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Mr. Steven Joseph Latorre of Our Town is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter, Angela Constance Latorre, to Benjamin Ross Hudson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Hudson of Wilson, North Carolina. The bride-to-be is also the daughter of the late Mr. Steven Joseph Latorre. Angela is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Saponieri and Mrs. Joseph Latorre of Valrico, Florida, and the late Mr. Latorre. She is a graduate of Notre Dame de Sion High School. Angela was presented at the Junior League of Wyandotte and Johnson Counties Community Ball and Cotillion in 1997. She earned a bachelor of arts degree in French from the University of Missouri - Kansas City. Angela is a BOTAR, class of 2002. She is careering with Arrowhead Automotive Aftermarket.

Her groom-elect is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edwin John Kennedy and Mrs. David Massey Hudson of Richmond, Virginia, and the late Mr. Hudson. Ben graduated from Pacelli High School in Columbus, Georgia. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in marketing from The University of Georgia, and a master's degree in business administration from the University of LaVerne. Ben is employed with Cerner Corporation. Theirs will be a May 25<sup>th</sup> wedding at St. Peter's Catholic Church.

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## Superb Season

The Kansas City Ballet kicked-off its 55<sup>th</sup> season on October 12<sup>th</sup> at the Todd Bolender Center for Dance & Creativity. Guests enjoyed delicious fare before being transported to the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts to watch the Kansas City Ballet's fall performance of Tony Pimble's *Carmina Burana*, along with Lynne Taylor-Corbett's *Mercury* and Ben Stevenson's *End of Time*.



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Toni Pimble, guest choreographer; with Barbara and Dan Weary



Toni Pimble and Lynne Taylor-Corbett, guest choreographers

The Folly Theater's *Light The Lights Celebration* was held on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Guests enjoyed cocktails and *bors d'oeuvres* in the Concierge Lounge of the Kansas City Marriott Downtown, followed by a performance by Sam Harris at the Folly. Sam delighted the audience with his wide range of songs and fun tales of Hollywood. Following the performance, guests stepped outside for a champagne toast and lighting of the Folly's new marquee. We saw Steve Metzler and Brian Williams, honorary chairmen; Mark Seely, chairman; Elizabeth Alex, emcee; Jill and Marshall Dean, Jean and Don Wagner, Ann and John Readey, Casey Simmons, S. Sloane Simmons, Lisa and Wayne Auer, Pete Browne, board president; Mayor Sly James, Heather Paxton, Michael Lintecum, Rob Adams, Cindy Cowherd, Cynthia Savage, Nancy and Mark Sachse, Dan Meiners, and Mary and Curt Watkins.



*I Wonder - which Thanksgiving dinner guest showed up without the turkey trimmings she had promised to bring?*



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We laughed our heads off at the Synergy Services' *Stand Up for Synergy* event at the Kansas City Improv Club. Comedian **Howie Mandel** was the headliner, and Elizabeth Alex served as the emcee. The Nigro Brothers facilitated another very successful auction. We saw Bonnie Siegel, Roswitha and Ken Schaffer, Emily Gairns, Sarah and Brandon Vore, Mary and Richard Wetzel, and Josh Mitchen and Niki and Frank Totto, co-chairmen.



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## Nuptial



David Moore

Debra Ann Niewald and Gregory Alan Teschner were married on October 6<sup>th</sup> at Indian Hills Country Club. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Niewald of Our Town. Her groom is the son of the late Edna Fredrickson and Lauren Teschner. Sara Lewis, Tara DeNuccio, and Emelia Niewald, the bride's niece; were bridesmaids. Groomsmen were Michael Teschner, brother of the groom; and Bryan Niewald and Michael Niewald, brothers of the bride. The happy couple are at home in Our Town, where Debra careers with Vistage International, and Gregory is employed with the Blue Valley Center for Advanced Professional Studies.

Country Star **Sara Evans** is bringing her tremendous talent to Kansas City! The *President's Choice Event*, the JCCC annual benefit for the president's scholarship, will be held on November 30<sup>th</sup> in Yardley Hall at JCCC. The scholarship recognizes outstanding academic achievement by Johnson County high school graduates. For more information, visit [www.jccc.edu](http://www.jccc.edu).

Come see *The Nutcracker and the Mouse King* presented by Kansas City's Owen/Cox Dance Group to get into the holiday spirit. This re-interpretation of *The Nutcracker* will delight and entertain at the Plaza branch of the Kansas City Library on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Visit [www.kclibrary.org](http://www.kclibrary.org) for more information.

Bring the kids for a *PJ Party* with St. Nick at Zona Rosa on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Santa and Mrs. Claus make their formal arrival at The Grove in the Marshalls' building for this free event for families. Enjoy cookies, milk, ice cream, giveaways, and the love of Jolly Old Saint Nick!

The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Grants Awards Luncheon hosted by The Women's Foundation of Greater Kansas City will be held on December 7<sup>th</sup> at the Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center. Special guest speaker **Martina Navratilova** will discuss how her life challenges propelled her to great success. Join the Foundation in promoting equity and opportunity for women and girls in Our Town. Call 913-831-0711 for tickets.

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## Sensational Scouts

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Heart of America Council Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner was held on October 10<sup>th</sup> at the Muehlebach Tower of the Kansas City Marriott Downtown. Terry Dunn was the chairman, and Christa Dubill served as the emcee. Black & Veatch received the Corporate Good Scout Award and Eagle Scouts Christopher Smith and Kalen Ross received college scholarships. Proceeds benefited the Boy Scouts of America, Heart of America Council's Urban Scouting Program.



Jean and Bill Dunn with Julia Irene Kauffman



Julia Irene Kauffman presented Kalen Ross with the Ewing Kauffman scholarship.



Christopher Smith, Black & Veatch scholarship recipient; Dean Oskvig, representing corporate honoree Black & Veatch; and Kalen Ross, Ewing Kauffman scholarship recipient

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The Auxiliary of Saint Luke's welcomed new members at its *Saint Luke's Day* celebration on October 17th. The Spiritual Wellness Department also attended the celebration to welcome the new members during a service in the chapel, followed by a reception.



(Front row) Lana Ravis, Carol Margolin and Gina Hovey, new members; and Vicky Leonard, membership chairman (back row) Paget Higgins, membership chairman; Marshall Scott, hospital chaplain; and Bette Meeker, new member

Celebrate the holidays at The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art on Thursdays and Fridays in December. *Happy Hour Thursdays* in the Bloch Lobby will feature small plates, a full bar, eclectic music, and an artful experience. Fridays offer dinner and live music in Rozelle Court Restaurant. Visit [www.nelson-atkins.org](http://www.nelson-atkins.org) for more information.



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A new taqueria is coming to Westwood in March and will be located across the street from the original Oklahoma Joe's Barbecue. Big Papi Taco is the newest restaurant from the brains behind Bread & Butter Concepts who have brought us BRGR, Gram & Dun and Urban Table. The new taco shop will bring homemade "street-style" tacos in a relaxed environment that won't break the bank.

Join Corinth Square and The Village Shops on November 29th as they celebrate the 27th Annual *Prairie Village Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony* and their *Holiday Open Houses*. The Mayor's Holiday Tree Fund helps people in our community that are not able to pay their utility bills or make necessary repairs to their homes. Enjoy hot chocolate, cookies, a performance by the Shawnee Mission East Choir, and extra surprises that will help light up the night! Make sure to stop by participating retailers at Corinth Square and The Village Shops and enjoy 20 percent off your entire purchase, which will help provide for families in need.

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# ATHENA Awards

The Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce held its annual *ATHENA Leadership Awards* reception on October 25<sup>th</sup> at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts. Janice Kreamer received this year's ATHENA Leadership award and Katie Dunn Fitzgerald was given the ATHENA Young Professional Leadership award.



Tom Kreamer, Julia Irene Kauffman, Janice Kreamer, honoree, Anita Gorman and Bill Dunn, Sr.



Jane Chu with Beth Smith



Jim Heeter, Frank Ellis, Katie Dunn Fitzgerald, honoree; Janice Kreamer, honoree; Russ Welsh and David Fowler



In 2009, the Making Cent\$ in the City program was established, and The Women's Foundation of Greater Kansas City partnered with Girl Scouts of Northeast Kansas and Northwest Missouri to offer a one-day financial education workshop. **Jarene Stanford** received The Karen Herman Advocate of Women and Girls Award.

