

# Guild Gazette

## FALL IS IN THE AIR WITH MUMS

### 2017 MUM SALE

In September, the annual fall mum sale was in full swing. Each member was responsible for pre-selling ten mums at \$15 each. Top sellers were:

Tiffany Delano (78) and Mariah McKellar (36). The Fundraising committee gives special thanks to all that volunteered on Friday and Saturday, including Sustainer Amanda Skibniewski, to help us get the mums unloaded and moved inside the

Farmer's Market, then out with the customers on Saturday. The entire community supports us and allows us to be successful each year with mum sales, and this year was no different.

- Total Sold 800 mums
- \$3,095 raised

## JUNIOR GUILD GROWING AGAIN!

The Provisional Orientation/Reception was held in August. Fifteen women were in attendance. Currently, eight members are in the 2017-2018 JGRM Provisional class. The Junior Guild looks forward to welcoming all the new provisionals with the institution of a Big Sister Program started in December 2017!

Welcome to Provisionals: Janee Avent-Harris, Hope Connie, Jennifer Gibson, Kaitlin Mize, Nichole Miller, P.J. Roberson, Melanie Wallace, and Jennifer Watson



## OUTGOING MESSAGE FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT

The Junior Guild has been actively involved in Nash and Edgecombe County communities for 80 years. We once again had an extremely active year in the community in regards to both service and fundraising! The Junior Guild kicked off our year with our first ever Corporate Sponsorship Campaign. This campaign solicited annual sponsorship donations from our community partners, and we were able to raise approximately \$7,500.00 to assist and cover costs of our larger events and in turn route more money back into the Community.

We re-vamped our Community Trust Recipient process this past year and had a first successful application and granting cycle and will award 14 Community Trust Recipients this year.

In addition to our wonderful annual Fundraising events (Bargain Sale and Mum Sale), the Guild continued their presence in volunteering at the HOPE Program, InJoy Thrift Shop, the Tar River Orchestra, Rocky Mount Peacemakers, Meals on Wheels Beans and Brews event, and assisting the Salvation Army with Bell Ringing and Angel Tree shopping.



Our Puppet committee held our Puppet tradition strong and put on fabulous shows of "The Giving Tree." The committee hosted approximately 350 children over 25 shows this spring season! They were a combination of Public shows as well as school trips during the week.

We are also incredibly blessed by our 12 incredible Provisionals that have joined us this year. Their project was two-fold in an education partnership with the Boys and Girls Club as well as

toiletry drive. The toiletry donations were equally distributed and donated to My Sister's House, the Boys and Girls Club, and United Ministries. I am extremely proud of this group and look forward to their continued Active membership in the Guild over the years to come. I would like to thank the

Officers, Executive Board and Chairs/co-chairs for all of your hard work over the past year. It has truly been an honor to serve with you all.

And finally a huge thank you to the all of our Active, Sustaining and Provisional Members. It has been a wonderful year and I feel lucky to have led this organization into its 80th year of service in the Nash and Edgecombe communities.

Best Regards,

Katie Keeter

Junior Guild President, 2016-2017





# 2017-2018 OFFICERS



## **President - Tiffany Delano**

Third year active Junior Guild member who enjoys giving back to her community while meeting and serving with like-minded local women. "I believe in the Junior Guild mission of serving the needs of our community through volunteerism." Our community is greatly enriched by the support of the Junior Guild of Rocky Mount. Prior to being President, she served as Vice President and on the Fundraising Committee. She is married to Trevor with an eight-year-old named Evan. She is also the Membership Secretary of Preservation Rocky Mount, Volunteer coordinator for Tackle The Tar, Faith Christian School's Patriotettes Cheerleading Coach and a board member of several upcoming local events planned for 2018.



## **Vice President - Whitney Shearin**

Whitney is a third year Junior Guild member who is serving in her first year on the Executive Board. She joined the Guild in 2014 after moving back to her hometown after working in Raleigh for five years. Following in the footsteps of her mom Deborah Shearin, a Sustaining Member of the Junior Guild, she joined in order to get involved in the local community and work together with other women in order to make an impact in Rocky Mount. Prior to being Vice President, she served on the Fundraising Committee for two years. Whitney works with her family's HVAC company Shearin Heating & Cooling, LLC. Her family has been serving the Rocky Mount community for over 50 years. In addition to her position in the Junior Guild, Whitney is also the Treasurer of Preservation Rocky Mount and Chairman of the Finance Committee at First Baptist Church.



