

# Guild Gazette

The Junior Guild of Rocky Mount

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## *Bankin' on a Bargain*

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Bargain Sale was a HUGE success with total sales of \$10,600. Everyone had a great time Friday night at the Sip & Shop Preview Sale which brought in more than \$6,000. The Preview Sale was open to the public and all items were double priced. The \$5 admission was well worth the great items purchased, music and refreshments. For the big sale on Saturday morning, a line of people waiting for a bargain wrapped around the building!



Vice President Marlo Williams extended a special thank you to the fundraising committee for all of their hard work in preparation for the Bargain Sale and to all of the Guild members for their work during the sale week.



## **Boxes, bags and bundles of books - oh my!**

The Provisional Class of 2014 has received an outpouring of support from the community for their class project. The class of 24 ladies decided to hold a book drive in February and March to collect children's books to stock a little library, which is being constructed by a Rocky Mount High School class. The wooden structure will then be placed in a neighborhood in need where children and families can pick up a book

to take home for free. Because several thousand new and gently-used books have been collected, extra libraries have been donated by the Rocky Mount Telegram (which also has graciously allowed the books to be collected at for sorting and distribution) that will be colorfully painted and placed in other needy neighborhoods to share with other kids. At the April meeting, the Guild voted to make a book drive one of the monthly projects every year, which will enable these libraries to bring the gift of literacy to area youth for years to come. This is a great project that will make an impact in the daily lives of local youth since statistics show that children having books at home does increase their performance in school.



## Mardi Gras Fun!

Junior Guild members and their dates attended a Mardi Gras – themed social in February where we enjoyed masks, beads and creole cuisine!



## Shout Out to Puppets!

A special shout out to the Puppets Committee who has hosted more than 20 puppet shows this year! This is a special service the Guild has provided to the community for 65 years, and an important tradition to carry on. We thank the Puppets committee for their dedication, and also our members and sustainers who bring their children and grandchildren to the Junior Guild Puppet Theatre at the Imperial Centre's children's museum.

## Report of the President 2014-2015

For the past 78 years, the Junior Guild of Rocky Mount has been a benefactor to the well-being of the Rocky Mount community. During this past year, our tradition has continued through our various community service programs. These long-standing programs included Habitat for Humanity, Roadside cleanup for our Adopt-A- Street Program, and playing Senior Bingo with local nursing home residents. These residents always look forward to the fun and fellowship of our members. This year the guild established new placements at Injoy Thrift Store and the Hope Program. The longest enduring tradition is the Junior Guild puppet show. Members performed "The Little Red Hen," which is a timeless story that reveals a valuable lesson to all.

The Fundraising Committee had another great year. Several new fundraisers were added which increased revenues. This helped to continue to fund our three scholarships: General Scholarship Fund, Nash Community College Scholarship Fund, and Edgecombe Community College Scholarship Fund. This also helped fund our Community Trust Recipients: Association for Learning Disabled and Handicapped, Christian Fellowship Home of Nash-Edgecombe, Communities in Schools of Rocky Mount, and Down East Partnership for Children.

Our membership had remarkable growth this year with our incoming Provisional class. Their provisional project is the "Little Library Project" which will promote literacy in our community. This can be yet another legacy of the Junior Guild. We are so excited about the energy, enthusiasm, and future leadership of our Provisional class.

It is important to mention that we successfully restored Benvenue Country Club as our venue for meetings and social events. We are so happy to be back at this community landmark where guild members met for so many years.

I would like to thank all guild members (board, committee chairs and co-chairs, active, provisional, and sustainers) for their dedication, hard work, and support this past year. Our organization needs this continued united support of all members to grow, thrive, and carry on the traditions of those that led the way to where we are today.

Many thanks,  
Maxie McGlohon, 2014-2015 President

### ATTENTION SUSTAINERS:

We want your involvement in JG! Please join us at the June dinner meeting. You will receive an e-vite from the social committee.

### ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS & SUSTAINERS:

Please begin thinking of potential new members to invite to our Meet & Grets in late summer. We want to keep the momentum of adding wonderful new women to our growing organization!

## Report of the Vice President 2014-2015

A wise woman once declared that "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." Helen Keller was spot on with her concise statement, and established a motto that epitomized this year's Fundraising Committee. I want to give a HUGE thank you to the eleven hard working and motivated ladies that helped make this year's fundraising efforts such a huge success!. Also, a special thank you to the Junior Guild membership and the community members who supported and worked all of the fundraising events throughout the year.

The 2014-2015 fundraising efforts were truly record breaking! We kicked off the year with our Fall Letter Campaign and Junior Guild members carried on the fundraising efforts by working two downtown community events – the BBQ Throw Down and the Downtown Live Concert series, where we raised a total of \$630.00. In September, the Fundraising Committee brought in \$4,247.00 at the Junior Guild's Annual Mum Sale, selling over 850 mums! As we moved into the holiday season, Lilly & Lane hosted a Guild Night Out event for Guild members and the community, which consisted of shopping, food and drinks, where they donated \$275.00 to the Guild from the event's proceeds. Our June and December Silent Auctions were both huge successes, raising a combined total of \$4,085.00 from the sale of hundreds of wonderful auction items collected by the Fundraising Committee. In March, we held our final fundraiser of the year, the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Bargain Sale, which brought in a monumental \$10,600.00 from the Friday night Sip & Shop Sale and the Saturday Bargain Sale.

The success of these fundraisers throughout the year was a true team effort from the Fundraising Committee and the Junior Guild membership, and that allowed us to raise over \$20,000.00 that will be donated back to the community. Local scholarship recipients and our four community trust recipients for 2014-2015 – the Association for Learning Disabled and Handicapped, Christian Fellowship Homes of Nash/Edgecombe, Communities in Schools and the Down East Partnership for Children will all benefit from this year's fundraising proceeds.

Thank you again to everyone for allowing the Junior Guild to "do so much" this year and to truly make this year a record breaking success for the Guild and our community!

Sincerely,  
Marlo Williams

### *Two remaining provisional profiles (continued from Winter newsletter)....*

**Amber D. Sheeler** is the Accounting Instructor at NC Wesleyan College. She's married to Matthew and they have 5 kids: Melanie 18, Gage 18, Landen 8 (almost 9), Bryant 3, and Capri 1 (almost 2). Amber graduated from NC Wesleyan and East Carolina and she enjoys spending time with her kids and enjoy their activities (Gage plays football, Landen dances competitively), and cross-stitch. She has a bookshelf full of Anne Rice books that she would love to read – but her "reading" time always involves children's books or accounting textbooks. Amber considers her biggest success up until now raising a responsible, independent young man (Gage) and she can be best described as honest.

**Maria B. Newcomb** owns an Allstate Insurance Company here in Rocky Mount and in addition she is the maid, the chef and the Mom of the house. She's also a Registered Nurse. She has been married to George Ashley for 17 years and they have three children, Daughter, Haven age 25, Daughter, Abigail age 13, and little man Landon who is age 5. They also have 4 pets: A bassett hound named Hadley, a schitzu named Ramsey (adopted grand dog), Kitty the cat and a fish named Sushi. Maria loves to shop, spend time with family and relax when time permits. She loves Janet Evanovich, especially The Stephanie Plum series and she read about 21 books of that series! Maria can best be described as loyal, caring, good listener and good hearted and her biggest success to date is passing Series 6 and 63 exams.

# Notice Board

## Notes of Congratulations:

- Ivey Locke, birth of daughter
- Keller Strandberg, birth of son
- Meghan Marks, birth of twin boys

## Note of Sympathy

- Kristeena Beasley, death of grandmother

## 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)

## Address change?

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

## Important Dates this Spring & Summer

June 4      June Dinner Meeting - luau on the patio! Sustainers welcome!!

Late Summer      Meet & Greet for potential new members

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