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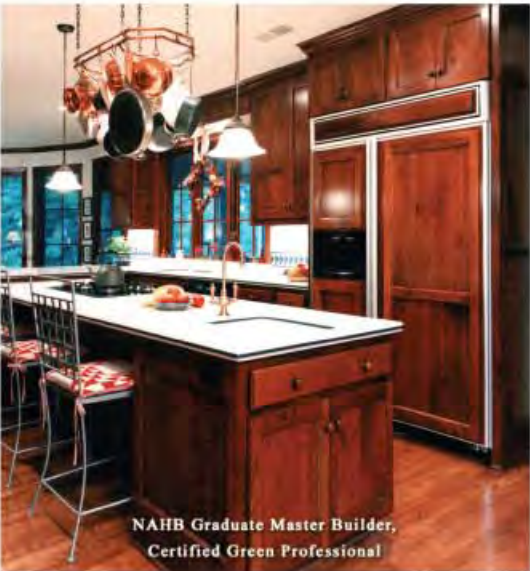
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# Nutcracker Fun

Members of the Kansas City Ballet Guild recently spent the day at the Kansas City Ballet's Todd Bolender Center for Dance and Creativity to prepare for their *Nutcracker Boutique*. The Boutique will be open at the Kauffman Center during the Ballet's 20 *Nutcracker* performances, December 1<sup>st</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>. More than 70 styles of nutcrackers, ornaments and other holiday items will be featured. Proceeds will support the Kansas City Ballet Company and School.



[Front row] Lisa Glassman and Susan Sands  
[back row] Vicki Baxter and Melanie Fenske



Kathleen Anderson  
and Gigi Rose



Barbara Storm and Karen Jordan

Penelope Vrooman,  
Fran Gerritz, Martha Webster,  
and Susan Meehan-Mizer



Mary Beth Hershey and  
Melinda Petet, guild president



(Seated) Glenda Lee Touslee and  
Jane Ellen Benson  
(standing) Gigi Suzanne Touslee  
and Julie Cottito

The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual *Cabaret* benefiting Rose Brooks Center is set for March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center. Enjoy a glamorous evening of dining and entertainment from Broadway and film star, **Bebe Neuwirth**. Rose Brooks Center provides life-saving programs to families escaping violent homes.

The Pembroke Hill School and its predecessors will celebrate its centennial in 2013. In 1910, Vassie James Ward Hill founded the Country Day School. In 1913, she co-founded Sunset Hill with

Lalla Ruth Carr Patton. The centennial year of celebration will honor past traditions and embrace growth toward the future. Happy 100<sup>th</sup>, Pembroke Hill.

The Writers' Place of Kansas City will host a *Book Launch Party and Reading* for the *Whirlybird Anthology of Kansas City Writers*. The event will be held on November 30<sup>th</sup> at The Writers' Place. The Anthology is full of poems, stories and memoir selections from 95 writers who have lived or worked in Our Town, many of whom have earned

widespread recognition in the United States and internationally. For more information please call 816-753-1090 or go to [info@writersplace.org](mailto:info@writersplace.org).

**Arthur Chaykin** is the new executive director of the Midwest Innocence Project. The Midwest Innocence Project is dedicated to the exoneration and release of wrongfully-convicted people in a six state region, primarily in Missouri and Kansas. **Judy Heeter**, board chairman, said, "Through his professional experience and his devotion to a

variety of civic causes in Kansas City, Arthur has demonstrated diverse abilities and a strong passion for social justice that will serve him well as executive director. We are so pleased that he has chosen to enter the not-for-profit arena and look forward to his leadership."

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## Dinner of Note

The Heartland Men's Chorus held its *Dinner of Note* on October 13th at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown. The event kicked-off the group's 27th season and was a benefit for HMC and the LIKEME Lighthouse. More than 400 guests enjoyed dinner, dancing, auctions, and entertainment by country music star and Lighthouse founder, Chely Wright. Michele Stauffer and Cathy Jambrosic were the honorary co-chairmen, and Marce Baxley and Alan Nelis served as the co-chairmen. HMC's holiday concert, *Cool Yule*, featuring Marilyn Maye, will be held November 30th through December 2nd at the Folly Theater.



Chely Wright, featured performer



Alan Nelis and  
Marce Baxley, co-chairmen



Michele Stauffer and  
Cathy Jambrosic, honorary co-chairmen



Andrea and Steve Bough



Todd Wegener, board member;  
and Michael Lintecum



Dr. Joseph Nadeau, HMC; and  
Kathy Dunn, board chairman

**Martha Gershun**, Jackson County CASA, was named Program Director of the Year by the Missouri Court Appointed Special Advocates. Martha has been with the Jackson County CASA since 2009, and CASA has achieved significant increases in the number of children served under her leadership. Jackson County CASA also received the 2012 Excellence in Nonprofit Leadership Award for being the highest performing agency with a budget of \$1 million or less.



**Marilyn Strauss**, Festival Founder, was given a charge by Joseph Papp of the New York City Shakespeare Festival to go home to Kansas City and start a Shakespeare Festival, and "keep it outdoors and make it FREE." She did, and it's been a KayCee treasure for 20 years!

The Coterie Theatre in the Crown Center Shops presents *Tell-Tale Electric Poe*, from February 23rd through March 10th. One actor and one musician will perform Poe's poems and short stories creating a sublime and humorous dramatization with the use of an electric guitar. Part of the Coterie's Preteen/Young Adult Series, guests are sure to gain insight into the world of Poe. Visit [www.coterietheatre.org](http://www.coterietheatre.org) for more information.

## Super Students

The Pembroke Hill School had 21 students who were named semifinalists in the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program. Pembroke Hill had the most semifinalists in the Kansas City metropolitan area and the second highest in the state of Missouri.



(First row) Emily Mendelsohn, Shaleni Kavach, Ashima Chadha, and Riley Sloan (second row) Megan Carter, Allie Frankland, Madeline Amend, Lindley Round, Wanda Czerwinski, and Sarah Koch (third row) Natalie Ortega-Wells, Neha Sahgal, Steve Bellis, The Pembroke Hill School; Daryl Rosenblum, Ellen Munday, Erika Hunt, Eli Fromm, Bill Doane, David Marsh, Raymond Fang, Sidharth Goel, Ritika Abhyankar, and Mike Hill, The Pembroke Hill School

Grab the family and head to Zona Rosa on Saturday nights during December. Get a taste of nostalgia with an old-fashioned horse-drawn carriage ride around Zona Rosa. With every adult ticket that is purchased, a child age 12 or younger may ride for free. Call 816-587-8180 for more information.



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## Legendary Speaker

Martina Navratilova will be the keynote speaker at the Women's Foundation of Greater Kansas City's 20th Annual Grants Award Luncheon. Martina began her tennis journey in 1974 and rose through the ranks to become one of the most successful tennis players ever. Off the court, Martina has been an inspiring advocate for equal rights and a strong supporter of many non profits. In 2000, she received the National Equality Award from the Human Rights Campaign. The Luncheon will be held on December 7th at the Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center.



Martina Navratilova,  
keynote speaker

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## Fall Party

The Symphony Women's Association recently held its *Fall Membership Party*. Guests had a wonderful time at the lovely home of Barbara and Bill Godfrey. Joan Wells is the president of the Symphony Women's Association.



Joan Wells, president;  
Jim Wells and Missy Zuk



Barbara and Bill Godfrey, hosts



Deana Petty, Barbara Holzmark, Maggie Jacobs, Robbie Small, Joan Wells, Arlene Krings, Caryn Hastings, and Marilyn Hoover



Betty Barton, Norma Brooks, Sara Hurley, and Jane Connitt



Peggy Scanlon,  
Robbie and Steve Small,  
Mimi Sherwood, and  
Patti Hook



Bob and Cathy Brents, Caryn and Robert Hastings and Carole and Jim Ramsey



Barbara and  
Jim Holzmark with  
Gary and  
Arlene Krings



Jack and Jean Rosenfield with Marjorie Hubbard

## Election Day Event

The Fireside Committee of the Kansas City Art Institute met on November 6th, election day, at Eva Reynolds Fine Arts Gallery in Leawood. Eva shared her personal story of coming from Poland, and emphasized how lucky Americans are to have the freedom of choice and the right to vote. Members also enjoyed viewing the varied art throughout the gallery.



Marge Hubbard, Carolyn Hanson, Judy McLeary,  
Margie Bubb Greenlee, and Jeanne McDowell



Jeanne McDowell,  
Dolores Fiorella,  
Cathy Brents,  
president; and  
Judy Horn,  
hosts

Twyla Wilson, new  
member; Sandy Luetje  
and Eva Reynolds,  
special guest and  
gallery owner



## {INSIDER} Tip

The American Restaurant's Sous Chef **Josh Eans** advises when planning a dinner party, get the bulk of the food preparation done one and two days in advance. That way, when guests arrive, you have time to relax and enjoy and only need to complete the finishing touches.



