



The Inner Circle

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Message from the President



Photo: Sally Davis, President

Dear Circle Members,

It is hard to believe that 2009 has come and gone. In the past seven months as President of **The Circle for Children**, I have been touched by the hard work and dedication from so many wonderful ladies in The Circle for Children.

This year our main money-raising efforts go to **The Center for Children and Young Adults (CCYA)**. This residential facility is a place for abused and neglected youth and teenagers who have severe issues that prohibit their being placed in foster care. CCYA provides food, shelter, clothing, education, recreation, medical care and medically approved psychological care for these children. CCYA is one of the few places that keeps sibling groups together.

During my term as president, it was decided that we would host two separate fundraisers instead of one black tie ball and auction. The recession has been hard on everyone, and The Circle for Children has not been immune to the impact. On October 25th The Circle hosted a polo match at Chukkar Farm and the Scuppernong Polo Club in Alpharetta, Georgia. In April we are hosting a Fashion Show and Luncheon in the ballroom of the Georgian Terrace Hotel. The Tory Burch Company has agreed to be our fashion sponsor. All the proceeds of these events will go to help the children at The Center for Children and Young Adults. As Circle members it is crucial for you to participate in making these events successful.

Thank you for giving me the honor to serve as the 2009 - 2010 Circle President. This experience has one that I will cherish for the rest of my life. ●

Sincerely,

Sally

Sally Davis

New Members



Photo: Debbie Wagner, Membership Chair

On November 12, The Circle for Children hosted its annual New Member Luncheon and Orientation at

The Paper Mill Grill. Mary Ann Hiatt helped Membership Chair, Debbie Wagner, with the lovely fall decorations, and guests were treated to a three course meal of their choice. Rita Robb Furness presented information about the interesting history of The Circle for Children, and new members were given packets with current Circle activities and information. Maureen Lok encouraged our members to attend the upcoming Atlanta Polo Classic fundraiser and gave important facts about the great need for funding at our 2009-2010 charity of choice, The Center for Children and Young Adults.

Of course, the highlight of the day was meeting our new members! Circle president, Sally Davis, welcomed our new members and told them that as they could expect "food, fun and fundraising – in

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that order!" The Circle for Children is so fortunate to continue to attract candidates for membership that have shown exceptional leadership in business, community and civic organizations. We are so grateful that these extraordinary women have chosen to dedicate their time and talents to The Circle for Children! ♦

2009-2010 New Members and their Sponsors:

Alicia Andreou

sponsor, *Dottie Rachels*

Donna Bennett

sponsor, *Karen Marsh*

Amanda Campbell

sponsor, *Shirley Whitmire*

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sponsor, *Karen Rosner*

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sponsor, *Elizabeth Waddell*

Yvonne Wilson

sponsor, *Karen Rosner*

The Circle is pleased to partner with **The Center for Children and Young Adults**, dedicated to providing a safe, nurturing environment with comprehensive services for children and young adults who are abused, neglected or at risk. The facility is located in Cobb County and offers transitional living programs for youths from all over Georgia. Please join us in welcoming **Kim Boma**, former Executive Director for the Juvenile Justice Fund, as the new director of The Center for Children and Young Adults. Her studies and previous work have been in the fields of education, law and child advocacy.

Flurries of activities occurred at the Center over the Fall and Winter months. In October, Circle members delivered and served a delicious Taco Bar Dinner to thirty teens and staffers. Everyone sincerely appreciated the special meal catered by Moe's Southwest Grill. In November, braving the wind and rain, new Circle members toured with **Merrill Autry**, Development Manager for the Center, and obtained behind-scenes glimpses of how the campus operates. December brought even more giving, as we presented the kids with over \$1,350 in gift cards to Walmart and Target. Most recently, in January, our organization treated the children and staff to a Chinese feast by Chin Chin's complete with fortune cookies! We will also host a Bar-B-Que dinner in April.

There are additional service opportunities available during the year. The Center needs assistance hosting instructional arts and craft activities, organizing and participating in games, decorating and furniture replacement, cleaning and organizing kitchen pantries, as well as supplying toiletries, bedding and clothing. Please visit www.umbrellaweb.org for more information on The Center for Children & Young Adults.

Kim Sherk
Charity Liaison



Photo: standing left to right - Janie Kissling, Carol Carr, Sally Davis, Rita Robb Furness, Chris Crawford, Dottie Rachels, Kathy Wagner, Chantal Bagwell, Shirley Whitmire and Bridget Conner; seated left to right - Marsha Brenner, Peggy Cannon, Karen Marsh, Cindy Samples, President and Head of School - President Larry Peavy and Mr. Jim Hester (Bridget Conner's father and past Headmaster of Tallulah Falls School).

