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Katie Gerson and Lisa Schellhorn, co-chairmen

The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art introduces its annual gala, *Create the Night...POP!* which will be held on February 21st at the Museum. The spectacular evening will celebrate the iconic Pop Art Era and the Museum's explosive Pop Art Collection. Guests will enjoy an evening of surprise and enchantment, as well as cocktails, a festive dinner and entertainment. An original work of performance art, filled with light, motion, color, and sound, will be featured. Ann and Kenneth Baum are the honorary chairmen, and Katie Gerson and Lisa Schellhorn are serving as the co-chairmen.

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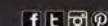
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PATRON Preview

Kansas City Art Institute end-of-semester exhibition and sale

The Kansas City Art Institute will host its second annual *Patron Preview* on December 4th at the H&R Block Artspace at KCAL. Partygoers will enjoy cocktails, a dressy dinner and tours of studio departments. Guests can purchase artwork by students prior to the public opening of the end-of-semester exhibition and sale. Donna and Ward Katz and Irene and Saul Ellis are serving as the co-chairmen of the event that supports the college's scholarship fund.



Ward and Donna Katz and Saul and Irene Ellis, co-chairmen

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Kendall Marie Matous and Charles William Schellhorn, Jr. were married on May 24th at Village Presbyterian Church. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth John Matous of Wichita, Kansas. Kendall is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles John Matous of Wichita and the late Mr. and Mrs. William T. Powell, Jr. Her groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles William Schellhorn of Our Town. Chip is the grandson of Mrs. Charles H. Schellhorn of Brewster, Massachusetts, and the late Mr. Schellhorn and the late Mr. and Mrs. Cliff C. Jones, Jr.

The evening prior, a rehearsal dinner was held at the InterContinental Kansas City at the Plaza. Following the ceremony, a lovely reception was held at The Kansas City Country Club. The happy couple enjoyed a honeymoon to Costa Rica and are at home in Kingsville, Texas. Kendall is employed by Forbes Media, and Chip is a flight instructor with the United States Navy.

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It was raining cats and dogs outside, but we were warm and dry inside Union Station Kansas City on October 1st. We were there to see *Meet the Past with Crosby Kemper III*, and we had a wonderful time. The event was part of The Great War / Great Read initiative, co-presented by The Kansas City Library and the National World War I Museum at Liberty Memorial in observance of the centennial of the start of the First World War. It was held at Union Station to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the terminal's 1914 opening. Crosby interviewed a young Ernest Hemingway, portrayed by local actor **Rusty Sneydy**. It was a fascinating presentation, and we learned so much about the time that Ernest spent in Our Town while working for *The Kansas City Star*. We saw **Marlys** and **Michael Haverly**, **Marylou** and **John Turner**, **George Guastello**, **Amy Haun**, and **Steve Paul**.



*I Wonder –
if the well suited man marched
his last march?*



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I Wonder - which Kansas Citians were seen pulling down the goal post at the Ole Miss / Alabama game?



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Warm Welcome

The 2014 BOTAR Royal Welcome was held on September 5th at The American Royal. BOTARs, escorts, royal escorts, and their families gathered to celebrate the upcoming BOTAR Ball. Kat Baty and Cat Larrison served as the co-chairmen of the event, where guests enjoyed a delicious Mexican buffet and learned about the rich history of The American Royal. The 65th BOTAR Ball will be held tonight at the Muehlebach Tower of the Kansas City Marriott Downtown.



Guy and Mary Tamburello, PJ Tamburello, Kelsie Fiss, and Kim and Bob Fiss



Ann Bush, Jack Bush, Megan McMahon, and Rita and Terry McMahon



William Garrett, Rebecca Hall and Laura and Dove Hall



Sarah and Ron Jury, Karin and Dr. Scott Dattel, Kara Dattel, and Chris Jury



Harry and Wendy Zecy flanked Cameron Zecy.



(Front row) John and Cynthia Sheridan with Caroline Sheridan (back row) Ed Elder and Preston Elder



John Heddens, Dan Bolen and William Bolen



Michelle and Dan Bowers, Lindsay Bowers, Nic Hasselwander, and Greg Hasselwander and Vicki Wernes-Hasselwander



Mike and Kathy Macfarlane, Megan Macfarlane, Maddy Ledom, and Lisa and Mark Ledom

Royal Welcome Committee Members: Megan Liechti, Kelsey Able, Co-chairman Kat Baty, Kristen Naughton, and Co-chairman Cat Larrison

Nuptial



Cate Newell Stark and Stephen Paul Duerst were married on August 16th at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Breed Stark of Fairway. Cate is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dayton Newell and the late Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Allan Stark. Her groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Eugene Duerst of Wausau, Wisconsin. Stephen is the grandson of Mr. Howard Thomas Yelton of Minocqua, Wisconsin, and the late Mrs. Yelton and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Palmer Duerst of Minocqua, Wisconsin.

The evening prior, the groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner at Amigoni Urban Winery. Following the ceremony, the bride's parents hosted a beautiful reception at The Kansas City Country Club. The happy couple enjoyed a honeymoon to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, and are at home in Mission. Cate is careering with Congressman Kevin Yoder, and Stephen is a law student at The University of Kansas School of Law.

Catholic Education Foundation's *Gaudeamus!* "Let Us Rejoice" will be held on October 25th. **Bridget and John Murphy** will be honored as the 2014 Angels Among Us. Guests will enjoy cocktails and dinner at the Overland Park Convention Center. To register, go to www.celfs.org.

