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From Brownie to Girl Guide leader, Mulligan has spent 25 enjoyable years with organization

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The Champion

Letitia (Tish) Mulligan loves kids. That's one of the reasons the local district Girl Guide leader has stayed with the organization for 25 years.

"They're good kids and it's nice to see them grow up and come out of their shell," she said.

Ms Mulligan will be recognized for her years of service at the district dinner April 5.

"You're recognized at the five, 10, 15-year mark and so on," she said. "I wasn't surprised (for being recognized). I really don't consider 25 years a memorable mark. It's gone by so fast and there are many of us with 20 years or more in guiding so it must be fun."

Ms Mulligan began as a Brownie at the age of seven and then moved up to Girl Guides. She's also been a Brown Owl, Tawny Owl, District Cookie Advisor and Pathfinder leader, to name a few.

When she was in her last year of Guides, the district guide commissioner asked if she wanted to be a Brownie leader.

"I had my own unit of Brownies at 19 (years old)."

Guiding has changed

She's also in charge of the cadet unit — not to be confused with the air force — which is a guide leader training program for the senior part of the branch, like Girl Guides and Rangers.

"The (Guide) program has changed big time," she said, referring to the past 25 years. "When I started we just had Girl Guides, Brownies and the

senior branch. Now we have Sparks, Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders and senior branch."

All leaders now need police checks, she added.

"The girls still love to camp and while we have better equipment then we did 25 years ago, the songs, skits, crafts and games keep coming around."

If the girls want to get in touch with her they can now e-mail her, something that wasn't available several years ago.

"Sometimes they (Guides) hold meetings in the chat rooms on the Internet," Ms Mulligan said with a laugh.

Overall, Guiding teaches the girls self-confidence, life skills and how to be self-sufficient, she said.

"When we go camping we show the girls how to pack, what to pack. Guides help to build self-esteem in the girls."

Ms Mulligan said her daughter Jenn, now a Guide leader, has been involved with the Guides since birth.

"We need to find new (district) leaders," she said. "It's worthwhile to become a leader. I learned about teenagers long before my daughter was born. The new leaders will bring enthusiasm to the organization."

District Guide Commissioner Kathy Sellers said Ms Mulligan is a wonderful leader and deserves her praise.

"What makes her unique is her dedication. She's worked long and hard for the guide program. She's a great person to lean on. Without leaders like Tish, we couldn't run Guides. It's wonderful to have her around."

Ms. Mulligan summed it up best.

"I believe in the Guide program and all that it offers to young girls or older women."



Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Tish Mulligan (right) of Milton looks over a scrapbook of photos and other memorabilia reflecting her many years in Guiding with daughter Jennifer (left), a leader; Carly Fullerton (front) a Brownie; and Emily Willoughby, a cadet. Ms Mulligan will celebrate 25 years with the Girl Guides of Canada next month.

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9am, 10am, 11am, Noon Plugged In! Encore	9am, 10am, 11am, Noon Plugged In! Encore	9am, 10am, 11am, Noon Plugged In! Encore	9am, 10am, 11am, Noon Plugged In! Encore	9am, 10am, 11am, Noon Plugged In! Encore
5pm, 6pm & 7:30pm Plugged In! Seniors	5pm, 6pm & 7:30pm Plugged In! Cable in the Classroom	5pm, 6pm & 7:30pm Plugged In! The Issue Is...	5pm, 6pm & 7:30pm Plugged In! Week in Review	5pm, 6pm & 7:30pm Plugged In! Living on the Edge
5:30pm Showcase	5:30pm Road Watch	5:30pm Money Week	5:30pm The Issue is...	5:30pm Money Week
6:30pm Optimist TV	6:30pm Focus on Education	6:30pm Osler Health Connection	6:30pm Seniors	6:30pm The Issue is...
Bingo	7:00pm Milton Council, March 26th	7:00pm Halton Region Council, March 28th	7:00pm Showcase	7:00pm SportsZONE Live
8:00pm Halton Hills Council, March 26th	8:00pm	8:00pm	7:00pm Osler Health Connection	8:00pm

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