

## **Famous women who were Girl Scouts**

Girl Scouting is an integral part of a girl's development. Just look at the list of women who count scouting as a part of their life's history! Such a list is no accident. Girl Scouting teaches empowerment and encourages young women to be all that they can be. That the list of Girl Scout alumni includes many successful women in many different fields is the natural result of such a philosophy. An amazing 64 percent of today's female leaders listed in *Who's Who of American Women* in the United States (civic, corporate, political, etc.) were once Girl Scouts!

## **Women of Distinction**

Last year, River Valleys honored its first eight Women of Distinction. The Women of Distinction honorees are role models whose professional accomplishments, leadership and community contributions inspire girls to reach their highest potential. All eight honorees had been a Girl Scout, which only reinforces our message that Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.

The 2009 Women of Distinction are:

Dr. Meria Joel Carstarphen, Superintendent of Schools, Saint Paul Public Schools  
Pamela J. Moret, Executive Vice President, Strategic Development, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

Deborah L. Hopp, Vice President for Publishing of MSP Communications, Inc. and Publisher of Mpls. St.Paul Magazine

Marianne D. Short, Managing Partner, Dorsey & Whitney LLP

Sharon Goode Ryan, Distinguished Philanthropist and Volunteer

Trudy Rautio, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Carlson

Gloria Perez, President and Chief Executive Officer, Jeremiah Program

Dr. Kristi Curry Rogers, Assistant Professor, Biology and Geology, Macalester College

The 2010 Girl Scouts Women of Distinction luncheon will be at The Depot in Minneapolis on **April 8, 2010**. The event features Dr. Mae Jemison, a former Girl Scout and the first woman of color in space, as the keynote speaker. [Learn more about the upcoming event here.](#)

## **Other nationally known former Girl Scouts are:**

Candace Bergen - Actress

Lynda Carter- Actress

Sheryl Crow - Singer/Songwriter

Blythe Danner- Actress (Gwenyth Paltrow's mother)

Carrie Fisher - Actress, Author

Susan Lucci – Actress

Martha Stewart – Actress

Lois Juliber- president, Colgate Palmolive

Karen Katen- vice president, Pfizer

Elaine Jones- head of NAACP Legal Defense & Education Fund  
Patricia McGuire- president, Trinity College  
Molly Murphy MacGregor- executive director National Women's History Project  
Tammy Baldwin – (D) Wisconsin House of Representatives  
Chelsea Clinton, daughter of Bill Clinton, (42<sup>nd</sup> President)  
Nancy Reagan - wife of Ronald Reagan (40th President)  
Hillary Rodham Clinton- U.S Senator., Wife of Bill Clinton (42nd President)  
Laura Bush - wife of George Bush (43rd President)  
Chelsea Clinton - daughter of Bill Clinton (42nd President)  
Tipper Gore - wife of Vice President Al Gore  
Joan Mondale- wife of Vice President Walter Mondale  
Dr. Millie Hughes Fulford. - Former astronaut; head of Research Lab  
Dr. Tamara Jernigan- astronaut  
Cynthia Rosenweig- NASA research scientist  
Dr. Rhea Seddon- astronaut  
Dr. Kathryn Sullivan- astronaut  
Dr. Kathryn Thornton- astronaut  
Sandra Day O'Connor- associate justice, U.S. Supreme Court  
Col. Jeanette Edmunds, Jeanette– U.S. Army War Reserve  
Brig. Gen. Carol C. Elliot- U.S. Air Force  
Ann Moore- publisher, "People" magazine  
Susan Taylor - editor-in-chief, "Essence" magazine  
Shannon MacMillan - women's World Cup member  
Gail Marquis - Olympic basketball medalist; basketball commentator  
Holly McPeak- beach volleyball professional  
Kerri-Ann Tiernan - first woman coach for men's basketball  
Renee Powell – first African-American on the LPGA