## **Corresponding Secretary - Kelly Anne Mudd**

The 34-year-old, fifth year Guild member serves as the principal at Spring Hope Elementary. She joined the Guild to give back to her community with fun, like-minded women. "What I love about Junior Guild is the opportunities to have a positive impact on our community while getting to know some amazing ladies!" Prior to being selected for her current post, she has served on the fundraising committee, was co-provisional chair and was a Senior Bingo rock star! "My husband and I moved to Rocky Mount a little over 10 years ago, and we can't imagine making our home, with our two hound dogs, anywhere else. We love it here and we are excited for all the growth and potential we see.

1937 FIRST  
ANNUAL  
HANDBOOK  
FUN FACTS!

- First President: Mrs. Julia Russ Thorp
- Dues: \$5.00/year and Initiation fee: \$2.50
- First Project, Well Baby Clinic. In 1937 death rate in first year in each 1000 live births was 78.2
- Ways and Means first venture was a station with two girls on duty for Christmas wrapping and shipping at a table at May and Gorham's Drug Store for ten days before Christmas and opened the Women's Exchange and Lending Library (office/headquarters). Girls worked every day nine to five, except summer months when it was only open from nine to two.

# 2017-2018 OFFICERS CONTINUED



## **Recording Secretary - Emily Watson**

Emily, 34, has been living in Nashville for the past 8 years and the Junior Guild was one of the first organizations she joined. She has served on the community service committee as well as several terms as social chair and recording secretary. Emily will finish her last year in the Junior Guild this year as your recording secretary. Emily and her husband, Chris, are expecting a little girl due early February. Emily currently works as a fitness instructor and her hobbies include traveling, cooking and trying new restaurants.



## **Treasurer - Michelle Chewning**

She is in her fifth active year as a JG member. The 43-year-old works as a controller at Boice-Willis Clinic. She joined the Junior Guild to meet other women, learn more about the community, and volunteer. Her career as a controller and CPA led to her placement as Junior Guild treasurer. She likes to read, sitting on the beach and spending time with my family.



## **PastPresident/Parliamentarian -Katie Keeter**

Katie is in her fourth year with the Junior Guild, joining as a Provisional in the Fall of 2013 after she moved her from Washington, DC and married her husband, Ryan Keeter, a Rocky Mount Native. Katie has worked for Deloitte and Touche LLP for 10 years and is currently a Manager in Deployment and Operations for their Audit Practice nationally, working from home. "My coworkers and I call ourselves people managers. Our part of the Talent organization is responsible for ensuring all 8,000 of our Audit professionals are effectively staffed on our clients. It's one giant puzzle of people." Katie joined the Guild as she does not work local to Rocky Mount and wanted to be able to engage and give back to the local community. Additionally, her mother-in-law, Kathy Jenkins Keeter is a Sustaining Member. "I had always been an active member in my small town community growing up in Upstate NY. After living in DC for 10 years, I had lost that feeling of making an impact being in such a large city. Joining the Guild has really enabled me to get back to those service opportunities and meet other people and organizations in our community that I wouldn't meet otherwise not being employed locally."

1970-1971  
JUNIOR GUILD  
PRAYER

We pray that we my never be so blind  
That our small world is all we ever see;  
Or so supremely satisfied  
That what we are is all we want to be.

Give us the joy of feeling someone's need  
Make us gracious followers; make gracious those who led  
But more than all, we pray that through the years  
We will remember that there are always new frontiers.



# DECEMBER SOCIAL

On December 7, the December social was held at Benvenue Country Club. The social committee did a great job planning the evening. Many past presidents joined us for the evening of fun (pictured top), and included Julia Allsbrook, Katie Vann Butler, Lisa Butler, Trevor Foote, Kate Tharin, Marlo Williams, Katie Keeter, Maxie McGloughan, and Karen Miller. Sustainers in attendance are picture to the right. Four of the provisional are pictured below, and active members in attendance can be seen at the bottom. Activities included a festive photo booth and a JG ornament making station. A history display included the First Annual handbook from 1937 and past scrapbooks. A great time was had by all!