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## Bidding War

The American Royal Association's annual *Junior Premium Livestock Auction* was held October 28<sup>th</sup> with supporters paying record and near-record prices for championship animals in the auction. A portion of each sale was contributed to education and scholarships through the American Royal Association, which has supported youth and education since 1899. Brant Laue served as American Royal chairman.



Jerry Cook,  
Kurt Mayo and  
Bob Petersen



Al Hooker with Gina and Bob Hovey

(Seated) Amy Polen and  
Dallas Polen  
(standing) Dylan Mayor,  
Lucy Mayor, Sarah Manda,  
and Sami and Jodie Stallard



Samson, Joe,  
Gracie, and Lulu Eby



Sydney Schnoor and R. Crosby Kemper, Jr.,  
with the Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer.



Jeanne and Neal Patterson, Baylor Bonham, and Kathy Van Horn  
with the Grand Champion Market Steer.



(Front row) Ty Goss (back row) Brant Laue, David Frye, Valerie Frye, Steve Frye, Debra Frye,  
Blake Goss, Rick Hoffman, Nancy Hoffman, Greg and Liz Maday, Cynthia Savage,  
Caroline Savage, and David Fowler



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## Invitations Galore!

Preparations for the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Snow Ball are in full swing. Five addressing parties were graciously hosted around Town by Connie Euston, Jeni Haake, Courtney Sprague, Jeannine Wilkerson, and the Mothers of the Young Children's group at St. Michael the Archangel Parish. The Snow Ball will be held on January 19<sup>th</sup> and benefits Catholic Charities Foundation of Northeast Kansas, which provides the most basic needs to children and families in Our Town.



Erica Kratofil and Becky Hattavy

Carrie Reiser, Genevieve Healy,  
Jennifer Reintjes, and  
Courtney Sprague, host



Carol Shomin, Annie Brooks, Lynn Rockeman, Suzan Cramer



(Clockwise from left) Annie Brooks, Pam Stanley, Annie Rohling,  
Julie McQueeny, Laura Jeffries, and Lyn Petro



Jen Stephens, Crysta Green,  
Anna Schuster, Lynn Hohmann,  
and Cindy Poehling



Jeanne Haake, Katie Pope and Jeannine Wilkerson, host



Sara Graf, Annie Brown, Susan Tumminia,  
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# *The Belles of the American Royal 2012*



(Front row) Julia Everist, Emily Gray, Katherine Waldschmidt, Kathryn Stanton, Sarah Jones, Libby Ring, Ashley Elder, Ellie Conway, Amy Dean, Ruth Stark, Libby Jones, Chesney Thompson, and Lora Joyce  
(middle row) Brittany Barnds, Sara Bacon, Annie Baty, Amanda Sutherland, Caroline Roth, Megan Liechti, Ellie Leek, Clare Amey, Ellie Heddens, Maddie Nichols, Katherine Kilroy, and Gracie Leek  
(back row) Emily Thompson, Maggie Finn, Alexa Bondon, Finley Gates, Annmarie Arensberg, Maggie Newell, Reagan Fromm, Jessica Jackson, Cortney Patterson, Mary Wagner, Katie Zimmer, Lilly Janas, and Erin Bleakley



# BOTAR Ball



The 63rd BOTAR Ball dazzled guests with its elegant *décor*. A stunning leaf motif surrounded the ballroom of the Muehlebach Tower of the Kansas City Marriott Downtown. The walls were bathed in beautiful shades of pink with accents of champagne and black. Gorgeous hydrangeas served as the centerpieces in spectacular rectangular vases of different heights. The mirrored chandeliers captured the light and made the lovely crystal trim on the BOTARs' gowns sparkle. The BOTAR class performed the traditional waltz, and everyone agreed that this year's performance was truly outstanding!



Mr. and Mrs. John Longan with Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Polen III



Mr. David Fowler, Mrs. James Fowler, Mr. Stephen Fowler, Mrs. David Fowler, and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Fowler



Mr. and Mrs. Cotton Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kissick, Jr., president, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kissick, Sr.



Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Kemper, Mr. Nicolas Kemper and Charlotte Kemper



The BOTAR class performed the traditional waltz.



Mr. and Mrs. Bill Alexander with Mrs. Oscar Straube III



Mrs. David Lavender, Mrs. George Leonard, Mrs. J. Scott Robertson, and Victoria Lavender



Courtney Dallam, Dr. and Mrs. Edward Dallam and Payton Dallam



Executive Committee Members: (Seated) Mrs. James Stadler and Mrs. Samuel Stallard (standing) Mrs. Dylan Mayor, Angela Latorre, Mrs. Robert Kissick, Jr., president; Mrs. Dallas Polen III, Mrs. J. Scott Robertson, and Mrs. John Halcomb



Mr. Samuel Wriedeman and Miss Courtney Patterson



Mr. and Mrs. Scott Boswell with Mr. and Mrs. Monty Spradling



Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bolen with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Stallard



Mr. Matthew Horahan and Miss Emily Cray



Mr. Benjamin Stark, Mr. Charles Ogden, Miss Reagan Fromm, Mr. and Mrs. David Fromm, Mr. Graham Stark, and Mr. Neal Stark



Mr. Brant Laue, Mrs. Lester Laue and Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Fryer



Mr. and Mrs. Neal Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Callahan and Dr. and Mrs. Rex Joyce



Mrs. Leonard Jurden with Sarah Platt, Meredith McGannon, Annalie Polen, and Francie McCann, pages



Mr. Lee Baty and Miss Annie Baty



# BOTAR

## Ball



Mr. Steven Roth and  
Miss Caroline Roth



Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cluen with  
Mr. and Mrs. Scott Ward



Mr. Donald Elder and Miss Ashley Elder



Mr. and  
Mrs. Anthony Mendola



Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Reed



Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Pearce, Jr.,  
with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bandon



Francie McCann, Annalie Polen, Meredith McGannon, and Sarah Platt



Mrs. Patrick McGannon, Meredith McGannon,  
Mrs. J. William Saylor, and Mrs. Robert Green



Annalie Polen hit the dance  
floor with her cousin,  
Mr. Andrew Jones.



Mr. and Mrs. William Griffith III, Dr. and Mrs. Gregory Widrig  
and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Smith



Mr. Taylor Ward, Mr. John Duval,  
Mr. Alexander Bergman, and Mr. Ryan Driscoll



Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Conway III  
with Miss Ellie Conway



Mr. and Mrs. Michael McCann  
flanked Francie McCann.



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bacon, Jr.,  
with Mr. and Mrs. David Uechi



Mr. and Mrs. William Wagner with Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Dean, Jr.



(Seated) Mr. John O'Connor and Mr. and Mrs. Byron Thompson  
(standing) Mr. and Mrs. David Eckels, Mr. Paul Thompson,  
Meg Thompson, Mrs. Paul Thompson, Miss Emily Thompson,  
Mr. P.J. Thompson, and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Thompson



Angela Latorre and Mr. Benjamin Hudson





## Flying High

Spofford held its *Butterfly Gala* on October 20th at the Doubletree Hotel. The theme of the event was "HOPE Takes Flight" and guests enjoyed a reception, dinner and silent and live auctions. Christi and Joe Pribula and Janine and Doug Nickerson were the co-chairmen. Proceeds benefited Spofford's mission to provide residential and community-based services for young children with emotional and behavioral disturbances attributed to abuse, neglect and childhood mental illness.



Doug and Janine Nickerson, co-chairmen



(Seated) Hailee Kaliban and Betty Keith (standing) Kelli Kaliban, Dally Hayes, Spencer Walsh, and Laura Beth Scharter



Nan Norris and Lori Mallory, board member



Cathay Perz and Mimi Bourquin enjoyed the live auction.



(Seated) Jody Buchman, Kristin Pearson, Kim Goodale, and Cathy Rodgers (standing) Julie Henry, Tam Buchman, Dan Pearson, Scott Henry, Sean Goodale, and Mike Kunkel



Ryan Wiebe, Derek Fricke, Jean Marie Miller, Charlie and Crystal Bahr, Spofford; and Jennifer and Joe Plas



Charles Dickerson and Rhonda Meyer



Christi Pribula, co-chairman; and Joe Pribula, co-chairman and board member, with Phil and Nikki Frerker



Tanna Guthrie announced that Michelle Schmidt, board member, was the winner of Heads or Tails.



