Upper Ohio Valley Girl Scout Council

Served Upper Ohio Valley Area

Date GS Council Information

1924 Wheeling Jane Deeter Rippin, National Executive Director, came to a Rally on Wheeling Island to present the first Golden Eaglet in this area.

1932 (Steubenville Area) First Troop begun in Steubenville-Leader: Mrs. Sarah Ormsby. Began as Intermediate Girl Scout Troop, but became a multi-age level troop by 1946. Troop included First Class (Senior Age Level), Second Class (Cadette age level), and Intermediate (Junior age Level) Girl Scouts. The group split in 1946, Troop 2 remained an Intermediate group, while the First & Second Class girls formed new Troop 3, still lead by Sara Ormsby.

1941 Steubenville Area organization of the Steubenville Area Council

Goodwill Tour of South America conducted by GS of Steubenville (Launch-type event)

1945 Steubenville Area Delegates attended GS National Convention

Steubenville: Mrs. W. Cole & Mrs. J.W. Paddock

Wintersville: Mrs. Grover Bell

1950 Steubenville Area 38th Anniversary celebrated in Harding School Auditorium

1951 Steubenville Area National Convention Delegates – Mrs. W. Cole & Mrs. JW Paddock

(Steubenville), Mrs. Grover Bell, (Mingo Jct.)

1958 Steubenville Area GS Kenova Region Conference held at the Commodore Perry Hotel,

Toledo OH

1962 Steubenville Area/

Upper Ohio Valley Annual Meeting held Elks Club, Wheeling, WV – January 17

Newly Formed Council: Upper Ohio Valley GS Council

Council formed by the merging of 6 Councils:

Moundsville-Glendale GS Council became District 1 – Chair: Mrs. David Wilson

Became District 1 – Chair:

Steubenville GS Council became District 3 – Chair: Mrs. Leo Coulehan

Bellaire-Shadyside became District 5 – Chair:

1963 Upper Ohio Valley Project 27 = The reformation of council areas (Planning began in 1962 but new council took effect in January 1963) encompassing counties in Ohio: Belmont, Harrison, Jefferson, & Monroe; WV: Brooke, Hancock, Marshall, Ohio & Wetzel - 6 Districts

Neighborhoods (sub-divisions or "Service Units") were formed. Area Chairs appointed

Chester & Newell Neighborhood – Mrs. Charles French

Weirton, Paris, & Florence Neighborhood - Mrs. Merlin Mueller

Hill & River Neighborhood – Mrs. R.C. Mahaffey

Purchase of "The Farm" from Hannah Coal Company for use as a GS camp located in the Steubenville Area. Committee Involved: Dorothy Wells, Sarah Ormsby, Dorcas Hendricks, Alice Reasoner, Virginia Burkhardt, Eva Slee, & Helene Erwine - Sept. 18

1964 Upper Ohio Valley Council's first coordinated Cookie Sale. - March

1965 Upper Ohio Valley 2nd Annual Delegate meeting Jan 19th in the Glendale Methodist Church – January

Vice Pres., Sally Cox; Corresponding Sec., Lorna Chaney; Recording Sec., Connor Dobbins; Treas. Shari Murphy.

Council advisor Mrs. Ruth Fontaine begins term – January

1966 Annual Meeting held Gessner Auditorium, Belmont Hills Country Club, OH – January 18

1967 Upper Ohio Valley Girl Scout Council Annual Meeting held January 30, at the First Presbyterian Church in Martins Ferry.

Girl Scouts To Dedicate Scout House –Oct 1967 In keeping with the Indian theme names for the camp and unit sites "Skanowunde Lodge" has been selected as the name for the building. The name derives from the Huroquois Indian tribe and means "across the creek".

New Day Camp site -Camp Pocahontas; two new houses (one at Giscowheco and the other at Bonnie Belmont)

"The Challenge of Leadership is the theme of the Girl Scouts National conference to be held in Cincinnati. Approximately 900 Girl Scout adults from Region IV, comprised of Ohio; West Virginia, Kentucky and parts of Indiana are expected at the meeting. – Oct.

Delegates attending from the Upper Ohio Valley GS Council include Mrs. Frank Dondzila of Wintersville, Mrs. Wayne Cole of Steubenville, Mrs. Ted Hubbard of Beech Bottom, Mrs. Grover Bell of Mingo Junction and Mrs. James Maxwell of Smithfield.

Development of the Piper Project. Mrs. Iwayne Cole is a Council Piper. The keynote address will be given by Mrs. John D. Hesselbein of Johnstown, Pa. on the subject, "What is Leadership?"

