

Julia (Algya) Warton's Story...

- In 1995, Julia was working at a St. Louis law firm - directly across the street from Phyllis's office - 7800 Bonhomme Avenue
- Initially invited by Lois Linton to go to Eagle Council, Julia sat with Lois, Mark and Pat Andrews whom she knew through her law firm (small world - big God!)
- Lois then recruited Julia to help with various campaigns
- Julia followed Lois' example and recruited her friends and family to help out, too
- Then, on one Friday afternoon in late August of 1996, Lois called Julia to help with another campaign and while talking, Lois received a call from Phyllis, putting Julia on hold
- When Lois returned, she asked Julia if she might be looking for another position as Phyllis was in need of someone to add to her staff
- Julia replied, "No, not really, but I'd be interested in talking with Phyllis!"
- That Friday night, Julia received a call from Phyllis at 9:30 pm. They talked for about 45 minutes and Phyllis invited Julia to come to her office the following week to meet in person
- Phyllis asked her to attend Eagle Council to be held in Washington to get to know the organization, leaders and staff. "It was wonderful - I met so many amazing Eagles and heard speaker after speaker, but the most powerful was Phyllis's keynote address in which she exhorted us all to 'keep fighting the good fight and to never, never give up!'"
- They met thereafter and Phyllis offered Julia the opportunity to work directly for her, which she gladly accepted if Phyllis could wait until after the first of the year because Julia had responsibilities to fulfill and didn't feel that she could leave any sooner
- Phyllis said that she needed someone before January, but to check back with her after the first of the year to see if she had filled the position
- Julia started working for Phyllis directly in February 1997
- Her last assignment before leaving Phyllis's employ in October 2004 for marriage and a move, was organizing Eagle Council AND Phyllis's 75th birthday celebration and fundraiser in Washington, DC
- When Julia suggested to Phyllis that they host a dance with a full orchestra as part of the birthday celebration, Phyllis said, "We don't dance...we've never done that!"



- Well, Phyllis was the last person off of the dance floor that night! She loved it and so did our Eagles and guests
- Two weeks later, Phyllis attended Julia's wedding
- They continued to stay in touch through the years and Julia last saw Phyllis at Eagle Forum's State Presidents' Roundtable in January of 2016; their final correspondence was July 2016
- Since Phyllis's passing, God has put it on Julia's heart to work with Eagle Forum once again, helping in various capacities out of love for Phyllis as well as respect for the mission, members, leaders and legacy of Eagle Forum



The work experience, opportunities and personal time I had with Phyllis (6 days a week over the course of 7 ½ years) was truly amazing and life-changing!! I was grateful then and still now to Lois for taking me under her wing and for introducing me to Phyllis and to Eagle Forum.

I am equally grateful to once again have the opportunity to work with so many remarkably selfless women and men, patriots devoted to God, family and country through Eagle Forum. To be a part of a larger, and much grander mission and story than just my own is a gift that I will always treasure!

I pray that we continue fighting for what is good, true and right and that we invite others to join us. So many, like myself, just need to be invited and encouraged to get involved. Phyllis's exhortation is just as powerful today as it was years ago, 'We must keep on fighting the good fight and never, never give up' for the sake of our children, grandchildren, and generations of Americans to come.

With deepest gratitude – Julia

Tell us your Eagle story!

- Who introduced or invited you to become a part?
- How are you involved?
- What impact has Eagle Forum and its members had on your life?
- Because of your involvement, how are you affecting the lives of others?

Eagle Council is just five months away! Who are you inviting to join you? Let's inspire others to become a part of the Eagle Forum story! Most are just an 'ask' away!