

# Athenian Dialogue

## Juliette Gordon Low: The Remarkable Founder of the Girl Scouts

*By Stacy A. Cordery*



**Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2026; 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

**Location:** Heritage Center of Brooklyn Center

**Facilitator:** Kary Tillmann, MMC

City Clerk/Treasurer, Zimmerman, MN

**Cost:** \$100 Must be an MCFOA Member to attend.

**(Participant must purchase & read book prior to dialogue)**

Book is available through Amazon (about \$14.94)

Stacy A. Cordery's book "*Juliette Gordon Low: The Remarkable Founder of the Girl Scouts*" tells the life story of a determined and unconventional woman who helped shape the Girl Scouts, one of the most enduring civic organizations in the United States. The book follows Juliette, or "Daisy" as she was affectionately called by her family, from her early life and personal challenges to her groundbreaking work creating the Girl Scouts, an organization built on service, leadership, and community involvement. Cordery presents Low as a practical problem-solver, relationship-builder, and tireless advocate who understood how institutions are created and sustained through persistence and people.

For City Clerks, this book offers relatable insights into working within established systems while still finding ways to improve them. Low faced resistance, limited resources, and skepticism, yet she relied on clear record-keeping, strong networks, and steady follow-through to turn her vision into a long-lasting organization. Her story highlights themes familiar to public service professionals: collaboration, patience, adaptability, strong leadership, and the importance of doing day-to-day work well.

This Dialogue provides a space to reflect on the book through shared discussion, allowing participants to explore how Low's leadership style and commitment to service connect to the role municipal clerks play in supporting local government and community life. The focus remains on understanding the book and drawing practical lessons from Low's experiences that still resonate in public service today.

### Athenian Leadership Dialogue

Leadership Dialogues are conversations that exceed the usual knowledge recall and application process familiar to all Municipal Clerks in training seminars. They explore leadership principles and practices, drawing on the insights contained in a book that all participants have read. Dialogues focus on helping develop critical thinking skills and increasing leadership ability. See the IIMC website, [www.iimc.com](http://www.iimc.com), for more information on this unique program.

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