



A NEW ANNUAL EVENT AND TRADITION BEGINS!

The Charity League held its first Auction Gala event on November 12, 2016, at Chatmoss Country Club. The active members voted to move the silent auction - normally held on Preview Party evening - to a separate Gala event.

This 1950's Grease party included dinner, cocktails, an antique car show, live band, photo booth, and a silent auction with 77 items for bidding.

There was a short video created to help guests learn more about our vision and increase awareness around the programs and scholarships we have to support children in the community. Children of actives and sustainers were featured in the video.

The Gala Event and Auction was open to the public. We had 130 people in attendance for this event, which included actives, sustainers, and community members.

This event raised \$6,066, which surpassed our goal for the first year. Thank you to the board, member events committee, fundraising committee, donors and guests that made this event possible!

- Kim Banerjee



President's Corner - Leighann Harris



It is difficult to put into words what the last seven years have meant to me. I have truly learned the meaning of giving back to the community and seeing the impact our work makes on our children locally. As I started writing this last President's Corner article, I was flooded with memories of my time spent with the sustainers and actives over the past year. I appreciate your support as I served as your president. Your words, emails, and phone calls encouraging and cheering me on were priceless and something I will never forget.

The past several months have been busy for the League. Our Silent Auction Gala was a big success and I'm proud of the amount of money we raised in our first year.

Our Missoula production of "Peter and Wendy" was a huge success as well. The auditorium was filled with adults as the children in kindergarten through 12th grade rocked the stage.

We met with the Board of Governors in February to share this year's successes and hear ideas from past presidents. During February we also had our cottage meetings. This is such a great time of bonding for the active members.

I would like to thank each and every member for all your volunteer hours and dedication. I would also like to thank each Sustainer for your continued support. Now I will officially change my status from active to sustainer and will look forward to watching the Ladies in Pink shine in the hearts of the children in Martinsville and Henry County.



2017 Board of Governors Meeting



Cook of the Week



Pass the Gavel

LADIES IN PINK DEMOGRAPHICS

Average age: 32

Employment - 92% work full time, 5% work part time, 3% not employed

Popular fields: Education, medical and non-profit organizations

21% Single, 71% Married

59% have children, 41% do not have children

35% of children are aged 4-6, 26% aged 0-3.

Main reason for joining: Volunteer opportunities, social activities, develop leadership skills

FAST TRACK - CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY

Fast Track was held in the former Sears Building in The Village of Martinsville on March 7-8, 2017. The event was hosted by the Martinsville-Henry County Chamber of Commerce.

"I think it went great. We were able to network with people in all sections of our community," said Carrie Metzger. Several members of Charity League made small bites for the event. "We sold a few cookbooks after people tried the food we prepared from recipes in the cookbook," Metzger said. She added that a benefit of participating in Fast Track 2017 was "sharing upcoming events and sharing our mission" with the community.



FUN WITH "GERMS"

GloGerm is a fun placement for the actives and kids in our community. On March 3 and 15, seventy kids from the Collinsville YMCA after school program learned about the importance of handwashing. Jenny Kovack, chair of the program commented, "The focus of this program is to teach children what germs are and how they enter our bodies. We also discussed and demonstrated proper hand washing techniques. This was the highlight of the presentation for the kids as we used 'fake germs' (GloGerm lotion) to test their hand washing techniques."

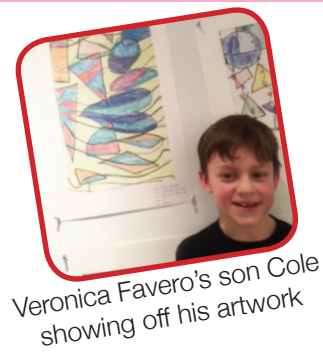
Thank you to Jenny Kovack, Becky Forestier and Kelly Hawkins for your dedication to this placement.



ENCOURAGING OUR YOUNG ARTISTS

Piedmont Arts Association (PAA), the League, and the local schools work together to support the children of our community in their artistic endeavors. PAA provides use of their galleries to feature artwork for the Young Artists' Gallery, while teachers encourage, collect and sort artwork. The final step involves our members collecting and hanging the students' work. We feature art from all of the elementary, middle and high schools in the Martinsville/Henry County area, including Carlisle. Each art teacher is allowed to submit 25 individual art pieces that vary in style and medium. Pastels, watercolors, textiles, collage, mixed media and even ceramics and sculptures were on display. A letter is sent home with each of the children notifying their parents that they have art displayed in the gallery and inviting them to come and see the art.