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In five years, Big Slick Weekend has resulted in gifts of more than \$2M to support the Children's Mercy Cancer Center. The 2014 **Big Slick Committee** was led by eight committee chairs and seven event co-chairs who represent the original three celebrity hosts. **Rob Riggle**, **Paul Rudd** and **Jason Sudeikis**. Hosts and event co-chairs pictured (back row): **Mark McKinnis**, **Rob Riggle**, **Bill Arnold**, **Paul Rudd**, **David Koechner** (2014 Hosts), **Jason Sudeikis**, **Don Sulakin**, **Eric Stonestreet** (2014 Hosts), event co-chairs (front row): **Julie McKinnis**, **Mandi Rudd Arnold**, **Glenn Rudd**, **Kathy Sudeikis**. Committee chairs not pictured: **Pat Braggart**, **Joan Charbonneau**, **Jim Davis**, **Brandon Fancher**, **David Levy**, **Patrick Madden**, **Lisa Price** and **Adam Sokoloff**.

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Art Insider

The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art



Mayor Sly James presented Morton Sosland with the city proclamation.



Julián Zugazagoitia

It is difficult to surprise someone who is often the mastermind behind great efforts, someone who is often ahead of the rest of us in affecting great change. But I like to think there was a moment of surprise recently when Estelle and Morton Sosland were recognized for their roles in creating the American Indian legacy at The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. The Soslands are noted philanthropists, and Estelle is a long-time volunteer who was the Museum's first woman Chair of the Board of Trustees. The two are also champions and discerning collectors of American Indian art. In 1977, they generously supported the groundbreaking exhibition *Sacred Circles: 2,000 Years of North American Indian Art*, and in 2009, they gave the Museum one of the nation's finest private collections of Native art. Their support continued with *The Plains Indians: Artists of Earth and Sky*, the exhibition now open at the Nelson-Atkins. At a recent private event, Kansas City Mayor Sly James surprised everyone by declaring September 19th – the public opening day for *The Plains Indians* – as Morton and Estelle Sosland Day. It was a moving moment, one that could convey only a fraction of the affection and admiration that the city and we at the Nelson-Atkins feel for Estelle and Morton.

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Creating Crescendo

An *Invitation Stuffing Party* was held at the beautiful home of Lisa Schellhorn for the UMKC Conservatory of Music and Dance's *Crescendo*. Deanna and Greg Graves are the honorary chairmen, and Katherine and Jim Schorgl are serving as the chairmen of the November 7th gala, to be held at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts. Guests will enjoy a concert by Conservatory students and faculty, followed by a lovely dinner in Brandmeyer Great Hall.



Ann Sundeen,
Chairman
Katherine Schorgl,
Melanie Fenske, and
Eulalie Zimmer



Tim Van Zandt, Friends of the
Conservatory president; and Regina Kort



Dick Ballentine and Kit Smith



Emily Ballentine,
Elaine Mann and
Renee Barnhardt



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Celebrating A Treasure

Community members gathered on September 15th in Bloch Lobby to celebrate the acquisition of Charles White's masterpiece, *Goodnight Irene*, for the permanent collection of American art at The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. The funding for the painting, a moving portrait of famed guitarist Huddie "Lead Belly" Ledbetter, was made possible by a long list of donors after a lead gift from Sarah and Landon Rowland through the Ever Glades fund. More than 50 individuals and organizations donated to make the acquisition possible.



Bill Gautreaux and Greg Maday



Elizabeth Tinsman and Scott Francis admired the painting, *Goodnight Irene*.



Collette Grimes, Sarah Higdon, The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art; Sonié Joi Ruffin, MaryJane Myers, Debby Ballard, Loretta Britton, and Suzette Parks

The Honorable Jon Gray and Dr. Valerie Chow, Shirley Bush Helzberg and Allan Gray



Landon and Sarah Rowland, Loretta Britton and Shirley Bush Helzberg



Jonathan Boos, Stephanie Knappe, The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art; and Stéphane Martin



Julián Zugazagoitia, The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art; Lee Lyon and Kenny Baum



Kirsten Milliard, The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art; with Elizabeth Tinsman



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A Salute To Dance

More than 1,700 people enjoyed the Kansas City Ballet's fourth annual *KC Dance Day* on August 23rd at the Todd Bolender Center for Dance & Creativity. The special event featured free dance and fitness classes for children and adults, as well as performances by local dance groups and world dance groups representing different dance cultures. The Kansas City Ballet's second company performed, and the Kansas City Ballet's Company Dancers showcased snippets from their fall production, *Alice (in wonderland)*.



Christina Burton led a hip-hop class.



A performer represented the Hawaiian dance culture during world dance performances.



Guests enjoyed watching a performer from the African dance.

INSIDER



Young dancers learned how to use the ballet barre.



Zumba was one of the many fitness classes offered for adult students.



Dancers from Allegro Ballroom delighted the guests.



AileyCamp Kids performed for a full house in the Bolender Center's Frost Studio Theater.



Two young dancers participated in the Creative Movement class.



An excited young dancer leaped across the floor.



The KCB II Dancers wowed the crowd.

Boyle Photo and Todd Aronson Photos

Amazing Art

The Sketch Box Committee of the Kansas City Art Institute's *September Meeting* was held recently at the beautiful home of Debra and Jacky Duffey in Independence. Debra and Jacky have collected nearly 100 pieces of local art. After visiting the art collection, members enjoyed a delicious lunch and the lovely gardens at Vividore Restaurant.