Circle Takes a Road Trip Back to It's "Roots"



Photo: Janie Kissling, Student Selection Committee

Fourteen members of the Circle returned to their "Roots" at Tallulah Falls School on November 18. Those attending were Sally Davis, Rita Robb Furness, Peggy Cannon, Cindy Samples, Karen Marsh, Dottie Rachels, Shirley Whitmire, Carol Carr, Marsha Brenner, Chantal Bagwell, Bridget Conner, Chris Crawford, Janie Kissling, and Kathy Wagner. Bridget Conner's dad also joined the members at the school, where he was once headmaster.

The Circle Members were treated to a brunch first at the home of Chris Crawford in Gainesville and then were chauffeured up to the school in a TFS bus by Jimmy Cleveland. At TFS, they were greeted by President Larry Peavy and administrators Mark Rasmusson and Pam Fountain, who gave a Power Point Presentation on the growth of the school, future plans, and a new House Bill 1133, the Georgia School Tax Credit Bill, which allows tax credit on donations made to schools such as TFS.

A delicious comfort food meal was enjoyed by all in the cafeteria, where members had the opportunity to talk with administrators and some of the students. Later, the members took a tour of the grounds and saw many "Circle" reminders, from the circle in the gate, the circular ceiling with lights in the library (TFS is the "Light in the Mountains"), and the Circle stained glass in the chapel. Members also noticed the plaque bearing names of past presidents of the Circle and another plaque referring to the **Young Matrons Circle for Tallulah Falls School**, which was the Circle's original name. After viewing classrooms and talking to some of the teachers and the principal, many members stated that they wished their children could have attended such an intimate, caring, and exciting school.

The Circle was created in 1927 to support the TFS as an institution of higher learning for mountain children. The school has now expanded to include students from around world, and the Circle has expanded to serve other children's charities. But we still offer college scholarships each year to the TFS seniors and are a part of the Honors Day in May. We are still an important part of spreading this "light in the mountains", and it was a wonderful field trip to such a lovely spot. ●



Atlanta Polo Classic



Photo: Pam Jordan, Event Chair

On a breathtaking autumn day, The Circle for Children hosted the First Annual Atlanta Polo Classic at Chukkar Farms and Scuppernong Polo Club in Alpharetta, Georgia. The event was held on Sunday afternoon, October 25, 2009 and The Circle for Children members and guests received a

personal lesson in “the sport of kings.” Polo has long been associated with raising dollars for children mainly because of the incredible connection that horses have in the role of fundraising. Horse races, horse shows, and various other events involving horses have been used over the years to raise money for charities.

As Circle members and their guests enjoyed a gourmet box-lunch catered by Parsley’s, sipped wine, watched polo and strolled through the grounds, where unique artwork of oil and watercolor on canvas, handcrafted jewelry and pottery were displayed and offered for sale to benefit our event. The artwork was provided in partnership with the Spruill Center for the Arts, the proceeds of which will be used for The Circle for Children Scholarship fund.

The horses and riders were a favorite for all and the match was made even more interesting through the announcer and owner, Jack Cashin. Jack gave an overview of how the game of polo is played and the art of the sport for all the first time polo fans.

For those of you who supported this event to raise money for The Center for Children, thank you. For those of you who were unable to attend this time, there is always the Second Annual Polo Event to look forward to. ●



Photo: (L-R) Houston Leonard & Celeste Coggin



Photo: Marsha Brenner



Photo: (L-R) Trish Chapman, Shirley Whitmire & Mary Beth Wegener



Photo: (L-R) Jo-Ann Zbytniewski, Keith & Karen Marsh



Photo: (L-R) Peggy Cannon, Dottie Rachels & Donna Shafer



Photo: (L-R) Edward & Clarice Dowdle Frederickson



Photo: (L-R) Tom Crawford, Bill Bechtel & Jerry Lacy



Photo: (L-R) Dolly Fehd & Rita Robb Furness



Photo: (L-R) Elizabeth Waddell & Marianne Bogan



Photo: (L-R) Polly Hogue, Martha Bechtel & Nona Lacy



Photo: (L-R) Chris & Tom Crawford



Photo: (L-R) Shellee Spagnoletto, Sally & Sarah Davis



Photo: (L-R) Bill & Sue Baer, Janie & Ron Kissling

Spring Luncheon & Fashion Show

Our next fundraiser will be The Circle for Children luncheon and fashion show. This spring event will be held Monday, April 19th at Atlanta's most historic midtown hotel, The Georgian Terrace. The Circle is excited to have designer, Tory Burch as our fashion sponsor. The luncheon will begin at 11:30 with silent auction items, raffle drawing of \$1,000 shopping spree at the Tory Burch boutique, jewelry and if the stars are aligned correctly, a new Circle Cookbook will be revealed.

