



February 2021 Newsletter

To give aid and encouragement in promoting the education and well-being of at-risk children in the state of Georgia.

A piece of advice I often share for good marriages is to “always have something to look forward to around the bend,” big or small. In fact, I highlighted that in *The Art of Awesome Advice* book we created a few years back for the Circle during the year Celebrating the ART of Giving. That concept really hits home for me related to the Circle as well – it’s one of the reasons I enjoy my membership in our organization! There’s always something positive to look forward to around the bend, literally.

Case in point, I’m so excited for the upcoming General Meeting and Fashion Show at Atlanta Country Club in March (always love seeing what’s new in the fashion world!) ... as well as the Patron Party at The Battery’s Terrapin Taproom and the tour of Truist Park in May (love my Braves!) ... and of course the Ultimate Tailgate at the College Football Hall of Fame in June will be a fantastical time (yes, I said fantastical). And it will be a treat to see our new Circle leadership in action starting this summer and what they will plan for us and our beneficiary next year (a little behind the scenes commentary, next year should prove to be awesome).

So, I’m continuing to take my own advice and encourage you to do the same – let’s appreciate and engage in always having such wonderful things to look forward to around the bend with the Circle – and ALL for the good of at-risk children.

Mwah,
Elaine LaMontagne, Co-President



It’s the month of LOVE!! Happy Valentine’s Day to all of you, my Circle! What special lovelies you all are!

With Valentine’s Day on the horizon, I can’t help but think of love stories and other matters of the heart. My own love story began in a rather inauspicious way. My husband, of course, hates when I tell our story, but that doesn’t seem to stop me.

We met at a party thrown by mutual friends. I was invited specifically to meet an eligible young bachelor, who just so happened to have the same name as my future husband.....Steve! I was dazzled by the Steve I met that night and gave him my phone number (no cell phones then). I don’t even remember meeting my future Steve, but he did talk to my roommate and wrangled our number out of her. A few days later when he called to ask me out, I just assumed it was the Steve I had given my number to and accepted right away. The next day when he showed up at the door, I had no idea at all who he was. I went on the date anyway after asking my protective next-door neighbor to write his license plate down in case I disappeared. I spent the evening asking him questions (like, so you are from Nashville?) until he finally said, “You have no idea who I am do you?” “No”, I had to admit, I didn’t. But as they say, the rest is history, married for 35 years! And still going strong!

So, what does this have to do with the Circle? Not much really, it just serves as a reminder that things might not always start out perfectly or seem worth the

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Winter General Meeting and Fashion Show

Atlanta Country Club

NEW DATE!

Wednesday, March 10, 2021
11:00 am

Spring Fling Dance

Devereux Advanced Behavioral
Health

Thursday, April 8, 2021
More info to come

Wine Tasting Social

Deep Roots Tasting Room
Historic Downtown Roswell
Wednesday, April 14, 2021
7:00 pm

High Phase Dinner/Social for 40 Students at Devereux

Monday, May 3, 2021
More info to come

**Patron Party for
Ultimate Tailgate Sponsors**
Terrapin Taproom and Braves’
Truist Park, The Battery

effort, but don't let that stop you! You might find out it was just what your heart needed. Apply this to your involvement with the Circle, give activities and functions a chance, you might find you like it better than you thought you would.

In celebration of Valentine's Day, this month the hidden item in the newsletter is a green heart. First two members who email me at the thecircle4children@gmail.com with the location of the green heart gets a prize.

Xoxo,
Danielle Houret-Lam, Co-President

NEW DATE!

Sunday, May 16, 2021
3:30 pm

Ultimate Tailgate

College Football Hall of Fame

NEW DATE!

Saturday, June 5, 2021
6:30 - 11:00 pm

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT - ULTIMATE TAILGATE EXPERIENCE

SAVE THE NEW DATE!

In light of the concerns regarding Covid-19 and after thoughtful consideration, we have moved the Ultimate Tailgate to **Saturday, June 5, 2021**.

THE ULTIMATE TAILGATE to MAKE *Giving* A SPORT

The Circle For Children
Leadership: (L-R) Krista
O'Neal (Auction Co-Chair),
Heather Rees (Event
Co-Chair), Danielle Houret-
Lam (Co-President), Elaine
LaMontagne (Co-President).

Not pictured: Charlene Rowe
(Event Co-Chair) and Kristin
Harbison (Auction Co-Chair)

Saturday, June 5, 2021
at the CHICK-FIL-A COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

Upscale cocktail party with delicious food, dancing with The Superstones, auction excitement and game time energy; all to raise funds for at-risk children of Georgia.

6:30 - 11:00 P.M. | \$150.00
Benefiting the Circle for Children, www.circle4children.org

Peggy and Tom
Cannon

TMC
MOORE
COLSON
CPAs and Advisors

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Make Giving a Sport - Auction Sign Up

Make this year's auction at the Ultimate Tailgate fun and exciting, all while raising funds to support our beneficiaries, Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health and the Linda Gross Memorial Scholarship Fund. Collaborate with a friend and get inspired (two people can sign up for each basket), and sign up to procure items for an auction basket!



Don't see a basket you want to sign up for? Contact Kristin Harbison at kristinlgross@gmail.com so we can create a custom slot for you!