Above: Past Presidents at the December 2017 Dinner Meeting



Above: Sustainers present at the December 2017 Dinner Meeting



Above: Four members of the 2017-2018 Provisional Class



Left: 2017-2018 Junior Guild of Rocky Mount



# FEATURED SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



## 2014 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT BURKLEE BRADLEY

Burklee is in her 4th year at East Carolina University. She will graduate in May 2018 with a BA in Psychology, BA in Hispanic Studies, and minor in science. Apart from her studies, she volunteers at a crisis center, conducts research alongside faculty at ECU, and works part-time. She plans to attend a PhD program in the Fall of 2018 for Clinical Health Psychology. In the future, she would like to continue researching and ultimately open her own private practice to provide psychological services to under served communities in eastern NC. In an effort to maximize her potential as a future psychologist, she has studied abroad in Spain and is currently working on learning the Spanish language. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, volunteering, and spending time with my friends and family.

# 2017-2018 CORPORATE SPONSORS

## DIAMOND



## PEARL



## SAPPHIRE



## EMERALD



## RUBY

**Allegra**  
**Allred Mechanical**  
**Allstate Insurance: The Tanner Agency**  
**Bass Plant Farm & Garden Center**  
**Benvenue Country Club**  
**Cecil Capps Realty Co.**  
**Davenport Autopark**  
**Farm Bureau - Michael Vick**  
**Hammer Chiropractic**  
**Hedgepeth-Hutson Insurance Services**

**The Main Course**  
**Mama's Pizza & Italian Restaurant**  
**of Rocky Mount & Tarboro**  
**Off Duty Customs**  
**Randstad**  
**Shearin Heating & Cooling, LLC**  
**Southern Bank & Trust**  
**Stifel Investment Services**  
**Turn Key Storage**



# THE LITTLE ENGINE THAT COULD

## PUPPETS

In 2017-2018, the Junior Guild puppeteers present

### *The Little Engine that Could*

Performing live in the Puppet Theater at the Rocky Mount Children's Museum & Science Center

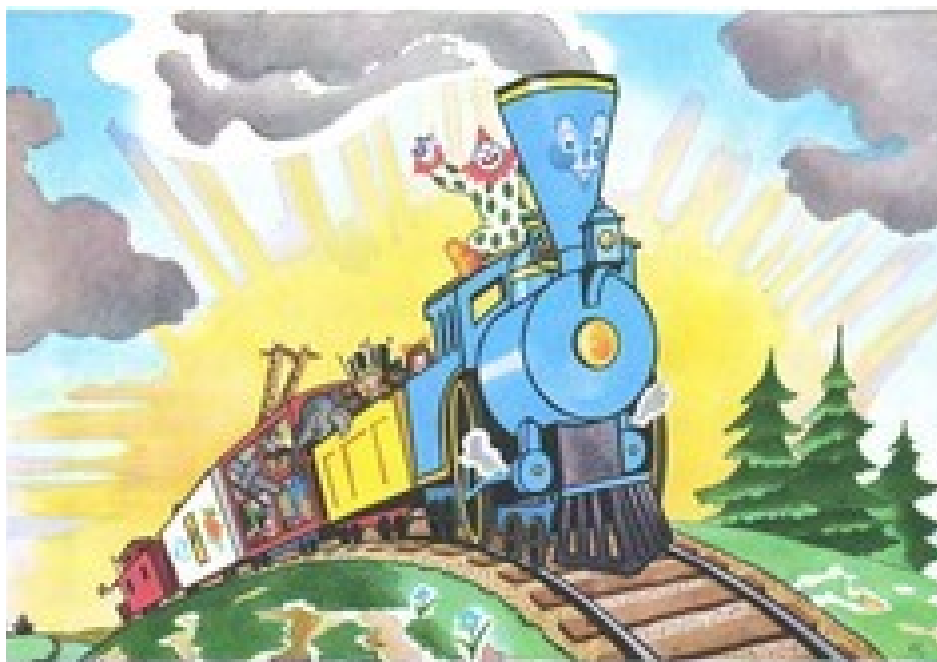
Debuted December 10th at the Imperial Centre's Winter Wonderland Event.