Lisa Pearson, Spofford; and LaTasha Wilson, board member



By Jackie White

Will you be toddling in towering heels? Are you charmed by dazzling black and gold brocade? The shiny stuff is back in fashion, you know. In any case, it's time to pump up your party options. The holiday season has arrived. Whether you are contemplating invitation stacks or an office celebration, here are some considerations:

\* A trend to low key is emerging. "People are not dressing up as much," says **Kelly Cole**, Halls. Skinny pants tucked into boots with a distinctive sweater (without snowflakes) are stylish ways to mark the moment.

\* Look for pieces that may be worn often and in several different ways, Kelly advises.

\* The black dress with some neck interest or lace trim remains a long-term friend.

\* To take the wattage up a notch, add gold, silver or bronze. Metallic is one of the biggest trends, says **Emily Baldwin**, Standard Style Boutique. She suggests a "drop sleeve" gown by L'Agence.

\* A grander move up is brocade, a luxury shiny metallic patterned silk in suits, pantsuits and dresses that flooded fall designer runways.

\* Dresses in any color look refreshing now, says **Marilyn Breidenthal**, who presides over trunk shows at MMB. The best have some shape and knee-level hemlines.

\* Colorful prints in everything from suits to dresses and tights still sweep the fashion scene and oh-wow leg wear is an inexpensive way to update.

\* Finally, Banana Republic marks the season with an Anna Karenina collection inspired by the new film of that name. Lace trims and faux fur scarves and hats add festive notes.



The 2013 Charitable Events Calendar will debut with your December 15th issue. Stay tuned for all of Our Town's 2013 must-attend events.



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(Seated) Jean Wagner, Kay Newell, Diane Zimmer, Susan Jones, Sandi Liechti, Rosie Thompson, Suzie Jianas, Jill Dean, Kay Bleakley, and Mary Leek (standing) Brian Everist, Charles Newell, David Zimmer, Dave Liechti, Marshall Dean, Russ Jones, Fritz Thompson, Greg Jianas, David Bleakley, and Don Wagner (out of camera range) Jennifer and Charles Bacon



(Seated) Maggie Newell, Mary Wagner, Megan Liechti, Ellie Leek, Libby Jones, and Chesney Thompson, hosts (standing) Sara Bacon, Julia Everist, Amy Dean, Katie Zimmer, Lilly Jianas, and Erin Bleakley, hosts



Stephanie Kissick, Sara Bacon, Mary Wagner, Jill Dean, Jennifer Bacon, Jean Wagner, and Diane Zimmer

## {INSIDER} Tip

Tim Gordon from the Kansas City Marriott Downtown advises that for a cocktail reception, always plan for 15 to 18 pieces of food per person. To lower dinner costs, consider a plated meal instead of a buffet and offer wine with dinner.

Bowfire, an ensemble of world-renowned musicians, will perform *Holiday Heart Strings* on December 15th at Yardley Hall at Johnson County Community College. The show will include many favorite holiday classics as well as jazz, classical, bluegrass, Celtic, and rock music. Bowfire's performers include **Lenny Solomon**, jazz violinist; **Stephane Allard**, Quebecois jazz violinist; **Bill Bridges**, guitarist; **Stephanie Cadman**, Celtic fiddler; **Shane Cook**, fiddler; **Bogdan Djukic**, classical virtuoso/violinist; **George Gao**, Chinese erhu; **Yi-Jia Susanne Hou**, violinist; **Ray Legere**, bluegrass fiddler; **Lew Mele**, bass; **Jon Pilatzke**, Celtic fiddler; **Ben Riley**, drummer; **Bernie Senensky**, pianist; **Wendy Solomon**, cellist, and **Kelli Trotter**, Celtic fiddler. Call 913-469-4445 for ticket information for JCCC Performing Arts Events.



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Irma Starr, local artisan potter, has created beautiful figurines and ornaments inspired by the Burnap Collection at The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. The figurines and ornaments are unique and feather painted by hand. Irma will be at the Museum on December 8th to personalize your special gift. Visit [www.nelson-atkins.org](http://www.nelson-atkins.org) for more information.



The KC Pet Project: Pet Adoption Center is open for the holidays through December at Zona Rosa. The store features dog and cat adoptions and retail items including collars, leashes, wire kennels, and much more. For more information, visit [www.kcpetproject.org](http://www.kcpetproject.org). The KC Pet Project operates the Kansas City, Missouri Animal Shelter and has achieved a 91 percent live-release rate every month since July. The shelter receives as many as 600 animals coming through it each month. Totals for the year come to more than 2,600 adoptions, 830 pets reunited with their owners and more than 1,400 animals sent to rescue groups or other shelters.



Various members of our KC Family Office team pictured include (from top left): Kent Hartsell, J.D., Senior Vice President; John Harris, J.D., Vice President; Scott Besswell, CFA, CFP®, President and Chief Executive Officer; Timothy Michel, CFA, Senior Vice President; Portfolio Manager; Stephen Harman, J.D., Senior Vice President; Ann Danks, J.D., CFP®, Senior Vice President; Private Client Advisor; Mary McClain, CFA, Senior Vice President; and Jan Rinnert, CFA, Vice President.

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## Dedication Ceremony

More than 200 guests gathered at a ceremony on October 19<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the opening of the Metropolitan Community College - Penn Valley's new student enrollment center. The ceremony dedicated the new center to the memory of Malcolm T. Wilson, who served Metropolitan Community College for 25 years. Guests enjoyed a reception and tours of the new center.



Dr. Joe Seabrooks, MCC - Penn Valley, escorted Doris Wilson into the dedication ceremony.



Buffalo Soldiers Hugh Robinson, Anthony Riggs and Roy Fowler celebrated the commemoration of their brother, Malcolm T. Wilson.



Ralph Reid greeted Buffalo Soldier Peter Yelorda.

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The Junior League of Wyandotte and Johnson Counties' *American Girl Fashion Show* was held the weekend of October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Guests enjoyed a fashion show, historically-themed treats and a special appearance by the Kansas City Youth Ballet. Proceeds benefited Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas' Emergency Assistance Centers.



Ainsley Novak, Delaney Cahill, Emma Schellhase, and McKenzie Pomeranka



The Kansas City Youth Ballet performed for the guests.



Madison Shewmaker, Susan Liddell, Katie Ferrell, emcee; Cadence Liddell, Lillian Good, and Jonah Liddell



(First row) Landry Lord, Riley Smitko and Ce'ara Evans  
(second row) Ainsley Novak, McKenzie Pomeranka, Synceir Watson, and Addison Novak  
(third row) Ella Merritt, Alexis Buzan, Analisa Alwey, Delaney Cahill, and Emma Schellhase  
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## White Wonderland

The BOTARs and their escorts arrived in white attire for *The White Party* at Cellar 222 on September 14th. Guests enjoyed everything white including the delicious meal, décor and party favors. Annmarie Arensberg, Brittany Barns, Ashley Elder, Reagan Fromm, Sarah Jones, Gracie Leek, Caroline Roth, Kathryn Stanton, Ruth Stark, Amanda Sutherland, and Katherine Waldschmidt were the hosts.



(Front row) Ruth Stark, Sarah Jones, Ashley Elder, Brittany Barns, and Reagan Fromm, hosts (back row) Kathryn Stanton, Amanda Sutherland, Annmarie Arensberg, Caroline Roth, Gracie Leek, and Katherine Waldschmidt, hosts

## Wild West Fun

The Cashew was the hot spot for Cowgirls and Cowboys after the American Royal Parade. The BOTARs, Escorts and Royal Escorts enjoyed a delicious lunch and lots of wild west fun at the *Boots 'N BOTAR Bash*. Clare Amey, Ellie Conway, Emily Cray, Ellie Heddens, Jessica Jackson, Katherine Kilroy, Maddie Nichols, and Courtney Patterson were the hosts.



Blythe Robertson and Stephanie Kissick



The party hosts posed with Felix, the horse. (Front row) Ellie Conway, Maddie Nichols and Emily Cray, hosts (back row) Jessica Jackson, Katherine Kilroy, Courtney Patterson, Ellie Heddens, and Clare Amey



(Front row) Becky Laboda, Marianne Kilroy, Jane Conway, Terry Kilroy, Cheryl Nichols, and Susie Heddens (back row) Neil Patterson, Drew Laboda, Wayne Conway, Gerald Nichols, Kevin Amey, Mig Amey, Tom Cray, Spence Heddens, and Ellen Cray



Children from birth to age six served by the Lee Ann Britain Infant Development Center at Shawnee Mission Medical Center have diagnoses including: Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, autism spectrum disorder, apraxia, rare chromosomal disorders, and a variety of others.

