

Girl Scouts feed off of helping others

BY TIM SMITH
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The Girl Scouts are equal-opportunity philanthropists.

"We're helping the birds and the poor," said 9-year-old Beth Pedersen, one of the members of Girl Scout Troop 71 who last week made two types of animal feeders during the troop's regular meeting at Longacre Elementary

tary School in Farmington.

"It's something for them to eat during the winter," noted Angie Crudginton, 9.

Some were spreading peanut butter onto bagels, then sprinkling bird seed on top. Others were teaming up to thread pretzels, Frosted Cheerios and Fruit Loops onto yarn. Other troops throughout the area are doing the same in preparation for next

week's annual "Holiday Sing" in Farmington.

During an informal poll of the Longacre-based troop, under the leadership of troop services director Susan Anastasiou, co-leader Andrea Ferriss and parent Sue Crudginton, almost every girl thought the peanut butter-on-bagel version would be more effective than cereal on a string.

"The birds will like the smell of peanut butter better than the cereal,"

HOLIDAY SING

said Morgan Watler, 9.

Caitlin Weinfurter, also 9, made both kinds of feeders and wasn't sure which one she liked best. But that didn't matter.

"Sometimes it's nice to care for the birds," Caitlin said.

The feeders — which scouts insisted would also be helpful for hungry squirrels — will be affixed to a giant evergreen tree outside Farmington City Hall, during the "Holiday Sing," 4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, at Farmington City Hall.

During that event, the girls in the Michigan Metro Girl Scouts Neighborhood 32 will also donate "quarter jars" and toys and sing holiday songs.

The money and toys will be distributed to needy families by Farmington Area Goodfellows.

That fact wasn't lost on the youngsters.

"We're learning about how to help people, making it a better place," said 9-year-old Meghan McNeil.

Karen Turkovich, 10, a fifth-grader, said the community service project should "teach that helping others is very important and teach how it would feel if we were less fortunate than others, and how to feel to give something back."

As much as they love birds and squirrels, the main purpose of the project is to help people, said Elizabeth Ferriss and Lauren Heath, both fourth-graders.

"We want to give them some things so they'll be more fortunate," Elizabeth said.

"It's good to help people that need things," said Lauren, who brought Bean Bag Squishies Mini Gum to be donated to the cause.

Both 9-year-old fourth-grader Nicolette Anastasiou and 10-



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Trooping it up: Members of Girl Scout Troop 71, based out of Longacre Elementary, hold up their "quarter jar" for the "Holiday Sing." Clockwise from far left: Pam Darcy, Angie Crudginton, Beth Pedersen, Caitlin Weinfurter, Emily Leffingwell, Karen Turkovich, Louisa Anastasiou, Christina Pedersen, and (center, with jar) Hannah Peters.

year-old fifth-grader Julie Wallis concurred that the Girl Scouts is the best organization for the do-good job.

"Girl Scouts are very giving," Nicolette said. "They want to help the Goodfellows."

Julie said Girl Scouts "can do a good job (with) this ... because they're responsible and they give."

Susan Anastasiou said the fact

troops are making animal feeders, in addition to their donations, demonstrates the Girl Scout mission of service.

"If they take care of the animals and take care of others, then they'll take care of the world."

"And that's what the Girl Scouts is really all about," she said.

400-plus Girl Scouts doing their part for charity, community

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Through their multi-pronged efforts for the Tuesday "Holiday Sing" in downtown Farmington, hard-working Farmington-area Girl Scouts might be raising community service projects to a higher standard.

Nearly 450 Girl Scouts based out of eight public and private schools in Farmington and Farmington Hills are creating animal feeders, buying holiday gifts and stuffing coins into "quarter jars." The scouts are members of 30 troops (some

schools have several troops) that comprise Michigan Metro Girl Scouts Neighborhood 32. Troops range from kindergarten (Daisy) to high school (Senior).

At the "Holiday Sing," 4 p.m. Tuesday at Farmington City Hall (hosted by the troops based out of Longacre Elementary School) the Girl Scouts will:

■ Donate unwrapped gifts to the Farmington Goodfellows, who will then distribute them to needy families in the area.

■ Empty their "quarter jars" into a large container at city hall, to be presented to the wife

of a muscular dystrophy patient who lives at the Greenery Nursing Home. That money will help the wife, herself afflicted with cerebral palsy, pay for transportation to and from her Pontiac home.

According to Girl Scout spokeswoman Susan Anastasiou, girls throughout Neighborhood 32 have been "collecting now for six to eight weeks."

■ Take their homemade animal feeders and put them onto the giant evergreen tree outside city hall to help provide food for birds and squirrels.

"They'll decorate the tree, light the tree and then sing six Christmas songs," said Anastasiou.

The 30 troops in Neighborhood 32 are based out of: Longacre, Flanders, Gill and Hillside elementarys, Power Mile School and Farmington High School, all in the Farmington Public School District; Our Lady of Sorrows; and St. Paul Lutheran School.

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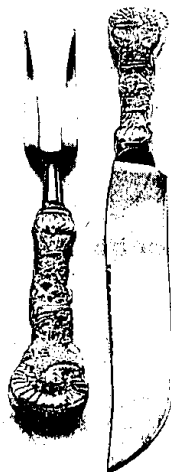
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