Shows will be held February – April 2018

1st Fridays at 6:15p & 6:45p,  
2nd and 4th Sundays at 1:30p and 2:30p

ITHINK I CAN,  
ITHINK I CAN,  
ITHINK I CAN,

Special showings can be scheduled on 1st Fridays at 10:15a, 10:45a, or 11:15a. For more information or to schedule a show, please call 252-557-9886 or email [jrguildpuppets@gmail.com](mailto:jrguildpuppets@gmail.com).



## 2017-2018 COMMUNITY TRUST RECIPIENTS

- United Community Ministries
- Christian Fellowship Homes
- Association for Learning Disabled and Handicapped
- Mental Health America of the Tar River Region
- My Sister's House
- Meals on Wheels of Rocky Mount
- Boys & Girls Club of the Tar River Region
- Down East Partnership for Children
- Rocky Mount Family YMCA
- Hope Initiative
- Resolve It Together

Nash/Edgecombe Counties

- Peacemakers
- Communities in Schools
- Faith Christian Ministries of Nash County
- The Wright's Center
- Christian Adoption Services



## PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

We are incredibly excited to kick off the 2017-2018 Junior Guild year with so many great things happening in the Guild. We looking forward to all of our events and fundraisers as we continue to engage with and support our wonderful community!

During the summer all of our board members were tasked with coming up with SMART goals for their committee. My SMART goals included engaging our Sustainers and preserving our history. In an effort to engage our Sustainers I have made it a priority to increase our communication by sending monthly updates, notes regarding newsworthy articles, and personal notes. In an effort to preserve our history, I have cleaned out storage, repaired some scrapbooks, and prepared a Junior Guild Puppet history display at the Imperial Center. There was also a history display at the December meeting that contained our First Annual Handbook from 1937, all the cookbooks and scrap books from each decade. I am also working on the 2017-2018 scrapbook.

This year, we have also brought back the guest speakers. David Joyner, Ron Green, and Chief Bashore are a few that have come to encourage the Guild to build relationships and not just donate money and/or work on projects to fulfill an obligation. David also challenged members to think about what would be most impactful to the community when making decisions. Junior Guild had a presence at the NCC and ECC scholarship presentation and congratulated our recipients in person. All Community Trust Recipient checks were hand delivered to many grateful organizations.

We are already planning our June meeting as the special guest speaker will be Adrian Wood: Tales of an Educated Débutante. Go ahead and mark your calendars for June 4th!

Cordially,

Tiffany Delano

Junior Guild President, 2017-2018

## JANUARY

Soup Kitchen, TBA

## FEBRUARY

Roadside clean up 17th at 10:00 am. We will meet at Dunkin Dounuts at 9:45am on Sunset Avenue.

## MARCH

Sip n' See , March 1st

Bargain Sale, March 2nd

## APRIL

Sugar Run, April 14th

Ramblin' with The Guild, April 26th



## RAMBLIN' WITH THE GUILD

Save the date! Ramblin' with the Guild will be April 26th. Live Auctioneer, music, food, and more.....with ticket purchase. More info coming!



# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

## JESSIE LANGLEY



This is my 3rd active year in the Guild. My favorite food is cheese... on anything. My favorite thing about the the Guild is staying involved with the community while

having a chance to get to know other interesting women. My favorite hobby is having family time with my husband, Alex, and our silly girls, Lennox (5) and Lyllian (2). Fun fact news alert, I was an extra on Dawson's Creek. My favorite things to do with the Guild are puppet shows, of course!

## AMANDA BELL



This is my 7th active year.  
My favorite food is Mexican.

I love the Guild for the friendships I have formed and the community service opportunities. My favorite hobby is to spend time with my family. My favorite hobby is to spend time with my family. Interesting fact, the four friends who convinced me to join the Guild were all out within my first 2 active years. My favorite activity with the Guild has probably been working at the homeless shelter.

## SHAQUANNA LITTLE



This is my 2nd active year in the Guild. My favorite food is pasta. My favorite thing about the Guild is projects and giving backs. My favorite hobby is bowling. Fun fact: I was in the Army for 8 years. My favorite thing to do with the Guild is the Bargain Sale!

