



June/July 2018

Shirley's Corner

It's hard to believe a whole year has passed since I became President of the Circle for Children. It was a big undertaking, but a very rewarding one. Thank you for the honor of serving you as President for the past year.

I would like to thank the entire board and committee chairs for their support this past year, especially Heather Rees, who has been my "extra arm and brain." Many thanks to Dottie Rachels for all that she did behind the scenes to keep things running smoothly. A tremendous thank you to my VIF (Very Important Friend), Linda Bagley for her unwavering friendship and her the creative and professional talents she brought to the table to make our gala the best ever! A very big thank you to Patty Quinn for all she did to make our auction so profitable.

There are too many people to thank by name in this small space, but please know I consider myself extremely fortunate to have worked with all of you. Your ability to work together is inspiring. No one hesitated to help when called upon. You give real meaning to the words "leadership" and "volunteerism."

I'm very happy with the funds we were able to raise for the needy children of Georgia this past year, because at the end of day the impact we are able to make on their lives is what matters!

I encourage everyone to work with our incoming officers and let them know how you can best serve to help the Circle reach the fundraising and hands on outreach goals for the coming year.

Again, thank you for the privilege of being your President.



Love to all,

Shirley Jones

President, The Circle for Children

Spring General Meeting



The Circle for Children held a Spring General Meeting on May 23rd at the beautiful Atlanta Country Club in Marietta, Georgia.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of contributions via large commemorative checks to our children's charity beneficiaries.

Wellspring Living Executive Director, Mary Frances Bowley was on hand to receive the Circle donation of \$40,000. She expressed gratitude for how much this money will help in the loving care and restoration of children who have been victims of sex trafficking here in Georgia.

Spring General Meeting

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The Circle also presented a check for \$5,000 to the Center for Children and Young Adults (CCYA) CEO Kimberley Borna. CCYA provides a safe and nurturing environment with comprehensive services for homeless youth who have been abused, abandoned, neglected, or are at risk.

Elizabeth Wiggs Cooper accepted a check for \$16,500 on behalf of the Circle Scholarship Committee to fund the Linda Gross Memorial Scholarship Awards that are given to deserving and needy students heading to college each year.

The Circle also made a deposit of \$6,000 into the Investment Account, bringing us within \$25,000 of our goal of having \$500,000 in the fund which will allow the Circle to fund scholarships from the interest on the account into the foreseeable future.

The Executive Board and Board of Directors were also sworn in.

2018/2019 Circle for Children Executive Board

Presidential Committee:	Julia Davis Barwick, Sally Davis and Heather Rees
First Vice President:	Kimberly Johnson
Vice Presidents of Events:	Tricia Leuallen, Marissa Crowe and Liz Bowling
Vice President of Membership:	Diane Miller
Recording Secretary:	GINNY HADDOCK
Corresponding Secretary:	Jan Giles
General Treasurer:	Cynthia Barr
Project Treasurer:	Cindy Formica
Scholarship Chair:	Elizabeth Cooper
Co-Finance Chairs	Danielle Houret-Lam and Cindy Formica
Board of Directors Chair:	Cathy Haire
Long Range Planning Chair:	Kim Sherk

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Social Chair:	Elaine LaMontagne
Junior Social Chair:	Cara Buese
Charity Liaison:	Val Green
Webmaster:	Julia Davis Barwick
Public Relations Chair:	Krista Cutcliff
Parliamentarian:	Polly Hogue

2018 – 2020 Board of Directors

Cathy Haire (Board Chair)
Martha Bechtel
Bridget Connor
Val Green
Debbie Jones
Pam Jordan
Janie Kissling
Elaine LaMontagne
Patty Quinn
Dottie Rachels
Donna Shafer
Lynn Thompson

Past Presidents

Peggy Cannon
Chris Crawford
Betts Fisher
Rita Robb Furness
Polly Hogue
Shirley Jones
Danielle Houret-Lam
Linda Pace
Cindy Samples
Kim Sherk
Shellee Spagnoletto
Mary Beth Wegener



New Presidential Committee for 2018/2019

This year The Circle for Children will be celebrating 91 years of providing aid and encouragement in promoting the education and welfare of children in the state of Georgia.

