

# Court of Awards

Special to the Town Crier

The Wayland Girl Scout Service Unit recently held its Older Girl Scout Court of Awards, noting the accomplishments of Girl Scouts in grades 6 to 12.

This event celebrated troop activities as well as Council-level recognitions, and provided the opportunity to “bridge” to the next level of Girl Scouting.

Wayland is a member of the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts, which has 47,000 members. Violet Apple of Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts was present to discuss the history of the awards and to present citations to our Gold Award recipient.

Honored at the Court of Awards was Alexandra Beer of Troop 73158, who earned her Bronze Award for her participation in the Wayland Green Team’s effort at Claypit Hill School to build compost bins and raise awareness of environmental

issues.

Receiving their Silver Awards were no fewer than 15 ninth-grade students from Troops 73143 (Zuzu Blom, Christine Burke, Michelle Casey, Andrea Meindl, Daly Place, Brooke Paoella, Katie Torres and Katie Beal) and 73144 (Julia Herbordt, Ally Nolan, Isabel Pongratz, Melanie Sciba, Katie Selig, Megan Selig and Nora Wolf).

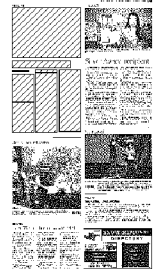
Their Silver Award projects recognized a highly diverse variety of service to the community, including work at Buddy Dog Animal Shelter, support for the Fresh Air Fund, meals for shelters, restoring the courtyard at Happy Hollow School, collecting books for a school in Peru, beautification of areas in Wayland, and raising awareness for Trisomy X, a genetic disorder.

The evening culminated with the presentation of the

Gold Award, the highest recognition in Girl Scouting, to Christine Cocce, whose service project supported soldiers stationed abroad. Only 6 percent of Girl Scouts nationwide earn the Gold Award. Cocce is to be commended for staying with Girl Scouts since kindergarten and accomplishing such a noteworthy recognition.

Wayland Selectman Susan Pope joined us with citations for all of the award recipients, and Rep. Tom Conroy, D-Wayland, provided citations from the Massachusetts General Court honoring the girls for all their hard work.

The Girl Scout service team is most appreciative of all the hard work that the leaders, parents and girls have put forth to keep Girl Scouting in Wayland alive and thriving as we look forward to celebrating our 100th anniversary on March 12, 2012.





**The Older Girl Scout Court of Awards celebrated troop activities and Council-level recognitions.** COURTESY PHOTO