## KRISTEN BRABBLE



This is my 2nd active year. My favorite food is Girl Scout Cookies ... I seriously have a problem. My favorite thing about the Guild is service. My favorite hobby is the beach - sitting, swimming, surfing, and/or sleeping on the beach. I love watching movies in the theaters and bowling. My favorite thing about the Guild is volunteering in the community together.

# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

## JET POINDEXTER



This is my first full year in The Guild. I was a provisional last year. Favorite food is steak and baked potato. Favorite thing about The Guild is Community involvement and friendship with other

members. Favorite hobby is spending time with my daughter Mallory. A fun fact is I have played fast pitch softball for 23 years. I have 2 years coaching experience with two championships!!! Favorite thing to do with The Guild is to volunteer and be an impact in the community.

## PHEBE IDOL



This is my second active year in The Guild. Favorite food is wine & cheese, and coffee for all the time you can't drink wine. My favorite thing about The Guild is that I get to know other

professional women in the Rocky Mount area. A fun fact about me is I love DIY projects. My favorite thing to do with The Guild are the socials and bargain sale.

### Upcoming Meetings

February 1 @BCC  
11:00 a.m. (Meeting only)  
6:15 p.m. (Social & Dinner)  
6:45 p.m. (Meeting)

March 8 @BCC  
6:15 p.m. (Social & Dinner)  
6:45 p.m. (Meeting)

April 5 @BCC  
6:15 p.m. (Social & Dinner)  
6:45 p.m. (Meeting)

May 3 @BCC  
11:00 a.m. (Meeting only)  
6:15 p.m. (Social & Dinner)  
6:45 p.m. (Meeting)

June 4 @BCC  
6:15 p.m. (Social)  
7:00 p.m. (Meeting)

Guest Speaker:  
Adrian Wood: Tales of an Educated Débutante

## BARGAIN SALE SATURDAY, MARCH 3RD!

Please don't hesitate to reach out to Whitney Shearin should you have ANY questions or any donations. Whitney's contact information: [910-367-0642](tel:910-367-0642) or [whitneyshearin@gmail.com](mailto:whitneyshearin@gmail.com)

### Bargain Sale Advertisement Flier Attached

Members, Provisional, and Sustainers are asked to hang flier(s) at your churches, businesses, daycares, schools, etc. A full-page flier is included here in the newsletter for you to use.

Additionally, please share the flier posted to the Junior Guild's Facebook Page and Instagram!

### Work Shift Sign-Up - TrackItForward

For those Members that haven't signed up yet, please sign up on TrackItForward.

### Sip & See, Friday, March 2nd

Open to all Junior Guild Members, Sustainers, Provisional Members and their guests. Sip & See invitation to be mailed. \*Closed to general public.



# 15TH ANNUAL

Proceeds to benefit local  
organizations supported  
by the Junior Guild



## ROCKY MOUNT FARMER'S MARKET

1006 PEACHTREE STREET  
SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2018  
7:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
\$2 ADMISSION

- Furniture
- Sporting Goods
- Housewares
- Bikes & Toys
- Appliances
- Electronics
- Holiday Items
- Children's Clothing

## CORRESPONDENCE NOTES

### Notes of Congratulations sent to:

Marlo Williams on the birth of her twins,  
Braxton and Ellison.

### Notes of Sympathy sent to:

Beth Jolly on the loss of her mother

Janet Walston on the passing of her mother

Kate Tharin on the loss of her grandmother

Marianne Farris on the passing of her mother

Llewellyn Edmondson on the passing of her  
husband

Maria Chavez-Cadena on the passing of her  
grandmother

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## TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 7, 2017

Administrative Balance: \$27,052.49

Discretionary Balance: \$7,724.79

Community Trust: \$17.07

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## STAY IN TOUCH

### Items for newsletter?

We would love to hear your ideas!

### Items for correspondence?

Please help keep us informed of births,  
deaths, and marriages involving our  
members and Sustainers.



Check social media for pop-up socials  
throughout the year.

*[www.facebook.com/jgrockymount](http://www.facebook.com/jgrockymount)*

*@JGROCKYMOUNT on Instagram*

**And be sure to tag “Junior Guild of  
Rocky Mount” in any posts you make of  
JG events or photos!**

For more information, go to  
*<http://www.jgrockymount.org>*