## Roaring Twenties

The BOTARs and their escorts dressed up for a fabulous roaring twenties party on September 21st. The *Speakeasy Party* was held at the Baltimore Club and guests were greeted by flappers who passed out champagne, pearls and faux cigarettes. Gambling and dancing ruled the night, and a staged raid ended the evening with a bang. Maggie Finn, Alexa Bondon, Lora Joyce, Finley Gates, Annie Baty, and Libby Ring were the hosts.



(Front row) Ralph Bondon, Alexa Bondon, Kathy Gates, Annie Baty, Maggie Finn, and Patty Finn (back row) Andrea Bondon, Kathy Joyce, Rex Joyce, Lora Joyce, Kirkland Gates, Finley Gates, Ellen Baty, Lee Baty, Libby Ring, Kevin Ring, and Mary Ring



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## Healthy Halloween

Arrowhead Stadium was full of Halloween fun on October 23rd with the annual *Healthy Halloween Party*. The event was hosted by the Kansas City Chiefs, Chiefs Wives Organization, Truman Medical Center, and JDRF. Families living with type 1 diabetes (T1D) enjoyed an evening of healthy treats, dancing and activities with the Kansas City Chiefs players, cheerleaders and KC Wolf.



"Fred Flintstone" talked to Kellen Giegerich and his T1D service dog, Shadow.



Vincent Strader, Maria Strader, Alyse Huckabay, Katrina Huckabay, and Joel Huckabay

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## Hoops & Barley

The *Hoops and Barley Ball* to benefit Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Johnson & Wyandotte Counties was held recently at the College Basketball Experience at Sprint Arena. Guests enjoyed games, dining stations, live music, an auction, and access to the College Basketball Hall of Fame. Proceeds will help CASA recruit, train and support volunteers to serve as advocates for abused and neglected children under court protection.



[Seated] CeAnne Harbin, Amy Gray, Brian Cyre, and Amy Carter  
[standing] Brian and Kathie Lumbard, Tom Gray and Matt Carter



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*I Wonder -*

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### Find out if your 2012 non-profit event qualifies for The Top Ten list.

Request a Top Ten form by emailing [jenny@kcindependent.com](mailto:jenny@kcindependent.com). Our annual Top Ten list will be featured in the February 23<sup>rd</sup> issue.

Events listed in The Top Ten are based on net dollars raised in the following categories: gala events, golf tournaments, luncheons, walks/runs, and nationally-sponsored events.



## BRAVO

IT'S A JOLLY HOLIDAY: LOCAL THEATER, MUSIC AND DANCE GROUPS OFFER UP A RICH HARVEST FOR THE SEASON

By Paul Horsley

*It just doesn't feel like the holidays until our local companies launch their offerings around this time of year. So get your house decorated early, get Thanksgiving out of the way and fire up your browsers for some major ticket-buying. Remember, holiday performance tickets make perfect gifts, and they usually even fit into a stocking! Plus they are an investment in our local economy and in our worthy artists.*

**November 2<sup>nd</sup> through December 23<sup>rd</sup>:** American Heartland Theater's *Nutcrackers: The Nonsense Christmas Musical* stars **Debra Bluford** and **Kenny Remmert**. It's a zany comedy with holiday tunes thrown in and a spoof (of course) of *The Nutcracker*. Stage direction is by AHT production director **Paul Hough**. At Crown Center. 816-842-9999 or [ahltkc.com](http://ahltkc.com).

**November 16<sup>th</sup> through December 26<sup>th</sup>:** *A Christmas Carol* has been a Kansas City Repertory Theatre mainstay for 32 years, and there's no slowing it. The production these days is by the Rep's associate artistic director, **Kyle Hatley**, who restaged the play in 2009. Spencer Theatre. 816-235-2700 or [kcrep.org](http://kcrep.org).

**November 23<sup>rd</sup> through December 24<sup>th</sup>:** Quality Hill Playhouse presents its annual audience favorite *Christmas in Song*, led by the formidable **J. Kent Barnhart** at the keyboard and featuring singers **Sarah LaBarr**, **Kathryn Long** and **Tim Noland**. 816-421-1700.



David Lockington



Jim Brickman



Karrin Allyson



Marilyn Maye

**November 28<sup>th</sup> through December 3<sup>rd</sup>:** *Inspecting Carol*, Kansas City Actors Theatre and the Unicorn Theatre. This clever comedy riffs off of *A Christmas Carol*. A struggling Midwestern theater company is trying to mount its annual production of Dickens' tale in the face of a tough economy. An actor is mistaken for an inspector from the grant-giving National Endowment for the Arts and everybody freaks out. At the Unicorn. 816-235-6222 or [kactors.org](http://kactors.org).

**November 30<sup>th</sup> through December 2<sup>nd</sup>:** The Kansas City Symphony, the KC Symphony Chorus and the Independence Messiah Choir continue a 96-year tradition with Handel's *Messiah*, featuring conductor **David Lockington**, music director of the Grand Rapids Symphony, and fine soloists. Helzberg Hall. 816-471-0400 or [kcsymphony.org](http://kcsymphony.org).

**November 30<sup>th</sup> through December 2<sup>nd</sup>:** *Cool Yule* featuring the Heartland Men's Church and KC legend **Marilyn Maye**. The conductor is longtime HMC artistic director **Joseph Nadeau**. Folly Theatre. 816-931-3338 or [hmckc.org](http://hmckc.org).

**December 1<sup>st</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>:** *The Nutcracker* is Kansas City Ballet's peerless addition to the holiday season each year, in choreography by the late Todd Bolender. Dancers from the 28-member professional company are joined by students from the KC Ballet School in this colorful display. Each year there are a few new surprises and this season is no exception. It will also be the largest production in the company's history, with some 225 students from the school. Muriel Kauffman Theatre. 816-931-2232 or [kcballet.org](http://kcballet.org).

**December 7<sup>th</sup>:** **Jim Brickman**, Grammy Award-nominated pianist and songwriter, performs *On a Winter's Night*, featuring the Kansas City Symphony led by assistant conductor **Aram Demirjian**. A longtime favorite of local audiences, Jim is known for his suave, intelligent keyboard stylings. Helzberg Hall. 816-471-0400 or [kcsymphony.org](http://kcsymphony.org).



Kansas City Ballet prepares for The Nutcracker.

**December 7<sup>th</sup>:** *A Baroque Holiday* features the Kansas City Chamber Orchestra and music director **Bruce Sorrell**, who founded the group way back in 1987. Old Mission United Methodist Church will be glowing with candlelight in this cherished annual holiday tradition. 816-235-6222 or [kccchamberorchestra.org](http://kccchamberorchestra.org).

**December 8<sup>th</sup>:** The Kansas City Chorale presents *The Family Christmas* at Visitation Church and then on December 9<sup>th</sup> at Redemptorist Church and December 11<sup>th</sup> at Asbury Methodist it unfolds *The Holidays in Great Britain*. Kansas City's Grammy Award-winning chorus, led by artistic director **Charles Bruffy**, will fill all three churches with their glorious signature sound. 816-235-6222 or [kccchorale.org](http://kccchorale.org).

**December 11<sup>th</sup>:** *I Sing the Birth*: New York Polyphony (Friends of Chamber Music) is one of the hottest choral ensembles around these days. Four men join voices to produce superb harmony and a rich, precise blend. Featured are works by Perotin and Tallis and contemporary composers **Andrew Smith** and **Gabriel Jackson**. Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. 816-561-9999 or [chambermusic.org](http://chambermusic.org).

**December 13<sup>th</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup>:** *Christmas Festival*, the Kansas City Symphony and Symphony Chorus's rich extravaganza, features an array of singing and dancing and even a visit from Santa. Helzberg Hall. 816-471-0400 or [kcsymphony.org](http://kcsymphony.org).

**December 15<sup>th</sup>:** *Holiday Heartstrings* featuring Bowfire is Johnson County Community College's offering for the holidays, with plenty of virtuosic fiddling and amazing step-dancing. Yardley Hall. 913-469-4445 or go to [jccc.edu](http://jccc.edu) and click on Performing Arts Series.

**December 21<sup>st</sup>:** *Christmas with Karrin Allyson*, featuring the Kansas City Jazz Orchestra. Local favorite Karrin rose to fame in Our Town's jazz clubs, and she brings her amazing abilities to her Kauffman Center debut. The KC Jazz Orchestra is also one of the best of its kind anywhere, so this should be quite a show. Helzberg Hall. 816-994-7222 or [kauffmancenter.org](http://kauffmancenter.org).