Sign up Deadline: April 1, 2021

[Click Here to Sign Up!](#)

Don't Forget: Members are required to sign up to help with creating an auction basket - those that don't sign up before deadline will be assigned to help a group with a basket!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Discover what you should be wearing this Spring, from pretty dresses to the latest in masks! Dillard's will again delight us with the latest trends featuring Circle members as models at the March General Meeting and Luncheon on March 10 at Atlanta Country Club, beginning at 11:00 A.M. A delightful afternoon is in store for all who attend!

We are still looking for a few more members to walk the runway. If you are interested in modeling, please contact Denise Pont at either Denisepont1@yahoo.com or 770-377-9868.



We will be collecting these items at the General Membership meeting for the students at Devereux. Women's and Men's Underwear Small, Medium, Large, Extra Large and no-show socks for Women and Men.

Please contact BJ Wooldridge with any questions: **Cell/Text** 678-571-1459 or bjwooldridge@bellsouth.net

For those who may not be able to attend the March Winter General Meeting and Lunch you can still drop off Devereux donations at Heather Rees' house (4461 Club Lake Circle SE, Marietta, Ga. 30067) in the bins on her front porch from Wednesday, March 3 - Sunday, March 7. For questions, please contact heatherrees27@gmail.com.



Look, Swirl, Smell, Taste

WINE TASTING NIGHT

Wednesday, April 14, 2021
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

\$35.00 per person

Deep Roots Tasting Room
1055 Canton Street
#100 Plum Tree Village
Roswell, GA 30075

FOR QUESTIONS OR MORE INFO CALL
MARY BETH WEGENER:
770-356-3754 - OR -
WEGENERMBW@GMAIL.COM

DEVEREUX UPDATE



Valentine's Day Dance

Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health
February 11

Devereux has a no visitation policy at this time and will not need chaperones, but Devereux still needs our help in providing the items listed on the [SignUpGenius](#).

On February 11 cakes and cookies can be dropped off at Devereux at 11am. Call Brenda Vazquez work cell 470-528-3102 or contact BJ to make arrangements to drop off cookies and cakes to her if that works better for you 678-571-1459.

Buy Donuts and Help Devereux!

Devereux is having a Valentine Donut Fundraiser. You can help them raise funds by purchasing donuts for yourself or donate a dozen to the Devereux staff and students or local first responders.

Last day to order donuts is Tuesday, February 9th and pick up will be at Devereux on Friday, February 12 between 8-10 AM or 3-7 PM! Simply Yummy!!



**Order a Dozen
Donate a Dozen \$20**

Text Donuts4Devereux to 41444
<https://bit.ly/2KLZpDv>



MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Membership Spotlight: Katie Kerins



Katherine (Katie) Kerins - New member
Melinda Stuk- Circle Sponsor

I've lived in Atlanta twice, starting in 1981 when I first started flying with Delta Airlines. In the 90's we moved to Connecticut and Florida for my husband's job before returning in 1998.

My sweet friend, Melinda, gave me a few opportunities to enjoy and support the Circle and then asked if I'd like to join. I am impressed by the Circle's mission and efforts and am grateful to have become a member.

I'm an outdoor enthusiast I think. Hiking and biking vacations have been favorites. My travel benefits with Delta have given me the opportunity to see a bit of the world. We live in one of the most beautiful and varied places in the world. If I had to choose a foreign city, London has my heart. Not sure just why, but there it is.

My biggest true love though, is spending time with my three children and their spouses and girlfriend. I don't have any grandchildren yet, but I dreamt last night that I did, so, who knows.

I hope this reaches you all in good health and that we emerge from all our struggles this year. Teamwork makes the dream work!



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Access the Directory online with new Password! The new 2020-2021 directory of active Circle members can now be viewed on our website. For the privacy of all members, the directory is password



February 8	Janie Kissling
February 9	Gina Villnow
February 10	Pamela Jordan
February 15	Denise Pont
February 19	Debbie Cohan
February 28	Belinda Vogel

protected. You can access the directory under the membership tab on the website.

The new password is Circle2021 and it is case sensitive. Please don't share this password with non-circle members.

If your birthday (month and day) is not in the new Circle directory, please email that information. We would love to acknowledge that special day.
triciaeuallen@atlantafinehomes.com

Circle Celebration Fund

Can't think of a gift for a friend? Consider donating to the Circle Celebration Fund in their name. A lovely acknowledgment will be sent to the honoree informing them of the donation you made in their name. Please contact Tricia Leuallen if you would like to donate triciaeuallen@atlantafinehomes.com

Circle Correspondence

Please send any Circle Correspondence to the Corresponding Secretary, triciaeuallen@atlantafinehomes.com for announcements of births, loss of loved ones, outstanding events or illnesses. Please include the individual's address so Tricia can send the appropriate correspondence. Also, indicate if the information should be posted in the newsletter.



What is Amazon Smile?

Amazon Smile is a simple and automatic way for you to support the Circle for Children every time you shop at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com you'll find the exact same low prices and vast selection as amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to the Circle.

smile.amazon.com uses your current Amazon account.

How Do I Get Started?

Click the button below to get started or on your first visit to smile.amazon.com you will be asked to select a charity. Type in The Circle for Children. Click the "select" box next to it. Click "agree" to confirm you have been informed that you must go to smile.amazon.com every time you make a purchase in order for the Circle to receive the charitable donation from Amazon.

Click Here to Sign Up for Amazon Smile



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Please sign up for a Kroger Card the next time you're grocery shopping and link it to The Circle for Children.

To link your Kroger card go to www.kroger.com and enter The Circle for Children number, 33533. You can also call Kroger at 1-800-562-4438 and they will sign you up over the phone.

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