VINTAGE to VOGUE

Shírley's Corner

Dear Circle Girls,

This year is moving so fast. So much has been accomplished in the past few months. I feel proud to be surrounded by such a dedicated group of ladies. I truly appreciate the way you all coordinate with each other and work efficiently in achieving our goals for the year.

Vintage2Vogue is right around the corner. We still have much to do, but everything is on schedule and things keep looking up. 1 love all the excitement our event has created. Sponsorships are coming in! If you want the tax donation for 2017 please submit your sponsorship now. Also, don't wait until the last minute to notify Patti Quinn (phone 954-296-5276) or email patriciaoquinn@hotmail.com) with your auction item. Many thanks to Heather Lindell, a new member, Holly Shetty and Donna Shaffer's husband, Moe for stepping up to the plate to make sure our Golf Tournament is a success. We are so lucky to have Linda Bagley chairing our event with Lt. Governor Casey Cagle serving as our Honorary Chair. No doubt our event will be over the top. I can't wait!

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy holiday season. I look forward to seeing everyone at our Holiday Soiree on December 10th. I hope you can join us.



Love to all,

Shirley Janes President, The Circle for Children



December 2017

A Message from Ball Chair, Linda Bagley





HURRY- HURRY – HURRY

Time is running out for reserving your room at Chateau Elan at our group rate. We are filling up our room block:

\$159.00 Double Room
\$179 King Room
\$279 Inn Suite
Call the hotel (678-425-0900.) Tell them you are with The Circle for Children to receive the discounted rate. You will be asked to give a credit card for a non-refundable deposit of \$15.00.
Rooms can be cancelled 72 hours in advance.

IF YOU ARE A SPONSOR OR YOU SELL A SPONSOR PACKAGE

We will book your room for you based on your level of sponsorship. You can pay for your sponsorship online or by check. Once we have received your payment we will book your room under the sponsorship name.

BUY - BUY - BUY

Visit <u>www.thecircle4children.org</u> to purchase the following: Gala Tickets Golf tournament individual or foursome player tickets Gala sponsorships Golf tournament sponsorships

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Important Dates

Circle Holiday Soiree

at the home of Peggy and Tom Cannon \$20 per person payable online 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. **Sunday, December 10, 2017**

Circle Executive Board Meeting

Hosted at the home of Danielle Houret-Lam 10:00 a.m. **Wednesday, January 17**

Circle Winter Tea

The Four Seasons 75 14th Street N.E. Atlanta, GA \$50 per person payable online 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Wednesday, January 28**

Charity Golf Tournament and Vintage2Vogue Ball Chateau Elan Resort & Winery Saturday, March 24



The 2017/2018 Circle Membership Directory has been completed by Dolly Fehd. Cathy Haire and other Membership committee folks helped with the proofreading. It's a huge job and we really appreciate Dolly's dedication.

The directory will be distributed shortly.

Harriet Eicken and others will be contacting the Life Members who do not have emails to establish a connection. SELL – SELL – SELL

Please help us sell gala and golf tournament sponsorships. Sponsorships start at just \$250.00. There is a sponsorship for every budget.

We have created a Sponsorship Package to help you present the opportunity to businesses and individuals you know who would like to help the needy children of Georgia by sponsoring our gala or golf tournament. Please email me at <u>linda@4yes.com</u> if you would like to receive a printed or digital copy of sponsorship package.

GOLF TOURNAMENT CHAIRS APPOINTED

I'm excited to welcome the following members to our team:

Mo ShaferGolf Tournament ChairmanHeather LindellGolf Tournament Co-chairHolly ShettyGolf Tournament Co-chair

They are working on making the First Annual Circle Golf Tournament "better than it has to be!" We are excited to have them on board.

HELP - HELP - HELP

Auction Chair, Patty Quinn is busy working with her team on both silent and live auction items for our gala. Anyone that is willing to help secure an item for the auction should contact Patti

(<u>patriciaquinn@hotmail.com</u>) to find out which items she needs help securing. If you have a suggestion for an auction item, let me Patti know. We will have themed tables this year and are looking for some quality items, rather than a large quantity of items.

Do you have connections to Super Bowl, SEC Championship, or Masters tickets for 2018? We would love to secure some of these hot tickets for the live auction.

If you are unable to help Patti secure an auction item, we ask that as a Circle member in good standing you please donate to the Auction Buying Fund at <u>http://www.circle4children.org/payment.html</u>

Ball Chair Updates Continued





Scholarship Update

Hannah Gulle is a Tallulah Falls School graduate and Circle Scholarship recipient. Hannah is now a Sophomore at Mercer University studying Mathematics.

Hannah is dedicated to doing well in her studies and is a real go-getter. She has already landed an internship with Georgia Tech at Warner Robbins that started last summer and will continue until she graduates. She is involved in four projects at this time. One of these involves calculating the effect of a room spray in a given space. Another is combining various computer data in four different languages.

Hannah is learning what truly interests her through the experience she has gained from her internship. She doesn't think she wants to pursue a PHD because it would confine her to abstract and theoretical fields and she has found that she prefers to work with practical applications. Her grades are fantastic so if she changes her mind pursuing a PHD would be no problem.

Toni Brookner is Hannah's Circle Scholarship Liaison and they keep in close touch.



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

TALLULAH FALLS SCHOOL TRIP – Eight Circle members drove up to Tallulah Falls School on November 7th for our annual pilgrimage. It was a beautiful and sunny fall day in Northeast Georgia. Members were treated to a tour of the school, which included the Young Matrons Circle building, the Light in the Mountains, signifying the education brought to the poor mountain region, and the beautiful Circle stained glass in the chapel.