**December 22<sup>nd</sup>:** *The Nutcracker and the Mouse King* features the Owen/Cox Dance Group and the People's Liberation Big Band of Greater Kansas City. This wild and crazy take on the holiday favorite is fast becoming a "new" local tradition, with brilliant choreography by **Jennifer Owen** and costumes and dancing that have to be seen to be believed. This telling returns to some of the darker aspects of the E.T.A. Hoffmann story on which the more familiar *Nutcracker* is based. Folly Theatre. 816-474-4444 or [follytheater.com](http://follytheater.com).



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## REMEMBER WHEN



"A Sunday Night" in Black & White party hostesses for the evening are 1989 BOTARS Elaine Fields, Mary Beth Johnston and Amy Wiedeman pictured with their escorts Matt Platt, Reed Brinton and Bob Jones.



The 1989 BOTAR 4077th M\*A\*S\*H Party was a smashing success! BOTARs and guests dined on Grace's Famous Barbeque and danced to the music of the Halloweeners. The party was hosted by the M\*A\*S\*H Team of Emily Wurst, Julie McLarnay, Liz Vogel, and Shannon O'Connor. They are pictured with their escorts Forrest Milledge, Jim Woodson, Peter Benedetti, and Leo Mascotte.



The 40th BOTAR Ball was held last Saturday at the Westin Crown Center Hotel. Benefactors and executive committee members pictured are William Prince Harsh, Betty Ann Cortelyou, BOTAR President, Mrs. Harsh, Mrs. Roy Edwards and Mrs. Ray R. Evans and Mr. Evans.



The BOTAR High Prom Committee cordially invited 1989 BOTARs and their escorts to the BOTAR High Prom, complete with champagne fountain (filled with not-so-tasty punch), and a prom King and Queen. Pictured are the hostesses Polly Taylor, Allyson Lang, Kirsten Taylor and escorts, Scott Redick (alternate), David Hunt and Bo Kreiling.



BOTAR Execs in their best prom attire are Mrs. Dwayne White, Mrs. Charles Eberle, Anne Potter, Mrs. David Manco, Mrs. Christopher Watson, and Mrs. Terry Kilroy.

## Night With a View

Gilda's Club's *Night With a View* event was held on September 29th at Lathrop & Gage. Molly Metzler Eberle and Steve Metzler were the honorary co-chairmen, and Kathleen Betterman served as the chairman. Guests enjoyed live music, sweet and savory treats and unique live auction items. Proceeds benefited Gilda's Club Kansas City which has created a free community of support for people diagnosed with cancer.



Kimberly Stern, Kathy and Dan Sudeika, Sallie Katz, Phyllis Abrams, and Gail Nichols



Kathleen Betterman, chairman



Scott and Mary Befort with Molly Metzler Eberle, honorary co-chairman, and Chuck Eberle



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## Nonprofit Connect's Role

Nonprofit Connect membership helps HALO work more cohesively internally and externally in finance, business development, events, operations, marketing, community relations, and local and international programs. Four HALO staff members attended Nonprofit Connect's 20th Annual Philanthropy Midwest Conference on Oct. 22-23, 2012.

**Outcome -** HALO has developed a stronger strategic plan for 2013 by applying knowledge gained at the conference, such as creating an inventory of stories for specific audiences; sharing high-impact outcomes; streamlining internal processes including grant writing; enhancing donor relations and volunteer communications; improving board of directors involvement; and developing branding and social media tactics.

**What It Means to Orphans and At-Risk Youth -** With a solid plan in place, HALO will be able to improve the lives of more than 1,000 children in need in 2013 and have more opportunities to expand programs.



HALO Ambassador Board at the HALO 2013 Strategic Planning Meeting at Tinsau Wine Bar.



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## Run for the Roses

The Mission Project's 5th Annual Run for the Roses Kentucky Derby Gala was held recently at the Carriage Club. Lisa and Randy Hendricks were the honorary chairmen, and Kris Ketz served as the emcee. The Mission Project helps young adults with disabilities like Down syndrome and autism live and work on their own.



Beverly Juhl, June Rouse, Stephen Rouse, Lisa Hendricks, honorary chairman; and Amy Shaff



Ryan Weiss, Jeffrey Valentino and Neil Barnett

Chris Sutton and Tim Deves



Brooke Tagliaferro, Anna Warm, Jennifer Crable, Heather Sanders, Whitnie Norton, and Kris Ketz, emcee



Charlotte Hendricks, Randy and Lisa Hendricks, honorary chairmen; and Brooke and Chris Tagliaferro



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Kansas City's Medicine Cabinet was developed in 2005 by Baptist-Trinity Lutheran Legacy Foundation to address a need in the metropolitan Kansas City area ... emergency medical assistance. The program now in its 8th year helps low income, uninsured and under insured individuals. Today the program works with 12 social service agencies with 22 sites throughout the metro area to provide assistance in five areas: dental emergencies, diabetic supplies, durable medical equipment including hearing aids, prescription assistance and vision care. Since 2005, in excess of \$2.4 million in emergency medical assistance has been provided to more than 13,000 people in the greater Kansas City area.



## The Rent Party

The *Rent Party* benefiting Community LINC was held on October 6th at the Sheraton Crown Center Exhibit Hall. Karen and Hank Hermann, honorary chairmen; were honored for their philanthropic dedication with the inaugural presentation of the Karen and Hank Hermann Humanitarian Award. Guests enjoyed a dance performance that featured the evening's theme of "STOMP out Homelessness." Community LINC provides a holistic approach to homelessness in Our Town, offering a safe, stable place to stay with services to equip families to transform their lives.



(Seated) Tim and Patty Jones and Ashley and Cody Crank (standing) Denise Lewis, Lori Olson and Susan Walker, auction chairman



Emily Branch and Desarae Harrah, auction co-chairman



Bart Miller spoke to the crowd.

Missy and Bob Kroeker and Jill and Nick Kroeker, steering committee co-chairmen



Karen and Hank Hermann, honorary chairmen and honorees

Ron Reimer, honorary founding chairman



Toni and Phil Sanders, steering committee chairmen



## Helping Hands

Jackie Shaver and Tom Shaver of Ad Astra Information Systems and their employees recently presented a generous check to Heart to Heart International. Ad Astra employees volunteer and donate to Heart to Heart International on a regular basis. Heart to Heart International is a relief and development organization located in Olathe, Kansas, that specializes in volunteer action and worldwide humanitarian assistance.

Jason Slattery and Andrea Butler, both with Heart to Heart International; and Tom Shaver and Jackie Shaver, both with Ad Astra







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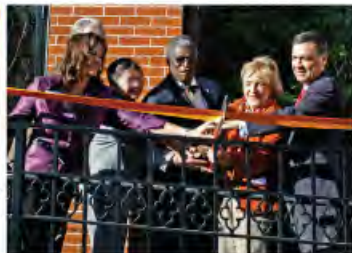
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## Home Sweet Home

The Youth Volunteer Corps welcomed nearly 100 guests to its new office in the Brockett House for an *Open House* on October 8<sup>th</sup>. The Brockett House is in the Quality Hill District and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The move was made possible by a grant from the Sunderland Foundation. YVC, a national organization devoted to creating meaningful service projects for youth, is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.



Molly Turner and Julie Alsop



Tracy Hale, YVC; David Battey, founder and president; Former Board Member Shirley Helzberg, Brockett House; Mayor Sly James, Adele Hall, board chairman; and Kent Sunderland at the ribbon-cutting ceremony.



YVC Staff Members:  
(Front row) Tracy Hale and Darcy Bloss  
(back row) David Battey, Lacey Helmig and Paul Marksburry



Nancy Huckaba, Audrey Langworthy, board member; Tracy Hale, YVC; and Peggy Dunn, board member



David Battey, founder and president; Barnett Helzberg and Bob Rogers

## DREAMING BIG IN DOWNTOWN KANSAS CITY

The Crossroads Academy of Kansas City will host its inaugural fundraiser, *Dreaming Big in Downtown Kansas City*, on December 6<sup>th</sup> at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. Guests will enjoy live entertainment, and a sampling of entrees, desserts and wines from top restaurants in Downtown Kansas City. The Crossroads Academy of Kansas City serves students in kindergarten through eighth grade.



Crossroads Academy Students: (Front row) Xavier George, Eliana Zamora and Bianca Burton (back row) Hunaid Kaposi, Eli Sanchez, Javier Aguilar-Morales, and Sydney Cobb



Crossroads Academy opened its doors on September 4, 2012.



