



Steel Magnolias

September 2018

President's Corner

Circle Members,

We started our charity year with a wonderful General Meeting at the Atlanta Fish Market. Our speaker, Dr. Forney gave us all a lot of valuable information. We will all be glowing this year.

Your Membership Packet will arrive in your mailbox SOON!

For those of you that were unable to attend the meeting, we want to tell you about a recent change in our charity affiliation. The Center for Children and Young Adults (CCYA) has decided to take another direction with their fundraising and will no longer be partnering with the Circle. We wish them well for future growth and abundance. As I stated at the meeting this development should in no way dissuade anyone from continuing to volunteer at CCYA. The executive Board, Board of Directors and Long-Range Planning are meeting to discuss the possibility of adding a new charity this year.

We announced two new fundraising events this year and are very excited about them.

- The Circle for Children 5K "Character" walk/run
- Bourbon and Baubles Derby Day

Another new program is the Circle Charm program. Each year a new charm (sterling silver or gold) will be custom-made to reflect the Circle theme for the year. This year's charm is a magnolia flower. This will be a beautiful way to symbolize the Circle's mission and show unity with our members. The jeweler is giving us the charms at cost. The difference in price will be donated to the Circle's Children's Needs Fund.

Our website has been renovated, so please check it out circle4children.org. You can now pay your membership dues online and view the directory.

Circle committee members were busy meeting and planning all summer and they have a fantastic year set for us all. Let's go change some lives.



Regards,

Julia Davis Barwick, Sally Davis and Heather Rees

Presidential Committee, The Circle for Children

Important Dates

New Member Orientation and Social

For new members and their sponsors. Hosted at the home of Heather Rees

Sunday, September 16th

Junior Member Dinner

Contact Cara Buese for details and to RSVP

cara.buese@gmail.com

7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 18th

Soma Night with CCYA

Contact Sarah Davis for details and to RSVP

sarahkdavis@gmail.com

6:00 p.m.

Monday, September 24th

Executive Board Meeting

Hosted at the home of Ginny Haddock

6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 10th

General Meeting

All members invited
Dunwoody Country Club

Wednesday, October 17th

Children Helping Children "LoveFest" Event

Piedmont Park

2-4 p.m.

Sunday, October 21st

Member Social at Treat Your Feet

Contact Elaine Lamontagne at

elainepr@bellsouth.net for more information

8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 23rd

Pay Your 2018/2019 Circle for Children Membership Dues Online

Your annual Circle membership dues need to be paid no later than **September 19th** for you to remain a member in good standing.

This year it's super easy!

[CLICK HERE](#) to update your membership information and pay your dues online.

You can also print the Membership form and submit it with a check.

If you chose to mail your form and check send it to:

Elizabeth Stuk

1340 Waterford Green Close

Marietta, GA 30068

If you need a replacement Circle name tag, please contact Diane Miller at dianemiller@mindspring.com to order a new one

The Membership Directory is Now Available Online

Our annual directory is a great way to keep in touch with Circle friends, but it is a moving target with members moving, changing emails and phone numbers throughout the year. A printed directory cannot be updated real time.

That's why we are now making the Membership Directory available to members online at our website thecircle4children.org

The PASSWORD is: SteelMagnolias

Please safeguard the directory password. It should not be shared with non-Circle members.

DON'T BE CAMERA SHY

When you fill out your online Membership Form this year please upload a photo of yourself we can include in the directory. The helps new members put a beautiful face with a name. If you are mailing in your Membership Form instead of submitting it online, you can email your name and photo to Dolly Fehd (770-861-7107) to have it included in the directory or text it to her at 770-861-7107

Scholarship Update

The Circle's newest two Scholars have begun their adventure at University of Georgia. Along with our other Circle Scholars around the state they will be mentored and followed by the Scholarship Committee this year.

Each scholarship recipient has their own Circle mentor. This personal touch means a lot to our Scholars. It also allows the Scholarship Committee to help these students in very meaningful and specific ways.

Our Fall Scholarship Committee Luncheon will be in September, and although we have a lot of wonderful volunteers, more are always welcome. Please contact the Scholarship Chairperson, Elizabeth Cooper at ewsjws@msn.com if you would like to join to committee.

