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Symphonicity will present its 35th annual offering of the Handel's Messiah Sing-Along to the Hampton Roads community on Saturday, December 23rd, at the Sandler Center for the Performing Arts. The concert will begin at 8 PM. Symphonicity's Messiah Sing-Along is a free concert.



Girl Scout luncheon recognizes local Famous Formers

"The power of the Girl Scouting experience is evident in the stories of the seven honorees."

GSUSA Chief G.I.R.L. & Parent Engagement Officer Andrea Bastiani Archibald served as keynote speaker at the luncheon celebration held on November 2nd in Norfolk to honor seven Girl Scout Famous Formers and one Future Famous Former (new category). Due to unforeseen circumstances Sylvia Acevedo, CEO Girl Scouts of the USA, was unable to attend.

Andrea Bastiani Archibald is a developmental psychologist. She received her doctoral and postdoctoral training at Columbia University's National Center for Children and Families. Her opening question was a rhetorical "Is Girl Scouting still relevant today?" which she answered with "Absolutely, yes it is!"

Dr. Bastiani Archibald employed several examples to support her premise that Girl Scouting is the best leadership experience for



GSUSA Board Chair Carolene Goodwyn-Harris (far left) and GSUSA CEO Tracy Keller (far right) with 2017 Girl Scout Famous Formers: Anne Conner; Carol Curtis; Nicole Stuart; Cecelia Tucker; Betty Wade Coyle; Nancy Welch; Katherine Glass; and (Future Famous Former) Amy Godby.

evident in the stories of the seven honorees. As Tracy Keller, Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast, Chief Executive Officer, stated in the program brochure, an amazing 64 percent of today's women leaders in the United States (civic, corporate, political, etc.) were once Girl Scouts- 90 percent of U.S. female astronauts, 80% of female tech leaders, 75% of U.S. female senators, and more than half of female business owners.

On the other hand, Dr. Bastiani Archibald also acknowledged that we still have a long way to go. In a country where 50.8% of the population is female, only 19% of the House of Representatives are women, 21% of Senators; and only 6 governors (of 50 states) are women. Among Fortune 500 companies, only 32 CEOs are women. Although 47% of law school graduates are women, only 22% of law firm partners are women.



Honoree Nancy Welch, MD, Public Health Director, Chesapeake Health Department (center) with GSUSA CEO Tracy Keller (left) and GSUSA Board Chair Carolene Goodwyn-Harris (right)



Congratulations to the 2017 Girl Scout Famous Formers who carry the G.I.R.L. DNA of Girl Scouts – they are the Go-getters, Innovators, Risk-takers, and Leaders in our communities!

- Tracy Keller, Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast, Chief Executive Officer

girls because it builds girls of courage, confidence, and character through activities which foster a love for the outdoors, a sense of camaraderie, teamwork, and respect. She also recognized the power of Girl Scouting's goal-oriented, supportive environment.

The power of the Girl Scouting experience is



Patricia King and Vinnie Terrell

Dr. Bastiani Archibald encouraged the attendees both male and female to support Girl Scouting and to encourage girls to pursue their dreams. She concluded with a word of thanks. "I truly and earnestly thank-you" to all the role models, mentors, sponsors, and women who support women. "We truly could not do it without you".

For more information, visit girlscouts.org and gsccc.org

Thank you to all the guests who attended this year's event and to GSUSA Chief G.I.R.L. & Parent Engagement Officer Andrea Bastiani Archibald who served as our keynote speaker! Special thanks to Barbara Hamm Lee, Mistress of Ceremonies, and to our sponsors and media partners who made this event possible!

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