Hosts Debra and Jacky Duffey flanked Linda Seiner in front of David Gant's painting, The Sailor.



Marilyn Thompson, Barb Krug, Carolyn Hanson, and Jackie Stokes

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Since *Holiday Mart* began in 1988, it has helped raise more than nine million dollars for community projects in Kansas City.

Palm Beach People, an insider's view of the exclusive resort community, will be available this month. Enjoy hundreds of photographs of captains of industry, movie stars, politicians, artists, athletes, and more, by master photographer **Harry Benson**. Society columnist **Hilary Geary Ross** dazzles with her revealing captions in this beautiful coffee table book that features Palm Beach life from the early 1970s through today.



I Wonder – if the new baby Violet is being well taken care of by her number one star?



The Kansas City Symphony will present *Mozart's Magnificent Voyage* on November 9th as part of its Family Series. Enjoy an enchanting journey into the world of *The Magic Flute* and 23 excerpts of Mozart's music in this wonderful production. For tickets, go tokesympphony.org.



The Kansas City Art Institute recently celebrated the 15th anniversary of the H&R Block Artspace. In the past 15 years, The Artspace has had 145,000 visitors, 119 exhibitions and public art projects and 29 artists in residence.

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Peggy Dunn, Shirley Bush Helzberg, Roshann Parris, and Tammy Peterman are serving as co-chairmen of the Jewish Community Relations Bureau|American Jewish Committee's *Human Relations Dinner*. The November 23rd event will be held at The Westin Kansas City at Crown Center. Greg M. Graves will receive the 2014 Henry W. Bloch Human Relations Award.



Greg M. Graves, honoree

Special Memories

The BOTAR class of 1964 and the BOTAR Executive Committee gathered on September 5th for the BOTAR's *50th Anniversary Luncheon*. Guests enjoyed a delicious lunch and shared fun memories at the beautiful home of Ellen Merriman. Starr Terrell served as the chairman. She honored her mother who is a member of the 1964 Class.



1964 BOTAR Class Members: (Front row) Carol Bliss, Sharon Franke, Sandy Terrell, Pam McKee, Marcia Hill, and Vicki Douglas (back row) Madelyn Moran and Carolyn Kroh



(Seated) Carol Bliss and Sharon Franke (standing) Diana Kreiling, Britton Norden and Hillary Franke



50 Year Committee Members: JoAnn Dickey, Julie Hendricks, Linda Johnson, Mary Ellen Kirtley, Chef Mike Turner, Host Ellen Merriman, Jean Honan, and Barbara Gattermeir

Chairman Starr Terrell, Sandy Terrell, Pam McKee, and Mandy Burditt



Right now, The Junior League of Kansas City, Missouri's 27th annual *Holiday Mart* is taking place at Bartle Hall and will be running through tomorrow. It features nearly 200 specialty retailers offering unique and exclusive products, including men's, women's and children's fashions, home *décor*, health and beauty items, specialty foods, and holiday and gift ideas. Erin Lambert and Kristin Brought are serving as the co-chairman of this spectacular shopping spree.

Two new terrific additions are being offered this year. *Holiday Mart* and *Back in the Swing* are partnering up for a book signing tomorrow. You can meet co-authors Barbara Unell and Judith Fertig and purchase their new cookbook, *The Back in the Swing Cookbook: Recipes for Eating and Living Well Every Day After Breast Cancer*. The other was a trip for two to beautiful Sonoma, California, and was available through enter-to-win tickets during *Ladies' Night Out* at Bartle Hall on October 17th.

Retailers and Junior League members are all thrilled to be a part of this fabulous event. "Before I ever attended *Holiday Mart* with my mother, I knew all about it," recalls League member Victoria Luhrs. "My mother would leave and go off for a day of fun and shopping, and she would return with surprises for my sister, Lauren, and me. I remember when I was finally old enough to shop with my mom, it was a total rite of passage! We still shop together, finding treasures and visiting with so many of our friends. My sister is a new member this year, and I am eager to volunteer with her for years to come as *Holiday Mart* lives on in Kansas City."

Terry Kast, owner of Celtic Ranch, has traveled to Ireland specifically for *Holiday Mart*. "As a vendor, *Holiday Mart* is a great way to be seen and get to know Kansas City shoppers," says Terry. "The energy is magnetic, the air is festive and the setting is perfect for getting into the Christmas spirit. The Junior League treats their vendors with care and concern on every turn. They put in a top notch program. I am so glad I was chosen to be involved in this grand event."

Jason Grill, co-founder of Sock 101, couldn't be more impressed by the magnitude of *Holiday Mart*. "As a lifelong Kansas Citian, Sock 101 is humbled to be included in and part of this marquee event. We hope everyone

will be stepping up their friends, families and loved one's style with Sock 101 socks this holiday season!"

Jude's Rum Cakes are always a hit among shoppers, and many come specifically to buy them for their Christmas lists. Says owner Craig Adecock, "I have participated in *Holiday Mart* for the last four years. I really appreciate the League's involvement in the community throughout the year as well as the attention each member provides to the visitors and retailers. The familiar faces are always smiling, and *Holiday Mart* brings in a diverse crowd that is ready to support local and beyond. For Jude's Rum Cakes, it just makes sense to participate in *Holiday Mart* every year. Keep up the great work!"