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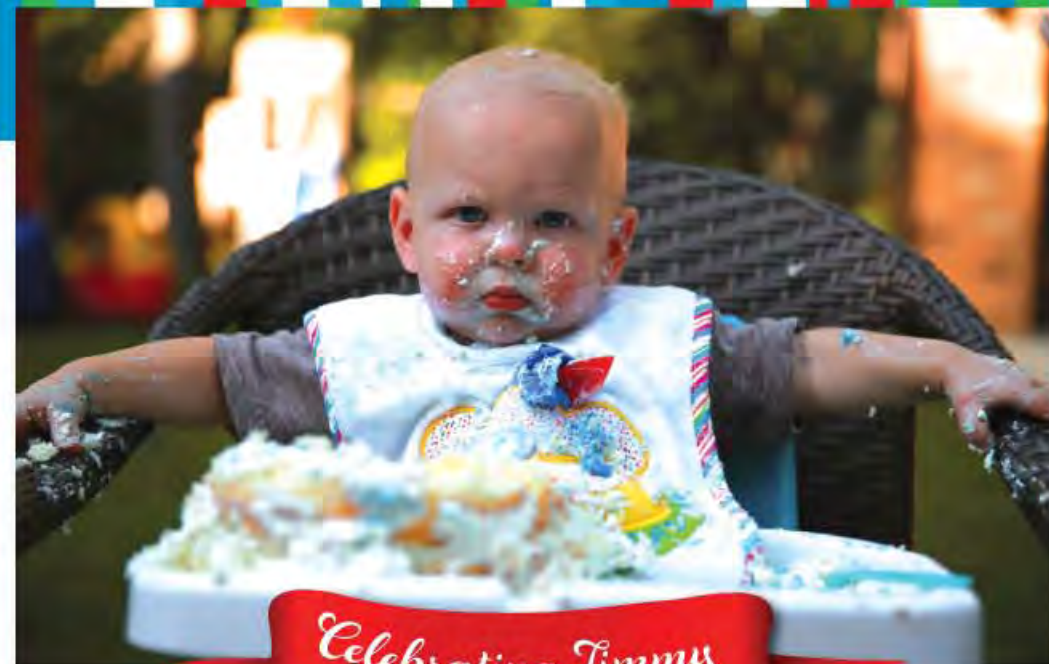
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Contact Jeanette Worthington:  
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Little Timmy Lane turned one recently and celebrated his big day with a bounce house and doggie theme. Timmy and big brother William bounced the day away with friends and neighbors. He not only enjoyed eating his cake, but frosting his chair and darling little face as well. Timmy's proud parents are Lisa and Michael Lane.



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## Cheers to Volunteers!



Gina Danner and Kathy Koehler, co-chairmen

Gina Danner and Kathy Koehler are the co-chairmen of the American Heart Association's 2013 *Go Red For Women Half Day for Your Heart* event on April 19th. Gina and Kathy will bring new and innovative strategies that will help the American Heart Association continue its lifesaving mission to fight the number one killer of women.



# CALENDAR *Of* EVENTS

## December

**1 AIDS Service Foundation of Greater Kansas City; World AIDS Day Activities 2012;** Our city's official recognition of World AIDS Day. The week of activities includes a luncheon featuring a keynote speaker and a reception honoring those lost to HIV/AIDS. Luncheon will be held at Kauffman Foundation Conference Center, 11:30 a.m.; free admission. Contact Michael Lintecum: P.O. Box 32192, Kansas City, MO 64111 or 913-269-7960 or michael@lintecumgroup.com or www.aidswalkkansascity.org.

**1 Junior League of Wyandotte and Johnson Counties in Kansas; 62nd Community Ball and Cotillion;** The evening features the Cotillion, where a presentation of area high school seniors is made. The Cotillion is followed by dancing. Kansas City Marriott Downtown; 7 p.m.; \$250. Contact Tami Radohl: 913-634-0477 or www.jlwc.com.

**1 Kansas City Ballet; Sugar Plum Fairy Luncheon 2012;** Guests will enjoy a magical holiday celebration that includes shopping for gifts at the silent auction and Nutcracker Market and dine on a delicious three course lunch. After lunch it's off to the matinee show of *The Nutcracker* at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts. This event benefits the Kansas City Ballet School. The Westin Kansas City at Crown Center; 10:30 a.m.; \$130. Contact Rene Horne: 500 West Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO 64108 or 816-931-2232 or rhorne@kcballet.org or www.kcballet.org.



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**1 Saint Luke's Hospital Auxiliary; Holly Ball;** This black-tie event is held every two years to benefit one area of the hospital. Dinner and dancing are the highlight of the evening. This will be the 25th Holly Ball. InterContinental Kansas City at the Plaza; 7 p.m.; \$175. Contact Karen Nelson: 4100 West 110th Street, Leawood, KS 66211 or 913-491-1614 or soybean10@hotmail.com.

**4-5 Greater Kansas City Alumnae Association of Kappa Kappa Gamma; Kappa Holiday Homes Tour 2012;** The 61st annual tour of homes, decorated for the holidays by local florists; gift and gourmet shop features boutique items and holiday edibles; proceeds benefit The Children's Place, Sheffield Place, CASA of Jackson County, and the Kappa Foundation; private residences; 4 p.m./December 4th, 10 a.m./December 5th; \$20. Contact Gina Thornton: 3620 West 122nd Street, Leawood, KS 66209 or 913-522-6673 or gina@kc.rr.com or www.kappahomestour.com.

**6 Ozanam; 29th Annual Hollywood Holiday Gala;** Experience the glitz and glamour of Hollywood with a fun-filled evening featuring spectacular silent and live auctions, an elegant dinner and a special program with entertainment from the Ozanam children and local celebrities. The Westin Crown Center Hotel; 5:30 p.m.; \$125. Contact Kim Gregory: 421 East 137th Street, Kansas City, MO 64145 or 816-508-3606 or kim.gregory@ozanam.org or www.ozanam.org.

**7 First Downs for Down Syndrome; Holiday Concert Series Featuring Jim Brickman;** Second Annual event benefiting FDFDS and The Mission Project and featuring two-time, Grammy-nominated pianist and songwriter Jim Brickman. Hertzberg Hall at Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts; 8 p.m.; tickets start at \$52; Contact Amy Stoll: 10200 West 75th Street, Suite 281, Shawnee Mission, KS 66204 or 913-722-2499 or stoll@fdids.org or www.fdids.org.

**7 The Women's Foundation of Greater Kansas City; 20th Annual Grants Awards Luncheon;** Featuring the announcement of the 2012 grant recipients; the Foundation has granted funds totaling more than \$300,000 to educational programs and \$750,000 to women's health issues; to date nearly two million dollars has been invested in economic self-sufficiency programs for women in Our Town; Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center; 11 a.m.; \$75. Contact Pat Papenfuss: 6950 Squibb Road, Suite 220, Mission, KS 66202 or 913-851-0711 or patt@wfgkc.org or www.wfgkc.org.

**9 The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art; Society of Fellows Holiday Revels;** Celebrate the magic of the winter season as the Society of Fellows presents the third annual *Holiday Revels*. Sparkling lights, classical holiday sounds, sleigh rides, and carolers fill the Museum with excitement for each member of your family. The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art; 5:30 p.m.; \$15/children 12 and under; \$35/adult. Contact: 4525 Oak Street, Kansas City, MO 64111 or 816-751-0452 or www.nelson-atkins.org.

## January 2013

**19 Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas; 39th Annual Snow Ball;** A black-tie gala features a cocktail reception, formal dinner and dancing. Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center; 6 p.m.; \$250. Contact Kerry Gentry: 9720 West 87th Street, Overland Park, KS 66212 or 913-433-2046 or kgentry@catholiccharitiesks.org or www.catholiccharitiessnowball.org.

**19 Child Protection Center; An Evening with Elizabeth Smart;** In Elizabeth's first public appearance in Kansas City, she will tell her story of triumph over tragedy. Following the event she will meet patrons at a private party in the Bloch Building. The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art; 7 p.m.; ticket price to be determined. Contact Sarah Guthrie: 3101 Broadway, Suite 750, Kansas City, MO 64111 or 816-778-8013 or sguthrie@cpckc.org or www.cpckc.org.



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**25 Arts Council of Metropolitan Kansas City; ArtsKC Awards and Campaign Kick-off;** The luncheon is attended by more than 500 area business and arts professionals. This is an opportunity to honor businesses and individuals for their remarkable commitment to the Kansas City arts community. Starlight Theatre; 11:30 a.m.; \$75. Contact Sara Vogt: 906 Grand, Suite 10B, Kansas City, MO 64106 or 816-944-9220 or vogt@artskc.org or www.artskc.org.

