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### **Women of Distinction Selected by Girl Scouts**

Elegance and appreciation will surround the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Women of Distinction Gala held by the Girl Scout Council of Cannon Valley on Sunday, February 13, 2005 when the following eight women will be honored for their contributions to their community:

Kathy Lean	Promoting Diversity	Northfield
Mary Ann Bigaouette	Preparing Women	Belle Plaine
Barb Penny	Strengthening Community	Waseca
Mary Quinn Crow	Leadership	Northfield
Pat Pariseau	Government	Farmington
Tami Sens-Coonrod	Education	Janesville
Patti Riebold	Philanthropy	Red Wing
Deb Scheil	Math/Science	Faribault

Twenty-seven women received nominations in the above categories and Girl Scouts from LeSueur and Cannon Falls made the final determination of the honorees. The girls read over all supporting information and used their decision-making skills to arrive at consensus to select each woman to receive each award. Through this process, reactions of the selection committee included comments by girls about being impressed at the enormous contributions made by all of the nominees and that they were inspired by the passion and commitment of each woman as revealed by her nominator and letters of support.

Girl Scouts from Lake City and Prior Lake will introduce the Women of Distinction at the recognition dinner held on February 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at The Grand of Northfield. The gala event is sponsored by The 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank of Northfield. A silent and live auction with items donated from around the council area will be held with proceeds used to support the Girl Scout Council of Cannon Valley's programs and opportunities.

To receive your personal invitation or to purchase a ticket (\$40 for non-Girl Scout members and \$35 for members) contact Marcia Morris-Beck at the council at [marcia@gscv.org](mailto:marcia@gscv.org) or 507-645-6603 (metro) or 800-344-4757 from greater Minnesota. You may also contact Marcia with contributions for the auction. Donations are also encouraged to sponsor a Girl Scout to attend the event so girls can learn from these Women of Distinction.

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