Since *Holiday Mart* began in 1988, the Junior League of Kansas City, Missouri has raised nearly nine million dollars to help support their community projects. This year's beneficiaries are Kansas City Academy, Harvesters and University Academy. Says Susan Miller, director of development of Kansas City Academy, "We are thrilled to once again be recipients of this year's *Holiday Mart*. Working with the League for the last five years has been a privilege and an honor. They truly care about their causes and are the reason Kansas City Academy's farm-to-cafeteria lunch program is what it is today. We couldn't be more thankful for the League's support – both their amazing volunteers and financial support."

Kellie Brady, director of admissions and community outreach at University Academy, is also grateful to be a partner with the Junior League for the last five years. "Their generosity of volunteers, time and financial supportive have been much appreciated. All of our families and student have been impacted one way or another." Adds Valerie Nicholson-Watson, Harvesters president and CEO, "Today, our food bank is feeding 141,500

people each month. As winter nears, we know that many of these households will struggle to pay for basics such as housing and heat while still putting food on the table. We thank the Junior League and *Holiday Mart* shoppers for making a difference in these families' lives."

So, attention *Holiday Mart* shoppers. Not only will your dollars be well spent on unparalleled retail therapy, but they will also make a difference for Our Town's children and for those who are in need.



Kristin Brought and Erin Lambert, co-chairmen

By Ann Slegman



Tea And Company

The Mothers' Tea for The Junior League of Wyandotte and Johnson Counties' Community Ball and Cotillion was held on September 21st at Lake Quivira Country Club. Mothers of the Cotillion participants enjoyed great conversation and the unveiling of the beautiful gown, to be worn by the young ladies at the event. Cindy Ford is the chairman of the 64th Annual Ball, to be held on December 6th. Lisa Coen is serving as the Cotillion chairman.

Mindy Morrison,
Julia Ockerhausen,
Lisa Dehon, Cotillion
Chairman Lisa Coen,
Kelly Ploas, and
Stacy Walker



(Seated) Kandra Person and Kathy Burke-Thomas
(standing) Mary Peavey, Julie McKee, Ann Killen,
and Libby Bergman



Sue Nesslein, Monica Browne, Julie Bredar,
Shannon Healy, and Pauline Henne



(Seated) Janice Martin, Kelly Grisnik, Susan Ketchmark,
and Paula Huerter (standing) Leah Luckeroth,
Kay Lloyd and Tania Burtger



(Seated) Anna Danner, Carolyn Russell, Diane Browne,
and Lisa Matthews (standing) Sarah Wright, Merrie Costello
and Amy Zemites-Newman

(Seated)
Michelle Carder,
Tina Bennett,
Kelly Maier, and
Tara Gatti
(standing)
Ann Thomas,
Brenda Horn and
Kelli Littlefield



(Seated) Patty Carson,
Kate Wiese,
Eugenia Winklebauer,
and Nancy Gilbert
(standing) Trudy Graves,
Kim Nick, Beau
Shamat, Sue Reed,
and Amanda Lowe

(Seated) Robyn Lloyd,
Barb Kempf and
Tracy Duma-Wagner
(standing)
Paige Wynn,
Beth Young,
Kelly Jones,
Angie Masloski, and
Elizabeth Wing



(Seated)
Kristin Wood,
Giovanna Michaelis,
Laura Fowler, and
Stephanie Hawn
(standing)
Patricia Verbeck,
Ruth Anne Seabaugh,
Christina Parra, and
Carla Russell

Fall Delight

Members of the Lyric Opera Circle met recently to kick off their fall season at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts. Following the meeting, guests enjoyed a delicious lunch at Webster House.



Beth McCown, Barbara Spilker,
Christine Meuten, and Trudy Gabriel



Kimberlee Ried, Janet Bjerke and
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Evening Of Splendor

The *Symphony Ball Benefactors' Party* was held on September 3rd. Donald Hall was the host of the lovely event at The American Restaurant. Karen Mische, Susan Ahn, Jackie Middelkamp, and Peggy Lyons were the co-chairmen of the special celebration. The Symphony League's *Symphony Ball*, "The Sun, the Moon and the Stars," was held on September 6th. Sarah and Landon Rowland were the honorary chairmen, and Pamela Fleischer served as the chairman.



Dr. Roger and Sandy Jackson, Donald Hall, host; Michael Fields and Nancy Lee and Jonathan Kemper



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Karen Mische, Susan Ahn and Jackie Middelkamp, event co-chairmen



Howard and Anne Elsberry with Ann Dickinson and Kirk Carpenter

Terrific Tour

On September 16th, the *Renovation Sensation Homes Tour's Patrons' Party* was held at the beautiful home of Molly and Kraig Kohring. The Tour was held the following day and featured five fabulous homes, lunch from the Blue Moose food truck and dessert by KC Cupcake Co. Allison Harding and Kelly LeGard served as the co-chairmen.



[Seated] Krissie Wiggins, SHARE; with Jenny Spencer and Carrie Hembree, Patrons' Party co-chairmen (standing) Linda Roser, SMEF; Tour Co-chairmen Allison Harding and Kelly LeGard and Sheryl Kaplan, SHARE board chairman



Kim and Rob Hunter, Molly and Kraig Kohring, Patrons' Party hosts; Brea and John Noblit and Kerry and Mike Helmuth



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[Seated] Chad and Melissa Bowles, Jay Howard and Michelle DeCicco and Tara Leinbach, Tour homeowners; and Laura Kinney and Dan Andersen, daughter and son of Tour homeowners (standing) Tour Co-chairman Kelly and Prescott LeGard with Tour Co-chairman Allison and Darren Harding

Cocktails And Conversation

Fireside members gathered recently at the beautiful home of Lynne Weilert for a *Girls' Night Out*. Guests brought items that were donated by merchants for the silent auction at the *Gatsby Soirée*, to be held on October 25th. Laurie Burgess is serving as the chairman of the event that supports scholarships for students at the Kansas City Art Institute.