Lynn Thompson, President Elect, made the very courageous and difficult decision to step down from the 2018 -2019 Presidency. Lynn recently had back surgery and the recovery is proving challenging. Lynn needs to focus on her full rehabilitation. Those of you that know Lynn, know that she gives 100 percent to every endeavor she undertakes. She felt she would not be able to give 100 percent to the Circle while she is healing. She received the full support of the Executive Board and Board of Directors as well as many hugs. Lynn remains committed to the success of the Circle and will add value as an active member.

The Nominating Committee, along with the Board of Directors met to discuss the current position and how to fill the vacancy. Numerous avenues were pursued. The final decision was made to allow a Presidential Committee for the 2018-2019 year. The Presidential Committee will consist of two past presidents: Sally Davis and Heather Rees and one junior member: Julia Davis Barwick. We feel this is the best solution to maintain an appropriate balance of experience and different perspectives.

The Presidential Committee is looking forward to an exciting year of fundraising and making a difference in the lives of many children all over Georgia.

Lamar Trotti Linda Gross Memorial Scholarship Fund Update From Finance Chair Danielle Houret-Lam

Several members have asked for more information on our investment fund, the Lamar Trotti Linda Gross Memorial Scholarship fund. I am always thrilled when asked for any detail about Finance. I think it is important that everyone is well informed about the financial workings of the Circle.

The two questions I get asked most often are: can the money in the fund be used for purposes other than scholarships and why do we use proceeds from our events to add to the fund?

To answer the first question, I will give an extremely brief history of the fund. In 1932, five years after the Young Matron's Circle for Tallulah Falls School (TFS) had been established, Circle members began honoring fellow members by gifting the organization money in the form of perpetual scholarships. The amounts of these scholarships were often small, but the intent according to the minutes from that time kept at the Atlanta History Center, was to fund on perpetual basis scholarships for students both attending the TFS and graduates of TFS wanting to go on to higher education. These perpetual scholarships were invested so that the goal of awarding scholarships in perpetuity could be realized. These funds were eventually combined into two accounts, and in 2016 rolled into what is now the Lamar Trotti Linda Gross Memorial Scholarship fund.

Because this fund was started with money donated with the specific limitation that it be used only for scholarships, the money cannot be used for any other purpose.

Now onto the second questions: Why do we continue to add to the fund? Well, we have not always done this. In the 1980's and 1990's we often withdrew from the funds to pay for scholarships awarded at that time. A few of the funds were depleted and then the recession hit and our fund dwindled even more. If the Circle continued to withdraw monies to pay for scholarships, eventually we would no longer have a scholarship fund.

A couple years ago it was decided, with advice from our investment advisor, to begin adding money . . .

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Scholarship Fund Updated

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... to the fund, with the goal of reaching \$500,000. This amount of principal would allow us to award approximately \$15,000 in scholarships from the fund's proceeds without invading the principal. The would allow us to realize early Circle members dreams of awarding scholarships to deserving and needy students in perpetuity.

I hope I have answered the questions to everyone's satisfaction. I don't want to bore the masses with minutiae, but if anyone would like more detail please feel free to contact me!



Scholarship Committee Updates

The Scholarship Committee was delighted to present two Tallulah Falls School graduating seniors \$2,000 per year college scholarships, with an additional \$250 for books and supplies. Both Maxwell Teems and Grace Brewer will be going to University of Georgia. Scholarship Committee Chairperson Elizabeth Cooper spoke at the TFS Awards Ceremony and surprised these two scholars with this honor. It will be exciting to help these wonderful students as they progress through their college years!

