa coordinated the Tim Horton's Clean-up.

As a result of my team's efforts, each girl took home a crest, a Tim Horton's Clean-up T-shirt and a lunch bag. All in all, a successful event.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my team for their hard

eating and some people were too relaxed and fell asleep! We left the rest of the challenges until later.

Yvette came up with some great Minute To Win It type games. Jennifer

work in planning a successful event! Thank you Yvette, Jennifer and Alissa. You made my job super easy!



## Transcona District Girl Guides Celebrate Mardi Gras

by Alissa Wong

Once again this year the Transcona Girl Guides entered a float in The Transcona Hi Neighbour Festival Parade. This year's parade theme was Mardi Gras, the float was designed by the 307 Rangers and was put together with the help of the 303 Pathfinders, a leader of the 155<sup>th</sup> Brownies and a father who volunteered his truck and trailer. Every year Transcona Biz awards a prize for the three best floats, this year The Transcona Girl Guides were honoured to receive 3<sup>rd</sup> prize.

Along with winning 3<sup>rd</sup> place, many of the Transcona Girls Guides participated in a community service project. All the girls helped by collecting donations of food and \$279.94 for the Transcona Food Bank while walking the parade route.

Some of the girls stayed at the festival to help man an information booth. The booth featured information about all levels of Guiding, our famous Girl Guide Cookies, a fishing pond for kids to get goodie bags, and a draw for a free membership for the 2011/2012 Guiding year. It was a wonderful day to publicize Girl Guides in our community.



## Northeast District Camp at Caddy Lake Camp

by Shauna Cornwell

Caddy Lake Camp is a must have experience for all girls. The Camp itself is so full of history and tradition and you can't help but get caught up in the wonder and beauty of it all. Situated on the beautiful Caddy Lake in the Whiteshell, this camp first opened in 1949 and has nearly perfected the art of temporarily housing over 100 girls and women for a weekend. The campsites are nestled high up on the rocky land and are beautiful and rugged. Everyone quickly gets used to the rough trek up and down to pretty much everywhere and the scenery is incomparable.

This year's theme was "Don't Bug Me" and it must have worked because remarkably Sarah and I did not even pull out our bug spray. Mosquitoes were a non-issue. Our days were filled with cookouts (weiners cooked in an empty milk carton), campfire sing alongs, scavenger hunts, swimming, relays, games, orienteering, bug collecting, and crafts. Meals were mostly in the lodge and the food was amazing. "Tacos in a bag" and "Mud Pie" seemed to be fan favourites and there was no shortage of girls asking for seconds of everything with the activity level so high. True to "guiding" form independence and responsibility were encouraged throughout the weekend and the four mealtime roles of hopper (person in charge of getting food from the kitchen and seconds for the table), scraper, dish clearer and wiper were sought after positions. Funny how giving a fancy title to things as such an allure! These mealtime responsibilities are only a snippet of the many traditions that the Girl Guides take part in. The rich

history and multitude of customs the girls experience is woven throughout the weekend.

We were so blessed this weekend when it came to food. Sarah's former Sparks leader, Melanie suffers from many allergies, including peanuts. She and her mom Pat, were in charge of all of the food and cooking for the weekend, which was obviously a dream come true for us. We could rest assured that Sarah could eat everything like everyone else... safely. It was such a relief!

The highlight of the weekend had to be the "Ugly Bug Ball" on Saturday night at the lodge. There were few "ugly" bugs but instead tons of adorable girls all decked out as butterflies, lady bugs, bumble bees and other insects. The ball featured decorations made by the girls themselves, tons of dancing, closed circuit video, a drink fountain, games, contests and prizes. Sarah and her friend Amelia were proud winners of the jitter bug contest for all of the Brownie groups. Man, were they cute!

Our smaller group consisted of 14 wonderful Brownies and four adults on the Jack Pine Site. Our girls were excellent. They worked together so well, helped one another, never complained, were responsible and hardworking. Seeing them co-operate and help each other lug fifty pound bags up and down rocky inclines was heartwarming. These girls were funny, funloving and so full of personality. Us four moms, were in awe of them all and so enjoyed every minute of the weekend being with them. I was so lucky to share this experience with

one of my oldest friends, Tammy. We laughed so much and despite little sleep and no down time wouldn't have changed a thing.

Guiding gets in your blood. In many cases guiding and leading is continued on for generations. The guiding leaders I met this weekend were all remarkable and inspirational women. They are incredible role models for the girls they lead, and the time, energy, heart and soul they put into their weekly meetings for their Sparks, Brownies, Girl Guides, and Pathfinders is phenomenal. So of course, true to form, camp is no different. There is no detail left unturned and the girls leave with an experience they will remember for a lifetime.

Our own "Brown Owl" is exceptional. Jodi is creative, kind, resourceful and patient beyond words. She has a way with the girls that is so distinctive and her sense of humour is unmatched. A mom of three girls herself, she so gets it and is one of the most "real" people I know. I am so grateful to her for the experience she has given my daughter and the daughters of many. Thanks Brown Owl!

To all the moms out there... If you are looking for an exceptional extra-curricular activity for your daughter starting at kindergarten age and up.... I highly recommend looking to the Girl Guides of Canada. The programs encourage friendship, confidence, resourcefulness, courage, and promote making a difference in the world. What more could we want for our girls?



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*Dressed for the ball*



*Sarah and Shaunna*



*Yummy breakfast*



*Waterfront time*



*Bugs ready to go!*



*Dancers ready*

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*Time for a hike*



*Craft time*



*Meal's over - time for clean-up!*



*Bonnie Patenaude putting the finishing touches on the Waterfront Jinx*



*Service to Caddy - painting the Waterfront Jinx*

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*Busy bees!*



*Free swim*

*Butterflies on a walk*



*Mother and daughter enjoying the sunshine*

*Trying out the water craft*



## Manitoba Council Provincial Awards Day

On Saturday, June 18th, 2011 at Sturgeon Creek United Church, young women in Manitoba were applauded for receiving the Canada Cord or The Chief Commissioner's Award.

Lagimodiere Area was pleased to have four Pathfinders receive their certificates for earning the Canada Cord.

Congratulations girls and their Guiders!



Interlake District: Jennifer Arcand and Shaelyn Pepper, their Guiders, Kelly Leask and Samantha Shulha



Doreen Pattie, Deputy Provincial Commissioner cutting the cake



St. Boniface District: Che Carr and Nicole Buzza Puritch and their Guider Tamara Elias

## Hat Fashions from the Area Annual!



## Crocus Trefoil Guild Out and About



Jean Sorko, Sharon Romanow, Dianne Cechvala, Virginia Greening, Mary Bergman, Effie Peiluck and Marjorie Doyle at the annual Thinking Day Luncheon



Trefoil Guild enjoying an evening out at Smitty's