A progress report on the New Design for Leader Training will be presented

1968 5th Annual Meeting held at the Presbyterian Church, 4th & Walnut Street, Martins Ferry, OH. – January 16

"Behind the Scenes" a 16mm recruitment film, featuring Honorary National Piper Debbie Reynolds, shows how adult volunteers can make things happen in communities in Girl Scouting.

Regional change, it is proposed that there be 6 Regions instead of the present 12. Region III and IV have been selected to serve as a Pilot program, target date, of March 31, 1968 for completion of these Regions -to become part of Region II, which will include Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia and District of Columbia. Regional office location, Washington, D.C. - March 31

Area Chairmen following volunteer adults will serve for the next three years as chairmen of the following Areas:

Mrs. Marlin Chaplin & Mrs. Willard McPherson -Woodsfield

Mrs. John K. Chase, Jr. -Moundsville

Mrs. Orville Braun -Wheeling

Mrs. Ben Zuboski -Martins Ferry

Mrs. Franklin Palmer -Wellsville

Mrs. James Maxwell -Smithfield

Mrs. Robert Wells -Steubenville

Mrs. W. J. Malicki -Cadiz

Mrs. Parnell Anderson -Flushing

Miss Mary Burch, Executive Director

Girl Scout News Mrs. Carol Boyd of Wintersville, council recruitment chairman attended a three-day conference at Cacapon Lodge, Berkeley Springs, WV., - reports of the "Piper Project", which was launched internationally in October, 1967 during the National Council meeting in Detroit. - May

Mrs. John T. Madden of Moundsville, W. Va. held first meeting as Advisor to the Senior Planning Board on Saturday, October 5th, Wheeling. The officers of the Senior Planning Board:

President, Brenda Bridgeman, New Martinsville

Vice President, Agnes Coyne, Bridgeport

Secretary, Gerry Sheldon, McMechen

The segment of our Communities formerly called The Neighborhoods are now called UNITS. The administrative head of the Unit is called the Service Unit Director. – October

Annual Meeting at Wilson Lodge, Oglebay Park – Nov. 19

1969 Upper Ohio Valley Sixteen members of the Board of Directors participated in Board Training on Wilson Lodge, Oglebay Park, Wheeling, W.Va. The course was conducted by Miss Margaret (Peg) Pruett, our Council Consultant from the Region II office in Washington, D. C. and the purpose was to study and analyze the leadership role of the Board in providing an effective Girl Scout program for the girls in the jurisdiction for which the Council has responsibility. - May 1969

Development of ACTION 70- The ideas behind it were a result from two nationwide Girl Scout events: the 1967 Senior Conference Service in the Inner City and the 1968 Senior Speakout.

Kick. Off Dinner of The Upper Ohio Valley GS Council of District III at St. Anthony Church, Steubenville, OH. – Sept. 20

Mrs. Sam Miles to appointed Executive Director of the Council. - Oct.

The Seventh Annual Meeting held at the Saint Agatha Hall in Steubenville, Ohio. - Nov. 18 New Officers begin terms:

President Mrs. George Schafer

1st V. P Mrs. William Beam

2nd V. P Mrs. Sam Mi1es

3rd V. P Mrs. Charles Klima

Secretary Mrs. Ronald Starr

Treasurer Mrs. D. E. Greeneltch

1972 Upper Ohio Valley 10th ANNUAL MEETING of the Upper Ohio Valley Girl Scout Council held at the Presbyterian Church in Warwood, WV - Nov. 2

1973 Upper Ohio Valley Girl Scout Council Meeting held at the First United Presbyterian Church, Wheeling, Ohio County, WV to consider and take action upon a proposed Agreement of Merger dated March 1, 1973, between Mountain Laurel Girl Scout Council, Inc., Four Rivers Girl Scout Council, Inc., Vandalia Girl Scout Council, Inc., and Upper Ohio Valley Girl Scout Council, Inc. - April 26

Girl Scout Center has been opened in Steubenville at the St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 4th and Adams St.

Barbara Ann Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davis, Rugged Acres, Cadiz, OH, an active 11-year old and a Girl Scout for five years, submitted the name Black Diamond, which was selected from suggestions from 365 Girl Scouts. Barbara chose the name because it is another name for coal, the leading industry in all three states.

Members of Area Association I of the Black Diamond Girl Scout Council Saturday at Jefferson County Technical Institute in Steubenville for the first time since the council's organization and nominated Mrs. John D. Gump of Wintersville as area association's chairman.

1977 Troop 3431, Weirton-Paris-Florence Service Unit received Conservation Ribbon Award from the WV Dept. of Natural Resources