The Scholarship Committee is delighted to announce the graduation of two of our wonderful Scholars! Jordan Balbuze received her Bachelor's of Nursing Science from the University of North Georgia. Ellen Besier's Bachelor Degree is in Physical Therapy from Mercer University, and she will be completing her Doctorate there in two years.

We hope that all Circle members will consider sending graduation cards and gifts to celebrate these the accomplishments of these two outstanding scholarship recipients and help them in their future endeavors.

Jordan Balbuze
1 Arpege Way NW
Atlanta, GA 30327

Ellen Besier
3210 North Embury Circle
Atlanta, GA 30341



Past Presidents Luncheon



May 17, 2018
Swan Coach House





Save Your Bulbs

Our friends at Devereaux Advanced Behavioral Health would like to beautify their pond on campus and are asking for our help.

If you have any perennials that you are planning to thin out and would like to donate them to a good cause, please contact Circle member Dolly Fehd at 770-861-7107. She will arrange to pick-up the bulbs from you.

The wish list includes:
irises, daffodils and daylilies.

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- Ads must be Quarter page
- (3.65w x 4.55 h)
- JPEG format
- Ads are due to Beth Mooney at Thecircle4children@gmail.com by the 20th of the month prior to month the ad will appear.

For more information please contact Newsletter Editor, Beth Mooney at 404-502-0819

Circle Correspondence



Congratulations to Circle member Elizabeth Stuk who delivered a gorgeous little girl, Evelyn Claire Stuk, on May 14th.

Circle member Melinda Stuk is a proud grandmother.



Congratulations to Circle member Melissa Anne Stuk who welcomed a sweet baby boy, Winston Louis Stuk on March 3rd.

Circle member Melinda Stuk is a proud grandmother.



Congratulations to Circle member Carrie Kissling who delivered beautiful identical twin boys, Shepard McLaurin and Christian Lee on May 8th.

Circle member Janie Kissling a proud grandmother.



Congratulations to Circle member Heather Lindell who married Dr. H. Spencer Tally, Jr. on May 5, 2018 at Christ the King church in Atlanta, Georgia.

The reception was held at the Barnsley Resort in Adairsville, Georgia.

Please keep our dear Circle member Melinda Stuk in your thoughts and prayers. She is battling breast cancer. She enjoys receiving cards and words of encouragement. Please send your well wishes to:

Melinda Stuk
278 Hidden Lake Court
Marietta, GA 30068

Circle Correspondence



Peggy Fulgrum, a past Circle president (1990-91), received her Doctorate in Ministry from New Orleans Baptist Seminary this May 19.

Peggy is the Director of the "Life After Fifty" ministry at Johnson Ferry Baptist Church. It's a very active program including bible studies, travel, community involvement social and intellectual programs for those 60 and over. For more information go to www.JFBC.org



Circle member, **Heather Lindell** by appointment of the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine, was charged to sit on the Veterinary Practice Act Review Committee. The Practice Act was opened, reviewed and updated. It was then sent to the Georgia General Assembly for processing. The Georgia Veterinary Practice Act, HB 958 was signed by Governor Deal on May 8, 2018.

★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

Wishing you a wonderful year!

Carrie Kissling	June 3
Jody Kissing	June 3
Colleen Flinn	June 4
Caitlin Shetter	June 19
Libby Bradley	June 22
Terri Anne Paguibitan	June 23
Gayle Calhoun	June 24
Jamieson Justice	June 25
Shirley Jones	June 28
Claudia Turner	July 2
Cindy Formica	July 15
Jayne Phillips	July 17
Diane Tanger	July 18
Donna Johnson	July 19
Julia Davis	July 20
Kim Johnson	July 25
Heather Rees	July 27
Gail Godfrey	July 28
Toni Parsons	July 31

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Please send Jan Giles your announcements of births, loss of loved ones, outstanding events, or illnesses. Please include the individual's address so the appropriate correspondence can be sent. Also, please indicate if that information should be posted in the newsletter

[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 Jan Giles if you would like to donate.

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