HANDS ON VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Soma
INTIMATES

SOMA BRA NIGHT WITH THE GIRLS AT CCYA

Monday, September 24th
6:00 p.m.

Join us as we assist the teen girls from The Center for Children and Young Adults (CCYA) as they select new bras and underwear at Soma of East Cobb.

The evening will begin with dinner (restaurant TBD) and then undergarment shopping at Soma. This is a fabulous hands on event to socialize with the CCYA teen girls at dinner and then give them a wonderful shopping experience. Dinner for the CCYA teens and staff will be provided through the Circle's Children's Needs fund. Please plan to purchase your own meal.

If you have not already signed up and would like to come, please contact Sarah Davis at sarahkdavis9@gmail.com or text 678-773-3186. We would love to have you participate, even if it's just for dinner.

Little hands...**BIG**

LOVEFEST! 2018!

Calling kids of all ages!!! Come assemble projects to support CHC's Teen Junior Board and their Compassion Curriculum to benefit local nonprofits.

ART, MUSIC & PLAY

KID ZONE

FOOD TRUCKS

TALENT & LIGHT CELEBRATION

FREE FAMILY FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 21ST

2-4 pm Philanthropic Festival
4:30-6:30pm Talent & Light Celebration
THE PROMENADE
at PIEDMONT PARK

HOSTED BY



Children Helping Children
Little hands...big love!
chcattanta.org

GIVE BACK! HAVE FUN!



Children Helping Children has been educating and empowering youth philanthropist in Atlanta for 10 years—join our village at this free family festival and inspire your youth philanthropist!

Update from the Social Committee

In addition to our fundraising efforts and events, we also enjoy simply socializing with one another at fun venues! So, in that social spirit, jot down the following dates on your calendar. More details about each event will be sent to members as each event approaches. These socials are open to all members. If you are interested in attending any of these events, please email Social Committee Chairperson Elaine LaMontagne at elainepr@bellsouth.net

Tuesday, October 23rd 8:30 p.m. - Dinner and Treat Your Feet in Buckhead. We will meet at a restaurant (optional) for dinner and then head over to Treat Your Feet for a one-hour foot massage spa experience. The cost for the foot massage is \$40 plus gratuity. There are only 24 spots available for this social.

Sunday, December 2nd afternoon – Marietta Christmas Pilgrimage Tour of Homes. We will organize a lunch spot (optional) for us to meet at prior to the tour in the Marietta Square. Cost for the Tour is \$20 for the tour.

Tuesday, February 26th evening – Painting with a Twist Sandy Springs. The cost per person is \$35. Painting with a Twist will donate a portion of cost to the Circle for Children Children's Needs fund. We can bring food and wine to the painting class. This event is limited to 15 people.

Junior Socials

We have an incredible group of young women 35 and under who are members of the Circle. Junior Socials are designed to help this subset of Circle members to meet and develop a bond. If you are interested in attending any of the Junior Socials please email Junior Social Chairperson, Care Buese at cara.buese@gmail.com

Tuesday, September 18th 7:00 p.m. Dinner at an Atlanta restaurant

Weeknight TBD January – 7:00 p.m. Candle making class at Candlefish Ponce City Market cost \$55 per person.

Weeknight TBD April 6:30 p.m. Pasta class at Storico Fresco in Buckhead. Cost \$65 per person.

Update from the Finance Committee

An Explanation of the Different Circle Funds and How to Donate to Each

I'm sure most of you are aware of the many funds the Circle for Children maintains for your donation dollars, but you may not be familiar with how the contributions in each fund is used. Here is a short explanation of each fund.

The Linda Gross Memorial Scholarship Fund This is the fund that finances the scholarships that the Circle awards each year to deserving and needy students for their continuing education past high school. Scholarships can be awarded for both college or trade schools.

The Children's Needs Fund It is from this fund that the Circle is able to meet specific needs for children from one of our designated charities. For example: monies from this fund have been used to pay for bras for the young girls at The Center for Children and Young Adults (CCYA), fund a once-in-a-lifetime trip to the Presidential Inauguration for a CCYA student and purchase college supplies for our Scholarship recipients.