[Front row] Jackie Stokes, Susan Bub, Bunni Glasberg, Patty Shupe, and Sue Houdek (back row) Arlene Finney, Margie Greenlee and Clare Carlson



Laurie Burgess, Soirée chairman; Lynne Weilert, host; and Lora Smith, Fireside president

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Kansas City Friends of Alvin Ailey (KCFAA) wishes to thank our sponsors for their support of our 30th Anniversary **G30 Gala, Saturday, October 25th at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts.** Support for KCFAA provides year round youth arts education programming and presentation of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. Together we are united by dance to inspire and change lives!



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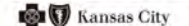
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Off The Chart Art



Event Committee Members: (Front row) Kelly Moothart, Alex Strotheide, Co-chairmen Kim Harp and Melanie Fenske, and Ingrid VanBiber (back row) Michele Kawiecki, Jenny Ramsey, Becca Baxter, Alicia Cook, and June Anne Chalfant and Amanda Crain, both with MOCSA; and Karen O'Donnell

Deanna and Greg Graves were the honorary chairmen, and Melanie Fenske and Kim Harp served as the co-chairmen of MOCSA's 10th annual *Young at Art Cocktail Party and Auction* at the Uptown Theater. More than 400 partygoers enjoyed signature martinis, *bors d'oeuvres*, silent and live auctions, and a live performance by The Elders. Proceeds support the thousands of area children and families who use MOCSA's free services every year.



(Seated) Ingrid and Rob VanBiber with Michelle Keller (standing) Sarah and Kevin Armendariz with Jalliah and Jon Otto



Linda Shipp, Chris Casebeer, Kathy and Matt Nordhus, and Nancy and David Yeomans



Charlie and Laura Fossell with Mike Sharpe



Honorary Chairman Greg Graves, Co-chairmen Kim Harp and Melanie Fenske and Julie Dapelon, MOCSA (out of camera range) Deanna Graves, honorary chairman



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Amanda Crain, Ian Byrne, The Elders, and Alex Strotheide



Emcee John Holt, Julie Dapelon, MOCSA; and Melanie Fenske, co-chairman



Ross and Amy Franken with Karen and Mark O'Donnell



(Seated) Jessica Ralston, D'ette Swanson and Linda Nobles (standing) Matt Ralston, Mark Swanson and Greg Graves



Jenny Ramsey, Mary Duren and Rachel and Matt Kendrick



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A New Year

The Kansas City Young Matrons held its *Reassembly Day Tea* on September 8th at the Clubhouse. More than 100 members enjoyed fun conversation about their summer adventures and a delicious brunch.



Members Debbie Beeler, Melinda Frenzen, Mary Hyllon, Susie Womack, Jani Etherington, Kathy Kane, Lundy Joyce, Sandy Brandt, and Janice Fischer practiced a skill.



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Board Members Norma McKelvy and Jeanetta Campbell



Kate Ferrell Banks and Elizabeth Ferrell



Steve Metzler and Brian Williams, hosts



Chris Jackson and Corey Hampton



Board Chairman Jen Gulvik with Paige Siemer, WEN graduate

The Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art's *Summoning Ghosts: The Art of Hung Liu* exhibition will run through January 11th. The magnificent exhibit features the artwork of **Hung Liu**, one of the most prominent Chinese painters working in the United States today. The exhibition was organized by the Oakland Museum of California. There are many exciting programs for children and families to enjoy with the exhibit this fall, including *Hung Liu Artist Intergenerational Workshop* on November 8th, *Scavenger Saturday* on November 15th and December 20th, *Homeschool Art Sampler* on November 20th, and *Chinese Brush Painting* on December 6th. For more information, call 816-753-5784.

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The University of Kansas Hospital's 13th annual *Treads & Threads* was a smashing success on September 5th at the Kansas Speedway. Lisa and Kenneth Block and the Allen J. and Gloria Block Family Foundation were the honorary chairmen. Debbie and Russ Welsh served as the chairmen of the event that featured gourmet fare from more than 20 of Our Town's top restaurants, a concert by Gavin DeGraw and dancing to the music of the Emerald City Band. Proceeds support personalized cancer treatment, including genetic counseling and a new palliative care suite at The University of Kansas Cancer Center, the region's only National Cancer Institute-designated center.



Honorary Chairmen Kenneth and Lisa Block with Chairmen Debbie and Russ Welsh



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The Emerald City Band kept happy guests on the dance floor.



Guests enjoyed many new attractions at the event, including an aerialist, stilt walker, fire eater, sleamer trunk photo booth, a custom-built bourbon bar, and Ketel One Vodka ice luges.



Dr. Terry Tsue, The University of Kansas Cancer Center; Hospital Authority Board Chairman Bob and Emily Hanse and Jeff Wright, The University of Kansas Cancer Center



Linda and Dr. Roy Jensen, The University of Kansas Cancer Center



Partygoers had a wonderful time under the stars at Kansas Speedway.

