



# Guild Gazette

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## Annual Bargain Sale a Big Hit Nearly \$10k raised for community organizations

When Maria Newcomb worked the Bargain Sale in 2015, it was a new experience. The then-provisional member didn't know what to expect or what went into raising thousands of dollars with an event that people look forward to all-year round.

"I had no idea the amount of work that actually goes into the making of a bargain sale," she said. "From the start of where we get together to start doing pick ups to the end of where you say, 'Wow, this turned out great.'"

Guild Fundraising Chairwoman Katie Keeter said the nine members of the fundraising committee

each put in at least 40 hours, plus every member worked at least one three-hour shift. Newcomb, who is on the fundraising committee, said preparing for the sale is a big undertaking, but it is far from 'all work and no play.' Everyone had fun laughing and bonding while setting everything up.

"The Bargain Sale takes a lot of work, but really is such a fun event," Keeter said. "It is the only event that the Guild really comes together as one throughout a whole week.

"It's such a great bonding time!"

Last year was the first time the Friday night sale



was opened to the public and organizers opted to continue the public aspect because it was such a hit. There was a huge line of people waiting to get in at 5:30 p.m. Paying \$5 for admittance and double the prices posted didn't stop people from grabbing great bargains.

"Furniture always goes fast," Keeter said. "Our donated items from Bullucks also went very fast."

The sipping and snacking aspect along with live music made for a fun night out in Rocky Mount.

Many customers returned on Saturday morning to shop alongside residents who got up early to get the best deals.

"There were quite a few people who you could tell were regulars of the Bargain Sale and were more than willing to pay the entry fee because they knew they were giving to a



**By the numbers:**

**Total raised: \$9,500**



worthy cause with the money going right back into our city,” Newcomb said.

Whether shoppers were looking for items to stock their kitchens, festive decor to deck their halls for the holidays or bedding, customers found everything they wanted and more.

“This is our largest fundraiser every year,” Keeter said. “It’s important to raise the large amount of funds that allow us to give back to our community trust recipients, but it also allows us an opportunity to give back to the community by providing them a packed sale on items at real bargain prices,” Keeter said.

Members who weren’t charged with taking entry fees or calculating the totals were

assigned to sections to assist customers with whatever they needed. Provisionals also were assigned to sections with veteran members to give everyone a chance to get to know one another while pitching in to make the sale a success.

“I truly believe the Junior Guild of Rocky Mount has their heart in the right place,” said Newcomb. “Our goal is to make Rocky Mount a great place to live by volunteering our time and providing money to many areas of Rocky Mount who are in dire need of extra funding that they would not get otherwise.

“I encourage all women from all different walks of life to come and join our group.”

Customers eagerly flocked to the sale Friday night to find bargains, scouring through bins and combing through stacks for the best items.



*Congratulations!*

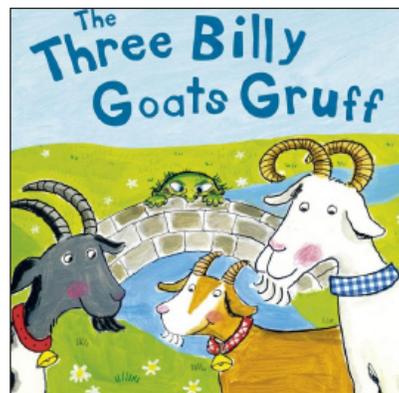
During the March meeting, members selected the officers for 2016-2017. Some of the positions — like Katie Keeter as president, Tiffany Delano as vice president and Jennifer Rankin for recording secretary — were unopposed. The two-year term for treasurer went to Michelle Chewing as members re-elected her, but a second vote was needed to settle a tie between two of the six candidates for corresponding secretary. Maria Newcomb and Kelly Anne Mudd were the finalists, but Kelly Anne was elected after the second vote.



Scholarship packets have been sent out to area schools and applications are due by March 26. If you know a deserving young lady, don’t hesitate to get them to apply for these funds to help further their education.

Performances of The Three Billy Goats Gruff puppet show are wrapping up soon. To catch a show, go to the Imperial Centre at 1:30 p.m. or 2:30 p.m. on April 3 and April 17. Special morning showings can be scheduled on the second Wednesday and fourth Thursday.

For more information, call 557-9886 or send an email to [jrguildpuppets@gmail.com](mailto:jrguildpuppets@gmail.com).



**Mark your calendars:**

At 2 p.m. on April 17, there will be a pop-up social at Koi Pond Brewing Co.

Volunteers are encouraged to help the HOPE Program from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 2 at Englewood Presbyterian Church in Rocky Mount.

On May 14, the JG will have a tent for participants in the Tackle the Tar event to check their gear for \$5, but we need volunteers to man the tent.

In the recent Shark Tank competition at the Imperial Centre, provisional member Winde Jackson won big with a cake company in her namesake. Judges with Springboard NC tasted her cakes and picked her to win the top prize of \$8,000. Congratulations!

The Provisional Class has picked their project. The ladies will be building an outdoor classroom at Peacemakers' campus in South Rocky Mount. To find out all the details, go to <http://www.jgrockymount.org/news--photos/provisional-class-project-at-peacemakers>.

Executive Director Jesse Lewis requested the classroom include picnic tables, an outdoor chalkboard and coverings. To do this, the class is working to raise funds for the project but they need our help. If you want to donate money or supplies to the cause or know of a business that might help, contact Jennifer Harrell or one of the provisional members.

"This is a wonderful way to give to an organization we are not currently supporting financially," said JG President Marlo Williams at the March meeting.

They are planning an unveiling event at 1 p.m. on May 21, so save the date to come out and support this great project.



## Junior Guild Members Have Fun and Serve the Twin Counties Community



Junior Guild of Rocky Mount held its second Mardi Gras Social Event at Benvenue Country Club on Friday, February 19. It was a fun event with about 40 people in attendance. The Cajun style appetizers, music and festive decorations created a fun escape for a night out with Junior Guild friends, spouses and significant others.



On Sunday, March 6, 16 JG members had a fun, relaxing afternoon at Artful Expressions. We created memories and masterpieces as we painted. From pineapples and crabs to mason jars and gigantic initials, the group had a fabulous time. Be on the lookout for the next Artful Expressions private party – it's something you are not going to want to miss!

# News and Notes...

Date:	Upcoming Meetings	Time:	Location:
April 7	6:15 p.m. (Social & Dinner)	6:45 p.m. (Meeting)	BCC
May 5	11 a.m. (Meeting)	6:15 p.m. (Social & Dinner)	BCC
	6:45 p.m. (Meeting)		

## Notes of Congratulations:

- Shanna Strickland, birth of daughter
- Tasha Logan Ford, birth of son

**Do you have items for the notice board and correspondence?** Please help keep us informed of births, deaths, and marriages involving our members and sustainers. Email [jgrockymount@embarqmail.com](mailto:jgrockymount@embarqmail.com).

### Treasurer's Report as of Feb. 29:

Administrative Balance: \$27,309.17

Discretionary Balance: \$5,594.23

Community Trust: \$53.99



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS...** Our Summer Social will start at 6:30 p.m. on June 2 and everyone is invited! RSVP information will be sent out soon, but formal invitations won't be mailed this year so keep up with e-mail and social media for more information.

We'll also have a silent auction and we're collecting donations. If you know of a business or someone else who'd donate, tell the fundraising committee. Also, remember to bring your checkbooks to bid on awesome items and services to benefit local organizations.

**Address change? Please contact Cassie Webb, [cassie.beth@gmail.com](mailto:cassie.beth@gmail.com) or mail to the PO Box below.**

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