Auction Buying Fund Contributions to this fund are used to purchase items for the auctions held at our annual fundraisers

General Operating Fund Donations to this fund are used for the day-today business operation expenses of the Circle that our Membership dues do not cover.

Circle Celebration Fund This fund was previously known as the Giving Hearts Fund. Donations to this fund can be made anytime throughout the year and can be used to honor someone for a birthday, memorial, holiday or any special occasion. Contributions to this fund should be sent to our Corresponding Secretary, Jan Giles at 2021 Spicer's Lane Woodstock, GA 30189. Please be sure to include the name and address of the honoree. A lovely acknowledgement will be sent to the honoree informing them of the donation by you. If you wish to designate how you would want your contribution allocated, please make sure to let us know and your wishes will be followed. For example: Scholarship, Children's Needs or one of our designated charities. If no designation is received, the finance committee will put these monies into the neediest fund, with the exception of the General Operating Fund.

SPECIAL NOTE

Now is the time to pay your Membership Dues. Please help our organization by paying your dues in a timely manner. Also, please consider contributing to one of our funds. We won't bother you during the year with pleas for donations, so help us to keep our important programs running by donating to our funds when you pay your dues.

Any questions regarding finances should be directed to Finance Chairperson Danielle Houret-Lam at daniellehouretlam@gmail.com

PHOTO RECAP: August General Meeting



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2018
DUNWOODY COUNTRY CLUB
11:00 A.M.

See you there!

Public Relations Update

Our PR focus this year is to inform others about events and fundraising efforts, so we can continue to positively impact more Georgia Children. However, more than anything our PR goal is focused on building awareness of the Circle for Children as a resource for those who want to support Georgia's needy children by donating time, money and talents.

We want our community to know us and look to us for guidance and leadership. After all, it's not about who you know, it's about who knows YOU. Building awareness needs to be a group effort. We will be sending out social media posts for Circle events that you can repost to your social media.

We are looking to add a social media savvy committee member to the Public Relations committee. If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact Public Relations Committee chairperson Krista Cutcliff at 770-757-2586 or krista.cutcliff@n2pub.com

NEWSLETTER ADS FOR CIRCLE MEMBERS \$25, NON-MEMBERS \$50

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 thecircle4children@gmail.com 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 February newsletter please submit your ad by January 20th.
- Ads must be Quarter page ads (3.625w x 4.55h)
- JPEG format
- Pay for your ad at the Circle website: <http://www.circle4children.org/payment.html>
- If you have any questions please contact Beth Mooney, Circle Newsletter Editor at 404-502-0819

CIRCLE CORRESPONDENCE

We have several members who are confronting health challenges. Keep these sweet ladies in your thoughts and prayers. Please reach out to them and show them your love and support.

Melinda Stuk – is being treated for breast cancer

mstuk@mindspring.com

278 Hidden Lake Court
Marietta, GA 30068

Jody Kissling - is being treated for breast cancer

jodykissling@gmail.com

772 Old Paper Mill Drive, SE
Marietta, GA 30067

Marianne Bogan is recovering from a recent surgery. Get well cards would be a nice treat for her from her friends at the Circle

mrsbogan@aol.com

Marianne Bogan
632 Club Lane SE
Marietta, GA 30067

★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

Wishing you a wonderful year!

Katherine Mielcuszny	September 9
Diane Miller	September 9
Anne Walls	September 9
Patricia Quinn	September 13
Dottie Rachels	September 16
Chris Crawford	September 17
Maureen Olson	September 18
Carolyn Kibler	September 22
Lisa Fuller	September 25
Elizabeth Stephenson	September 26
Debora Wagner	September 26
Becky Calvert	September 28
Julie Mendenhall	September 29

[The Art of Communication](#)

Please send Jan Giles pjgiles1@att.net your announcements of births, loss of loved ones, outstanding events, or illnesses. Please include the individual's address so she can send the appropriate correspondence. Also, please indicate if that information should be posted in the newsletter

[Circle Celebration Fund](#)

Can't think of a gift for a friend? Consider the Circle Celebration Fund. It is a donation to The Circle for Children in memory or in honor of someone. A lovely acknowledgement will be sent to the honoree informing them of the donation you made in honor of them. Please contact Jan Giles if you would like to donate.

Jan Giles
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Pjgiles1@att.net