Come enjoy an elegant lunch provided by the Livingston Restaurant at the elegant Georgia Terrace, experience the Tory Burch spring fashions, catch up with old friends and bring new friends to join us in raising money for children in Georgia. In these tough economic times and with the State of Georgia cutting budgets to all social services, it is more important than ever that The Circle members raise as much money as possible to fill in the gaps between government and civic funding.

Valet parking is available or there is ample parking in deck adjacent to hotel. There will only be 200 seats available and tickets will be on sale to the public so reserve your seats early.

To get more involved and offer your services please contact Maureen Lok (maureenlok@yahoo.com) or Pam Jordan (queenpam210@bellsouth.net). ●



Member News



Photo: Kathy Wagner, Corresponding Secretary

Member News

Jean Weathers	home was flooded
Donna Bennet	hospitalized
Liz Sudderth	knee replacement
Maureen Lok	death of her Father-in-law
Cynthia Dolezal	husband, David, had a heart problem
Susan Kolowich	husband, Jim, lost his mother
Chris Crawford	husband, Tom, lost his brother Alex
Ginny Wolf	Mother-in-law passed away

Please send news about our members to the corresponding secretary, Kathy Wagner so that she can send cards to our friends. Kathy's email address: lk522@aol.com [lk522@aol.

Recipes Wanted from Circle Members

I hope that you are all enjoying a fabulous start to 2010. We have a project that you can ALL be involved in.... just a bit of your time is required and you can stay inside, all warm & cozy during the current frigid weather conditions.

Several Circle committee members are working feverishly on putting together the updated Circle cookbook. We will be including recipes from the original printing and those submitted by current Circle members.

I'm sure you all had some tasty dishes during the holidays and we are hopeful that you will share those with us to include in the new cookbook. The cookbook committee reserves the right to include or exclude recipes in the publication, to avoid duplications.

Please submit your favorite recipes in the following categories: appetizers, beverages, meat, fish, veggies, sides, poultry and bread. Your recipes may have their roots in any region of the world... from Southern Fried Chicken to French crepes, Italian dishes, Mexican, Cuban Black bean soup and subs, Chinese stir fry, any and all dishes welcome... the list is endless.

You may even wish to include a favorite condiment sweet or savory, jams, jellies or Grill recipe.... you name it. We have an abundance of desserts, but

we don't want to miss out on some really terrific ones, send them in also.

We ask that you provide them in Microsoft Word format. Additional editing will be done by the cookbook committee, if needed. Please contact me for an example of a recipe format style that is requested.

Send your recipes to: thecircle@bellsouth.net or mail to:

The Circle Cookbook Project
P. O. Box 682855
Atlanta, Ga. 30068

The deadline to submit your recipes was Thursday, February 4, 2010, however contact me if there is a problem with the date.

Thank you for your help in making this cookbook the best ever! ●

Maureen Lok & her
"Taste Kitchen Associates"



Photo: Maureen Lok

December President's Luncheon

Bienvenue au déjeuner du President - translation - Welcome to the President Breakfast. The President's Christmas Brunch was held at Pastis Restaurant located in historic Roswell on December 9th. Danielle Houret-Lam and Suzi Goodman did a fantastic job chairing this event. The Circle Board, New Members and their sponsors enjoyed the fine French cuisine along with craft stations offering wonderful holiday ideas. It was a wonderful way to start the holiday season. Many thanks to Danielle and Suzi. ♦



Photo: (L-R) Elizabeth Waddell, Lynn Lindskoog, Laura Berman and Suzi Goodman



Photo: (L-R) Chris Crawford, Cathy Haire & Dottie Rachels



Photo: (L-R) Bridget Conner, Shirley Whitmire, & Amanda Campbell



Photo: (L-R) Nona Lacy & Susan Flinn



Photo: (L-R) Danielle Houret-Lam, Rita Robb Furness & Martha Bechtel

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Raffle Raises \$1,000

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY

Friday, February 5 - Winter General Meeting & Luncheon, Blue Ridge Grill, Atlanta

APRIL

Friday, April 19 - Luncheon and Fashion Show
Friday, April 30 - Spring Board Meeting

MAY

Friday, May 7 - Spring General Meeting and Luncheon
Installation of Officers for 2010-2011

**Dates are subject to change; please mark your calendars now so that you will be available to attend. Invitations will be sent to all Circle events indicating time, location and other pertinent information ●*



Photo: Susan Kolowich & Sally

Many thanks to C'est Moi, Café Paris and Frameworks for the raffle held in November to benefit The Circle for Children. **Susan Kolowich**, owner and Circle Member, provided four separate gift collections in the raffle. Tickets were purchased for \$5 each and placed in the desired raffle gift collection. The gift collections that were "Girls' Weekend Package," "Collection of items for the Home," "Viertri centerpiece" and "Cooking Theme." The raffle raised \$1,000. Thank you again Susan for your help and generosity in raising monies for The Circle. ●

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