

President's Corner - Courtney McFarling



Wow, this is my last article for President's Corner. I am not sure where the time has gone, but I do know as I reflect back on my time as an active member and the President of the Charity League there have been some unforgettable memories made. It is hard to believe that almost 7 years ago I was sitting at the Parish House trying to decide if I wanted to become a member of this organization. I am so thankful that I did make the right decision by joining. I have met so many women I would have never crossed paths with if it weren't for the League and I can honestly call them some of my closest friends.

At the end of the year, the budget committee and I sat down to go over the donation requests. Every year we have different requests and there are certain ones that touch our hearts in ways unimaginable. This year, we received a request from Cops for Kids. This is a program started by a Martinsville City Police officer on his own about year ago. He partners with Martinsville City Schools to help children who do not have proper clothing or shoes. There are so many needs in the community and it really touched my heart to see that this officer took it upon himself to start this organization. I know that he is touching so many lives in Martinsville thanks to his efforts to help children have the confidence in their appearance. I cannot thank our sustainers enough for your generous donations that were made to help the Charity League continue to support programs that help children in our community.

The Board of Governors meeting was hosted in the month of February at the home of Meredith Vaughn. It was a joy to catch up with the past Presidents of the league, who have helped build the foundation of the Charity League. It is with their hard work and passion that the League is still in existence and I thank you for spending your afternoon with myself and the Executive Board.

The past few months the Charity League has had several events going on. We recently just finished our Missoula play "Little Red Riding Hood" and I must say it was unbelievable to see it come together. It is amazing what the children in the community can do together in a matter of one week. I have to give credit to Christina Slate for all of her hard work. She has chaired Missoula for the past six years and she has made it grow so much each year.

It would be a joy to see all sustainers come out to our Dessert Social on Thursday, April 14th at 5 p.m. at the Parish House. This event is one that I look forward to every year from seeing familiar faces to meeting the potential provisional class of 2023!



2016 BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

In closing, with this being the class of 2016 final newsletter I would like to take a moment to brag on my class. As I was writing my speech for Board of Governors it crossed my mind that our class is very active. We started out as a class of 25 members, if my memory serves me correctly, there were just as many provisionals as there were active members. The class of 2016 will be graduating with 11 members and of those 11 members 10 of them have served as placement chairs more than once, chaired a placement in a year's time more than once, started new placements and fundraisers, held several board positions, and 3 of those members have been the President of the Charity League. With that being said, I think it's safe to say that when our class signed up to become members of the Charity League we did not take it lightly.

BLACK AND RED GALA - QUEEN OF HEARTS

The ladies in pink went RED for the evening. Provisionals, actives, sustainers and their guests enjoyed an evening of music, photos and fun cocktails. The Gala event was at 37 East in Uptown Martinsville on Saturday, February 27th. The photo booth with fun hats, signs and masks kept everyone smiling throughout the evening.

Special thank you to Veronica Favero and the Member Events Committee for making this event such a success.



(left to right) Veronica Favero, Whitney Plaster, Kim Buck and Tiffany Anderson
Member Event Committee



MOVIE AT THE RIVES - A NEW, SUCCESSFUL PLACEMENT

This year a new placement was added called Movie at the Rives. The Warner Brothers film, Happy Feet, was shown on January 16, 2016 at the Rives Theater. Admission was \$1 and children received a free goodie bag and popcorn.

It was a great family event at a great price! We had a great turnout with many children watching their first movie in a theater setting. Thank you to our sponsors, Martinsville Pediatrics and Martinsville Smiles. Committee members are Kim Belongia, Autumn Morris, Kara Carter-Hundley, and Laurianne Allen.

Our next film, Inside Out, will be shown on April 23, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. Please help us spread the word!



CHARITY LEAGUE COTILLION

Charity League sponsored the local Cotillion classes for the 5th year. The manners and dance classes were held for 3 groups including 38 children from the 4th through 8th grades. This year the final party showcased the dancing, introductions, and table manners they had practiced. The children were able to dine, dance and celebrate their achievements with a crowd of 120 parents, grandparents, siblings and friends in the ballroom at Chatmoss Country Club.

Many thanks to Charity League Past President, Cindy Edgerton, for her fine work with the children on their manners. Cindy teaches the students how to treat each other; how to be a host and guest in someone's home; and how to properly use electronics in today's world. As a parent, it is invaluable to have an outside authority reinforce the messages you are delivering at home. As parents, many of us also learned from the messages Cindy delivered to the children. We were fortunate once again to have Deana DeHart teach our children about many forms of dance.

Thanks to all the parents for trusting their children with us for 6 weeks. We sincerely hope the lessons will help them socially and professionally for the rest of their lives.

"I like that I learned how to properly set the table because that is usually my job at home. I'm glad that I will know how to dance when I'm older."

- Emma Bredamus

"I love that cotillion etiquette flows into every member of my family. My 5 year old son will often say at the dinner table, 'Is this cotillion style eating?' My daughters also look forward to the father/daughter dance during the final class."

- Tonya Bredamus, Sustainer



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Members of the family of Ivey Courtney Stone, having been advised that several memorial contributions have been made to the League in her honor, wish to express their deep appreciation for such gifts. The family would like to communicate their gratitude for the loving thoughtfulness demonstrated by these contributions.

CHARITY CHATTER



George Hazlehurst Harris III ("Haze") and Elizabeth Ferrell Harris ("Liz") welcomed Elizabeth Hanby ("Liza") Harris on March 2. 8lbs 8oz and 20 inches long.



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Inside Out
April 23, 2016
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Rives Theater

Spring Dessert Social

Sustainers, Actives and Provisionals
April 14, 2016
5:00 p.m.
Parish House

Thanks to our Charity League Sponsors

