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Subject: Girl Scout request for help

Many thanks for cramming me into the beginning of your agenda. I got a bit rattled knowing I needed to make it very short. So perhaps you might be willing to forward the following message to your members. By the end of your meeting they may have forgotten to sign that sheet and/or may not have understood what I was requesting. I truly appreciate your assistance. Shelly Hartney, 45-year volunteer for Girl Scouts (6 years in Illinois, 7 years in Michigan, and 32 years here in Durango!)

Dear member of the League of Women Voters:

I was graciously granted permission to make an announcement at the beginning of your meeting on May 10th. But I was very nervous due to knowing I was given time from your regular agenda. Please allow me to elaborate a bit.

This is my 45th year as a Girl Scout volunteer and I have volunteered to coordinate the activities in SW Colorado which will celebrate the 100th birthday of Girl Scouts USA. But I need help. Those women who are currently leaders of troops or groups are usually overwhelmed with duties to those girl members. I am looking for some assistance from women who have been members of Girl Scouts at some time in the past. In March of 1912 Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low telephone a group of girls in her hometown of Savannah, Georgia and said she had something for them - and for all girls - that they would like to do. That is how she founded the first-ever Girl Scout troop in the United States. She had for several years lived in England where she had met Lord and Lady Baden-Powell. Lord Baden-Powell had founded the Boy Scouts in England, and year or so later his wife had liked it so much, she founded the Girl Guides. Juliette Low had known them both and helped lead girls in England. She felt it was something that should be carried with her back to the United States. So we are about to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scouts USA in 2012. We want to create a regional birthday celebration that will entice all current members in our 5 counties to participate but also many new members. But I need ideas and assistance to make this happen. We are planning a big event for March 10, 2012. Can you provide creative ideas? Or perhaps you could help with getting such an event set up or completed and "cleaned up". Maybe you would like to help create historic displays for all of our libraries and museums in these five counties. If you are willing to help in even the smallest way, please let me know. There will probably be monthly meetings to plan this event, beginning late this month.

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