**26 The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art; Party Arty 2013: Eternal Spring;** The theme "Eternal Spring" is building excitement for the Jacques and Natasha Gelman Collection coming to the Museum in the spring of 2013. At *Party Arty*, guests will harness the spirit of the Gelmans who lived well and entertained lavishly in 1940s Mexico. Partygoers will revel within a verdant garden paradise accented with troops of white peacocks and wild Mexican flowers. The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art; 8 p.m.; \$90, \$60/Young Friends of Art Member. Contact Jaime Corral: 4525 Oak Street, Kansas City, MO 64111 or 816-751-0426 or jcorral@nelson-atkins.org or www.nelson-atkins.org.

**27 Children's Therapeutic Learning Center; Groundhog Run;** The temperature-controlled location provides an ideal venue for the only completely underground 5K and 10K race in the middle of winter. With a limit of 4,000 runners, the race sells out annually. Hunt Midwest SubTropolis; 8 a.m.; \$35/5K and \$39/10K. Contact Tracy Jones: 3101 Main Street, Kansas City, MO 64111 or 816-756-0780 or tjones@childrenstlc.org or www.childrenstlc.org.

**27 Kansas City Young Matrons; A Gift of Hope - A Night of Giving;** Guests will enjoy cocktails, dinner, live auction, and dancing to KOKOMO. Honorary Co-chairmen are Mr. and Mrs. Mike Gillesen and Mr. and Mrs. Matt Miller. Benefit Co-chairmen are Mrs. D. Westlund and Mrs. K. Leimer. Muehlebach Tower of the Kansas City Marriott Downtown; 6:30 p.m.; \$150. Contact Debbie Westlund: 11517 High Drive, Leawood, KS 66211 or 913-685-3757 or dwestlund2001@yahoo.com or www.kcym.com.


## February

**1 The Whole Person; Ribbon Cutting and Reception at 3710 Main;** The Whole Person will hold a reception to celebrate the completion of renovations at our new location. Join us for the ribbon cutting, building tours and refreshments as we settle into our new home. This event is free and open to the public. Donations to our Building Dreams Campaign are encouraged; 3710 Main Street; 5 p.m. Contact Christi Campos: 3420 Broadway, Suite 105, Kansas City, MO 64111 or 816-561-0304 or campos@thewholeperson.org or www.thewholeperson.org.

**1 WIN for KC; WIN for KC Women's Sports Awards Celebration;** The largest event in the country celebrating National Girls and Women in Sports Day. WIN for KC recognizes local girls and women for their community contributions and achievements in sports and fitness. Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center; 11:30 a.m.; \$1,000/table of 10. Contact Tiffany C. Goddard: 114 West 11th Street, Suite 300, Kansas City, MO 64105 or 816-389-1186 or tgoddard@sportkc.org or www.winforkc.org.

**2 Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics; Red Hot Night;** Hosted by the Hands and Hearts Auxiliary of Children's Mercy, guests will enjoy a fun, lively evening featuring a social hour with a signature cocktail, super silent auction, entertaining live auction, gourmet dinner, and dancing to live music. Grand Ballroom at the Kansas City Convention Center; 5:30 p.m.; \$175. Contact Ali Abplanalp: 2401 Gillham, Kansas City, MO 64108 or 816-346-1364 or asabplanalp@cmh.edu or www.childrensmercy.org.


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## IN THE NEXT ISSUE... SNEAK PEEK



Project Poochie, to benefit the SASSY Program of Great Plains SPCA, was held on October 14th and featured the theme of "Fashion Week at the Pawza Hotel."

**2 DeLaSalle Education Center; Annual DeLaSalle Movie Benefit;** From the glamour of Hollywood to gourmet offerings from Kansas City's finest restaurants, this event has it all: live music, a strolling cocktail buffet and a walk on the red carpet into the theatre for a private movie screening of a major Hollywood film, not yet released to the general public; Midland Theatre; 6 p.m.; \$150. Contact Anne Harper: 3740 Forest Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64109 or 816-561-4445 or [harpera@delasallecenter.org](mailto:harpera@delasallecenter.org) or [www.delasallecenter.org](http://www.delasallecenter.org).

**2 Heart of America Shakespeare Festival; Romantic Revels;** The fun and romantic evening begins with a cocktail hour featuring signature martinis and a silent auction. The guests will enjoy a delicious gourmet dinner and dancing 'til midnight to the musical stylings of KOKOMO; InterContinental Kansas City at the Plaza; 6:30 p.m.; \$200. Contact Sidonie Garrett: 3619 Broadway, Suite 2, Kansas City, MO 64111 or 816-531-7728 or [sgarrett@kcshakes.org](mailto:sgarrett@kcshakes.org) or [www.kcshakes.org](http://www.kcshakes.org).

**2 Horizon Academy; Bayou Bash;** The ninth annual event will feature a night of Mardi Gras fun with dinner, dancing and entertainment by the Michael Beers Band! A week prior to the event, we'll host an online auction, and at the event guests will bid on live and silent auction items via text bidding. Creative cocktail attire; Starlight Theatre; 5:30 p.m.; \$135. Contact Natalie Upp: 4901 Reinhardt Drive, Suite A, Roeland Park, KS 66205 or 913-422-0254 or [nupp@horizon-academy.com](mailto:nupp@horizon-academy.com) or [www.horizon-academy.org/bayoubash](http://www.horizon-academy.org/bayoubash).

**2 Sunflower House; 31st Annual Valentine Gala;** Jeni and Bryan Camerlinck are the chairmen of the 2013 Gala. Guests will enjoy live music, auctions, dinner, wine, and a chance to make a difference for an abused child. Detective Vicki and Pete Fogerty will serve as honorary chairmen in honor of their dedication to protecting children; Overland Park Sheraton; 6 p.m.; \$150. Contact Jaime Skultety: 15440 West 65th Street, Shawnee, KS 66217 or 913-631-5800 or [jaime@sunflowerhouse.org](mailto:jaime@sunflowerhouse.org) or [www.sunflowerhouse.org](http://www.sunflowerhouse.org).

**9 Medical Missions Foundation; Art for the Children Auction and Gala;** Guests at the 17th annual event will enjoy cocktails, a silent auction featuring works by Kansas City's best artists and artisans from our mission countries, dinner, and an exciting live auction before guests dance until midnight; Muehlebach Tower of the Kansas City Marriott Downtown; 6:30 p.m.; \$150. Contact LeAnn Smith: 6405 Metcalf, Suite 510, Overland Park, KS 66202 or 913-338-0343 or [mmf@mmfworld.org](mailto:mmf@mmfworld.org) or [www.mmfworld.org](http://www.mmfworld.org).

**11 Children's Center for the Visually Impaired; CCVI Food Fight 4;** A culinary competition complete with three battling chefs, a secret ingredient and a panel of judges; The Guild; 6:30 p.m.; \$80, \$60/age 40 and under. Contact Jennifer Anderson: 3101 Main Street, Kansas City, MO 64111 or 816-841-2284 or [janderson@ccvi.org](mailto:janderson@ccvi.org) or [www.ccvi.org](http://www.ccvi.org).

**14 Love Fund for Children; Valentine's Day Chocolate Breakfast;** Treat your sweetie or your staff to a decadent morning of chocolate heaven. Fabulous chocolate-themed breakfast buffet, chocolate fountain, games, door prizes, and a silent auction make this one of Kansas City's favorite ways to kick off Valentine's Day! Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center; 6 a.m.; \$14. Contact Tim Smith: 3030 Summit, Kansas City, MO 64108 or 913-538-5750 or [tim.smith@lovefundforchildren.org](mailto:tim.smith@lovefundforchildren.org) or [www.lovefundforchildren.org](http://www.lovefundforchildren.org).

**16 American Heart Association/American Stroke Association; Heart & Stroke Ball;** Guests will enjoy fine dining, live and silent auctions and dancing to the sounds of Lynne Jordan and the Shivers; Grand Ballroom of the Kansas City Convention Center; 6 p.m.; \$350. Contact Angie Galindo: 6800 West 93rd Street, Overland Park, KS 66212 or 913-652-1905 or [angie.galindo@heart.org](mailto:angie.galindo@heart.org) or [www.kcheartandstrokeball.org](http://www.kcheartandstrokeball.org).

**16 Avila University; 37th Annual Steer Dinner & Auction;** Celebrating 37 years of raising scholarship funds for Avila students, including the S.O.L.D. scholarship fund named for St. Olive Louise Dallavis, president emerita of the university. A black-tie optional event, which includes a social hour, live and silent auctions, steak dinner, and dancing; Muehlebach Tower of the Kansas City Marriott Downtown; 6 p.m.; \$200, \$75/Avila alumni from 2002-2012. Contact Robin Rowland: 11901 Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO 64145 or 816-501-2450 or [robin.rowland@avila.edu](mailto:robin.rowland@avila.edu) or [www.avila.edu](http://www.avila.edu).

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