Jimmy Franklin, our tour director, spoke in such glowing terms about the Circle for Children and all of our support throughout the years. We also toured the new middle school building and the multi-purpose recreational building. We ate lunch in the new middle school lodge building and met lots of friendly, well-mannered students who are learning to look folks in the eye and respond in conversations with others as part of a twelve-step character building emphasis implemented by President Larry Peevy.

We had a wonderful visit with President Larry Peevy and other staff at the Special Event building where he hosted a tea for us and updated us about some of the latest developments at the school. We left feeling so happy about a great visit and pride that the Circle initiated this wonderful school in 1927.

SOMA BRA NIGHT WITH CCYA



The 4th Annual Soma Bra Event was a huge success. It was an amazing experience for The Center for Children and Young Adults (CCYA) girls and the Circle volunteers. Soma Bra Night was a perfect example of the generosity of our community and the Circle for Children ladies.

On Monday November 6th, 14 teenage girls from CCYA participated in the Soma Bra Event. The night began with dinner at Panera Bread at The Avenue of East Cobb. Panera Bread provided special menus for the girls allowing them to select from different soups, salads, and sandwiches. Panera reserved a special section of the restaurant, so we could all sit together. Circle members dispersed amongst the tables to have conversations with the girls. Airy Anderson, Panera Bread's store manager, shared how she worked her way up the ladder at Panera from serving/preparing food, to assistant manager, to manager of the East Cobb store. She let them know that hard work and commitment can take you far in life. Anderson sent the girls on their way to Soma Intimates with hot chocolate chip cookies fresh from the oven. Panera bread provided the entire meal for the girls and staff from CCYA for free!

Soma Intimates worked with The Circle for Children to provide each teen with two bras and two pairs of underwear. Yuan Abernathy, Soma's manager, and store employees helped each girl select bras from the "buy one get one free" promotion. Soma donated a free pair of underwear to each girl and gave the Circle 20% off the entire purchase. Soma also surprised the girls with a goody bag of Soma lotions, fragrances and toiletries.

Circle member, Deb Cohan, owner of Chocolate Ooh La La's provided each CCYA girl with a beautifully wrapped individual box of chocolates. Circle member, Smith Daya, owner of Olea Oliva! Gave each girl a gift bag with homemade biscotti.

All of the CCYA teen girls had the time of their lives, and so did the Circle ladies who volunteered as well as the staff of Soma Intimates and Panera bread.



NEWSLETTER ADS FOR CIRCLE MEMBERS \$25

Do you have a business or service you want to tell your fellow Circle members about? You can now place an ad in our monthly e-newsletter and let everyone know all about what you do outside your "Circle Time." It's a win-win! You can reach a customer base that wants to support their fellow Circle members and the Circle raises money to help the needy children of Georgia.

Quarter page ads are offered at a monthly rate of \$25. Advertise for one month or the whole year. It's up to you.

- Ads are due to Beth Mooney at <u>thecircle4children@gmail.com</u> by the 20th of the month for publish in the newsletter sent on the first of the following month. For Example: To advertise in the January newsletter please submit your ad by the December 20th.
- Ads must be Quarter page ads (3.625w x 4.55h)
- JPEG format
- Pay for your ad at the Circle website: <u>http://www.circle4children.org/payment.html</u>
- If you have any questions please contact Beth Mooney, Circle Newsletter Editor at 404-502-0819

NEED A CIRCLE NAME BADGE?

Janie Kissling is placing an order for Circle name badges on December 8th. Badges are \$4.50. If you need a new badge, please contact Janie Kissling at Janie.kissling@gmail.com or 404-483-2838.

All new members should have received their name badges.



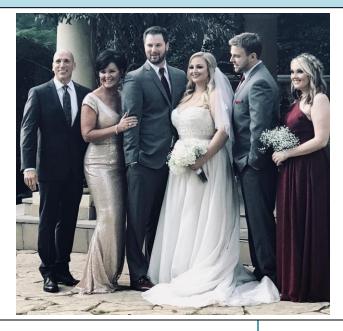
Kroger Community Rewards will donate a portion of your grocery purchase total to The Circle for Children (This is free money to the Circle)

To register your Kroger Card for the first time or to reregister your card annually: Go to: The Kroger Co. – About Kroger Scroll down to: Community Rewards (tap on) Create an Account – Set up an account or sign in to your account Scroll Down: Re-Enroll Now Here you can name The Circle for Children OR Edit your Organization Name and make a change ORGANIZATION NUMBER 33533

> If you have a problem, please call Betts Fisher at 770-363-8461

CIRCLE CORRESPONDENCE

Please join us in congratulating Circle Member Dory Boyer and husband Rod Boyer on the marriage of their daughter Brittany to Brian Stevens. The wedding ceremony took place on November 11, 2017 in Ventura, California.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Wishing you a wonderful year!

Katherine Holland Cindy Samples Chris Cashman Cathy Haire Mary Harris Leslie Marie Salem Valerie Green Beth Ferguson Anne Smith Beth Scott Sandra Daniels Chelsea Cheshire Judy West Mary Beth Wegner December 2 December 2 December 4 December 5 December 5 December 7 December 12 December 13 December 16 December 20 December 24 December 27 December 31

The Art of Communication

Please send Tricia Leuallen your announcements of births, loss of loved ones, outstanding events, or illnesses. <u>Please include the individual's address</u> so I can send the appropriate <u>correspondence.</u>

If you have newsworthy events, please forward your information to me so I can quickly respond and send appropriate items out to members.

Giving Heart Fund

Can't think of a gift for a friend? Consider the Giving Heart Fund. It is a donation to The Circle for Children in memory or in honor of someone. Please contact Tricia Leuallen if you would like to donate.

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