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- Gracie Fleming, senior, St. Teresa's Academy

BRAVO

IT'S ABOUT THE ART: KC FRIENDS OF ALVIN AILEY, CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF COMMUNITY-BUILDING, PRESENTS THE FULL AAADT IN SCHOOL PERFORMANCES AND AT THE KAUFFMAN CENTER

By Paul Horsley

The staggering 30-year success of the Kansas City Friends of Alvin Ailey has been built on community-based projects, educational initiatives for children and annual visits of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre—currently under the artistic direction of Robert Battle—and its youthful Ailey II. But at the heart of that success is something that Tyrone Aiken, the Friends' executive director since 2005, doesn't want to lose sight of: great art. “You have to continue to make art relevant,” says the dancer-teacher-choreographer, who was an AileyCamp instructor from 1991 and became artistic coordinator in 1994. The main reason people want to be involved with Ailey, after all, is that the AAADT produces some of the greatest dance of our time. “I am a true believer in art for art's sake,” Tyrone says. “I don't think it *has* to be about education. Great art is transformative, and *that's* what we should be trying to bring to young children, both in schools and in theaters.”



Alvin Ailey

The Friends began as a “second home” to the New York-based company founded in 1958 by Ailey (1931-1989), a Texas-born dancer-choreographer, whose innovations transformed American dance. But through the years, the KCFAA grew from a group whose main goal was to bring the company to Town to a powerhouse organization. It also was dedicated to giving young people and adults “hands-on” (or “legs-on”) experience with dance and to using dance as a tool for inner strength and self-awareness. Through programs such as AileyCamp, the Ailey Trio, and performances in schools, the Friends reaches 30,000 kids each year. And with the expansion of the AileyCamp concept to other cities, the message of connecting children to art and community has spread widely.

Along the way, the Friends' budget has grown to upwards of \$1.5 million. This year, the KCFAA received an astonishing \$575,000 matching grant from the Muriel McBrien Kauffman Foundation, partly in celebration of the group's 30-year run but also in recognition of its importance for the future of arts for all Kansas Citizens. Over five years, the grant will generate \$750,000 toward various programs including the *Fall Symposium* and a new biennial summer festival that, starting next year, will highlight local performances by national and international companies.

From October 22nd through the 25th, the KC Friends presents the 2014 Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater residency with master classes, school presentations and a series of performances at the Kauffman Center. Included is the world premiere of Matthew Rushing's *Odetta* and local premieres of *LIFT* by Aszure Barton, *Four Corners* by Ronald K. Brown, and a trio from Wayne McGregor's *CHROMA*. In addition, there are classics by Ulysses Dove (*Bad Blood*) and Ailey's *Revelations* and *Memoria*, the latter dedicated to KC Friends mover-and-shaker Janet K. Miller, who died last year of cancer.

For tickets, call the Kauffman Center at 816-994-7222 or see tickets.kauffmancenter.org. For the October 25th “G30” Gala, call 816-471-6003, Ext. 111. Also see kcfaa.org.

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Cheers to Volunteers!

Greg Mosher is a senior vice president at Lockton Companies. He and his wife, Holly, have three children, Mia, Hudson and Graham. Greg has been a member of the March of Dimes board of directors and the *Signature Chefs Auction* committee for two years. This year, Holly and Greg were the chairmen of the *Signature Chefs Auction*, which was held on October 13th at the Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center.



Greg and Holly Mosher, chairmen

WOMEN'S FOUNDATION



Dr. Madeleine K. Albright,
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The Women's Foundation will feature former United States Secretary of State Dr. Madeleine K. Albright as the keynote speaker at the *22nd Annual Luncheon*. The event will be held on December 5th at the Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center.

Festive Fête



Dennis Hennessy and Richard Carrothers are serving as the honorary chairmen for The New Theatre Scholarship Guild's fundraising event. The November 10th cocktail reception will be held at the beautiful home of Anita and Gary Robb. The Guild was founded by Dodie Brown and is celebrating its 20th anniversary.

The Bees Knees



Chairman Travis Kelso, Club Curry; Nancy DuVall, Hope House; Mark Curry, Club Curry founder; and MaryAnne Metheny, Hope House

Club Curry's *2014 Speakeasy* was held on September 5th at Black on Burlington. The 1920s-themed party featured cocktails, cigar rolling, black jack, aerialists, and entertainment by DJ Nick Ayler. Travis Kelso was the chairman, and Michael Mackie served as the emcee. Proceeds from the event benefit Hope House and its mission to provide shelter and services to survivors of domestic violence in Our Town.

Fall Festivity



(Front row) Emily Ballentine, Elaine Rhodes and Napaporn Schwegler
(back row) Nancy Ryan, Carolyn McDill, Susan Johnson, Marylou Turner, Dr. Mary Fern Souder, Linda Robbins, Jeanne Redick, Barbara Lulman, Linda Horn, Jane White Brown, and Margaret Althey, president

The Women's Committee for the Conservatory of Music and Dance UMKC gathered recently to finalize plans for its fall fundraiser. The November 5th event will feature a guided tour of the current exhibit at Linda Hall Library, *The Land Divided, The World United*. Afterward, guests will enjoy a delicious lunch at Grand Street Cafe and a live music presentation by some of the Conservatory scholarship students. The Women's Committee has provided scholarship assistance for 28 students this year.

Vacation Vignette



Katherine and Christian Clark met Pope Francis on September 3rd in Italy. The newlyweds received the Holy Father's *sposi novelli* (new spouses) blessing. The couple was joined by thousands of pilgrims in St. Peter's Square, including more than 80 newlyweds from around the world.

