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**River Valleys board president to be inducted into international society**

(ST. PAUL, MN) Phyllis A. Willerscheidt, of Lilydale, Minn., board president for Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys, will be inducted into the Olave Baden-Powell Society (OB-PS), an international organization that supports the mission of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). A supporting member of the organization since 1998, Willerscheidt will be presented with a membership certificate and the HRH Princess Benedikte Award at a special OB-PS ceremony in Vancouver, British Columbia on April 24.

Willerscheidt, an active volunteer in the Twin Cities community, is passionate about helping girls and women succeed. Of particular note is her work as chair of the board of directors for Girl Scout of the USA's national convention held in Minneapolis in 1993, and her work with the Archdiocesan Commission on Women and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishop's Committee on Women in Church and Society. Willerscheidt's Girl Scout involvement spans more than 30 years as a volunteer, serving with St. Croix Valley's executive board and on many committees, including CEO searches, property, and planned giving. She has received numerous community and Girl Scout honors and awards for her work, including the esteemed Thanks Badges I and II.

In becoming an OB-PS member, she joins 824 members in 55 counties from Argentina to Zimbabwe who share her passion. Their donations support the work of international Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting worldwide, helping to invest in future leadership by young women, who will lead their families, communities, countries, and the world.

The Olave Baden-Powell Society, formed in 1984, is named after Olave, Lady Baden-Powell, the World Chief Guide who was dedicated to the advancement of Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting around the world. HRH Princess Benedikte of Denmark is the active, involved Patron of the Society, with the same dedication to the advancement of girls through Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting.

**About Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys**

In partnership with nearly 18,000 adult volunteers, the Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys helps 49,000 girls each year—in all or portions of 49 counties in southern Minnesota and western Wisconsin—to discover new abilities, connect with new friends, and take action to improve their communities. Girl Scouts is the world's preeminent leadership development organization for girls, building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. For more information, call 800-845-0787 or visit [www.girlscoutsv.org](http://www.girlscoutsv.org).

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