Thank you to Laura Frazier for your commitment to this placement throughout the years.



Veronica Favero's son Cole showing off his artwork



A SPECIAL HOMECOMING - MISSOULA

Charity League was proud to host Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) from Feb 13 - 18, 2017, at Martinsville Middle School. Eighty-seven students between K - 12th grade auditioned for parts in the show, "Peter and Wendy". Sixty-three children were selected to be in the show.

It was one of the largest audiences we have seen in years. Adam Ferguson, who was in the original MCT show in Martinsville, returned to see the show and visit the acting team from Missoula. Caroline Clay and John Siedenberg II, both of Kentucky, were on one of Adam's training teams when Adam worked for MCT.

After Adam graduated from Martinsville High School he moved to NYC and then to Richmond where he has been acting and directing professionally. He still occasionally works for MCT around the world touring and doing shows. He is just one of many success stories centering around this placement that truly gives back to the community.

Thank you to Susan Haskins (chair), the Missoula committee, provisionals and parents that helped make this year's production a success.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS

Beth Toms
Mary Manning
Judith Garland
Celia Scoras
Sandra Prillaman
Erin Jenkins

Cindy Cox
Jean Morris
Ellen Bell
Margaret Toms
Kim Banerjee

Debra Lewis
Sharon Dalton
Chandres Pickett
Helen Flythe
Nancy Erikson
Martha Cooper

Ruth Groves Chaney, *in honor of Irving M. Groves, Jr.*
Martha Crawley, *in memory of Carolyn Russer*
Beverly Cecil, *in honor of Lee Anne Fuller*
Virginia Hamlet, *in honor of Elizabeth Walker*
Linda Isley, *in memory of Dr. & Mrs. Roger Wall*
Susan Pilson, *in memory of Jett Groves*
Meredith Vaughn, *in memory of Jett Groves*
Jane Farley, *in memory of Jett Groves*
Diane Bassett, *in memory of Jett Groves*
Celia Scouras, *in memory of Jett Groves*
Helen Carter, *in memory of Mrs. Jolene White*
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Pam Allen, *in honor of Leighann Shelburne Harris*
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Elizabeth Walker, *in honor of Virginia Hamlet*
Janine Jacob, *in honor of Leighann Harris*
Julie H Thomas, *in memory of Shelley Frith Drane*
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Charlotte McClain, *in honor of Elizabeth Walker*
Sarah Robertson, *in honor of Lee Anne Fuller and Courtney McFarling*
Natalie Coleman, *in honor of ALL Active Members*
The Marjorie Sutton Mem Foundation, *in memory of J.P. "Pat" Sutton*
Elizabeth Holsinger, *in memory of Norma Covington*
Sandra Ford, *in memory of Irma W. Ford*
Elizabeth Haskins, *in honor of Elizabeth Walker*
Karen Jones, *in honor of Dr. Nicole DeShon*
Rebecca Crabtree, *in honor of Kim Synder*
Lee Anne Fuller, *in honor of Martha White Medley and Sarah Robertson*
Kathryn Sparrow, *in honor of Kitty Sparrow and in memory of Mary Rayland and Mildred Ramsey*
Mary B. Davis, *in honor of Mat Groves Sheppard; in memory of Jett Carter Groves and Mary Brown Booth*
Sharon Bushnell, *in honor of Mary Rose Miller and in memory of Nate and Marni Bushnell; Dr. Oscar L. Miller*

CHARITY CHATTER



Zach and Autumn Morris welcome
Maggie Elaine Morris,
born on January 25, 2017.



Lee and Brook Nelson welcome
Evelyn Claire Nelson
born March 29, 2017.



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REMINDERS

Public Drop-Off for Bargain Fair

Saturday, June 24, 2017

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Bargain Fair Warehouse

Touch-A-Truck

Saturday, August 5, 2017



Our Graduating Seniors!