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Kelly Lightfoot, honoree



Nina Anders, honoree



Shirley Baker, honoree

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The Kansas City Chorale, conducted by **Charles Bruffy**, will have a succession of festive holiday concerts. The 33rd season of the Grammy-winning Chorale will feature *Wintersong at the Nelson* in the beautiful setting of Rozzelle Court on December 11th. *Classical Christmas* will be held on December 12th at Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church. *The Youth Concert* will be held on December 13th at St. Michael The Archangel. Later that same day, experience *Classical Christmas* at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. For more info, go to www.kcchorale.org.

Spotlight On CENTURIONS

Angela Harse is an attorney who spent more than 10 years in private practice before joining Children's Mercy Hospital as Staff Counsel and Assistant Risk Manager. Angela is a member of the Centurions Class of 2015 and serves as the communication chairman. She is helping to plan the December Task Force and the *Women's Forum* next spring. Angela is a member of the Hands and Hearts board of directors, where she serves as the logistics chairman. She and her husband, David, have a son, Emerson.



David and Angela Harse with their son, Emerson

Celebrate the holiday season with the Kansas City Museum. The Fairy Princess will visit the Museum the first three Saturdays and Sundays in December. Children will enjoy a sweet treat, holiday arts and crafts, storytelling, and pictures with the Fairy Princess. For more info, visit kansascitymuseum.org.

Mark your calendars! DeLaSalle's *Annual Movie Benefit* will be held on February 21st at Union Station Kansas City. Partygoers will enjoy cocktails, fun food from some of Kansas City's best local restaurants, a surprise movie screening, and mystery boxes.

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Farm Fun

Friends of the Farmstead, part of the Arts and Recreation Foundation of Overland Park, hosted *Moon Shine on the Farm* on September 6th. The hootenanny under the stars featured dinner, live music, dancing, and games. Proceeds from the event support Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead.



Doris Fragole, Martha Reed and Vivian Sirratt



Brandon and Sally Mayer with Michelle and Tim Rush



Wendy Hedin, Tammy Horn, Amy Sells, Maggie Allen, Susie Bond, and Trish Gau

The Coterie's *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* will run from January 27th through March 1st. Enjoy the wonderful adventures of Edward Tulane, a three-foot tall toy rabbit. For tickets, call 816-474-6552.

I Wonder - if the retail divas are moonlighting as radio disc jockeys?

holiday mart 2014

Holiday Mart is staffed entirely by volunteers. More than 600 members are involved in the planning and execution of the four day shopping extravaganza.

Celebrating Courage

The *Lions in Four Launch Party* was held on October 28th at Laura and Lantz Welch's Camelot Castle at Weatherby Lake. Lions in Four is a socially conscious clothing and accessory brand created by Julie Martin of Our Town. Lions in Four is available at feng in Leawood and Halls on Grand.



Kristi Goodman had a wonderful time shopping.

Sheilo Martinsen and Julie Martin, both with Lions in Four; and Donna Graves



Dione Marty checked out the new Lions in Four Amsterdam clutch and other products.



Mike and Kathy Gill with Scott Martinsen



Julie Martin, Lions in Four; with Erin Barnes

Perfect Putt

Staley Farms Golf Club was the setting for the Liberty Hospital Foundation's 26th Annual Golf Classic. More than 170 players enjoyed the September 12th event. Brett Daffron served as the chairman of the event that supports the establishment of a Women's Health Fund at Liberty Hospital.



David Feess, Liberty Hospital; with Jennifer Huyser, Foundation board secretary

Bill Schmekel, Dick Caldwell, Foundation RAC member; Event Chairman Brett Daffron and Rick Caldwell



Shane Davolt, Foundation board president; with Chris Geisert, Foundation board president-elect



Bret Ohlhausen and Harold Neth



Dan Williams, Sandi Rogers and Leslie Bruns-Lamb

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great shopping for a great cause

Martha Stewart was the featured speaker at the first Holiday Mart in 1988.

Ring in the holiday season with the Kansas City Museum at its *Neighborhood Holiday Open House* on December 4th. Toast the holidays with wonderful music, sweets, savorys, and beverages. Special Guest **Irma Starr** will present the 2014 Fairy Princesses and Fairy Princess Costume Contest winner. For more info, go to kansascitymuseum.org.



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CALENDAR *Of* EVENTS

October

18 Artistic Advocates for Healing; Music for the Child; An evening filled with food, drinks, silent and live auctions, the Mariachi Band Los Musicos, and a Jazz trio; Kansas City Club; time to be determined.; \$25. Contact Darren S. Crozier: 12240 Holmes Road, Kansas City, MO 64145 or 816-213-1249 or darrenc@aah-kc.org or www.aah-kc.org.

18 Belles of the American Royal (BOTAR); The BOTAR Ball; The 65th Annual Ball will present the 2014 BOTAR class, their escorts and royal escorts; dinner and dancing; Muehlebach Tower of the Kansas City Marriott Downtown. Contact Gayle Boyd: 5960 Dearborn Drive, Suite 212, Mission, KS 66202 or kcbOTAR@gmail.com or www.botar.org.

18 JDRF; JDRF Kansas City Walk to Cure Diabetes; Bringing together more than 12,000 walkers, the event features entertainment, family-friendly activities, food, and a 5K or two-mile route option; Truman Sports Complex; 8 a.m. Contact Caitlin Arnold: 920 Main Street, Suite 280, Kansas City, MO 64105 or 816-472-7997 or carhold@jdrf.org or www.kansascityjdrf.org.

18 Johnson County Community College Foundation; Beyond Bounds - Electric; A benefit for the Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, the evening will feature entertainment and a gourmet buffet; Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art; 7 p.m.; \$60. Contact Adrienne Wilson: 12345 College Boulevard, Overland Park, KS 66210 or 913-469-3835 or foundation.dept@jccc.edu or www.nermannuseum.org.

18-19 Junior League of Kansas City, Missouri; Holiday Mart 2014; This upscale shopping extravaganza has been a fall tradition for 27 years. With more than 200 specialty retailers and more than 20,000 shoppers, the proceeds from *Holiday Mart* support Kansas City community projects; Bartle Hall; 10 a.m.; \$10. Contact Aubrey Holden: 7216 Charlotte Street, Kansas City, MO 64131 or 816-935-7648 or aubreymickey@gmail.com or www.jlkc.org.

19 First Downs for Down Syndrome; Step Up for Down Syndrome Walk; This one-mile walk around Arrowhead Stadium has turned into a day of fun for the entire family! Enjoy a fun-filled day and celebrate someone with Down syndrome; Arrowhead Stadium; noon.; \$20. Contact Amy Stoll: 5960 Dearborn Street, Mission, KS 66202 or 913-722-2498 or stoll@fdids.org or www.fdids.org.

22 International Relations Council; IRC Awards Banquet with Janet Napolitano; Join hundreds of business, civic and education leaders for the 30th annual event featuring Janet Napolitano, former Secretary of Homeland Security who will deliver the keynote address and receive the Distinguished Service Award. Julian Zugazagoitia, The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art; will receive the Award for Contributions to Community; InterContinental Kansas City at the Plaza; 6 p.m.; \$100. Contact Sarah Bader-King: 106 West 11th Street, Suite 1,650, Kansas City, MO 64105 or 816-221-4204 or irc@irckc.org or www.irckc.org/event/awardsbanquet.

23 American Red Cross; Centennial Celebration; A grand celebration of the 100th anniversary of the American Red Cross in Our Town featuring Captain Chesley B. "Sully" Sullenberger; The Westin Crown Center Hotel. Contact Catherine Dudenhoefter: 211 West Armour Boulevard, Kansas City, MO 64111 or 816-841-5226 or catherine.dudenhoefter@redcross.org or www.redcross.org/kansascity.

23 Mattie Rhodes Center; 120th Anniversary Benefit; Celebrate the Center's 120th anniversary with cocktails, dinner and Keynote Speaker John Quiñones, investigative journalist and host of *Primetime: What Would You Do?*; Kansas City Marriott Downtown; 5:30 p.m.; \$100. Contact Jaclyn Steiner: 1740 Jefferson, Kansas City, MO 64108 or 816-581-5622 or jsteiner@mattierhodes.org or www.mattierhodes.org.

23 Sheffield Place; Off the Wall; An evening of art, food, cocktails, and entertainment; guests will enjoy a silent and live auction of original works of art from Our Town's most talented; The Monarch Room; 5:30 p.m.; \$100. Contact David Hanzlick: 6604 East 12th Street, Kansas City, MO 64126 or 816-483-9927 or dhanzlick@sheffieldplace.org or www.sheffieldplace.org.

24 Friends of Alexandra's House; Bow Ties for Babies; Cocktail hour, dinner and a silent auction; Grand Street Cafe - Country Club Plaza; 6 p.m.; \$150. Contact Kathy Tarbe: 638 West 39th Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64111 or 816-931-2539 or ktarbe@alexandrashouse.com or www.alexandrashouse.com.

24 Urban Ranger Corps; Urban Rendezvous V; Guests will attend a reception where they will have the opportunity to meet the youth we serve and the award recipients. In addition to the dinner, there will be silent and live auctions; Kansas City Marriott Downtown; 4:30 p.m.; \$125. Contact Carol Johnson: 5908 Swope Parkway, Kansas City, MO 64130 or 816-769-7534 or carol@cjbys.com or www.urckc.org.

25 Catholic Education Foundation; Gaudeamus (Let Us Rejoice); Our 25th annual celebration of Catholic education honoring "An Angel Among Us" for his or her support of Catholic education in addition to honoring the CEF School of Excellence; Overland Park Convention Center; 6 p.m.; \$150. Contact Patty Morrissey: 12615 Parallel Parkway, Kansas City, KS 66109 or 913-647-0344 or pmorrissey@archkc.org or www.celfs.org.

25 First Hand Foundation; First Hand Foundation Masquerade Ball; The best Halloween party in Town! The evening features live musical performances, catering, cocktails, costume competitions, face painting artists, and an after party; The Midland Theatre; 7 p.m.; \$115. Contact Shanna Hilt: 2800 Rockcreek Parkway, Kansas City, MO 64117 or 816-201-4300 or shanna.hilt@cerner.com or www.firsthandfoundation.org/ball.

25 Horizon Academy; Great Pumpkin Race 5K; Join us for a fall morning of fun as we kick off the second annual *Great Pumpkin Race 5K* run/walk! The race will begin and end at Horizon Academy. Start a team, grab your costume and help us raise scholarship money for our students; Horizon Academy; 9 a.m.; \$40. Contact Caitlin McGrath: 4901 Reinhardt Drive, Roeland Park, KS 66205 or 913-789-9443 or cmcgrath@horizon-academy.com or www.horizon-academy.org/greatpumpkinrace.

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25 Kansas City Friends of Alvin Ailey; KCEAA G30 Gala 2014; Gala guests will enjoy a wonderful cocktail reception and a dazzling Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater performance followed by dinner and dancing; featuring Celebrity Guest Host Debbie Allen; Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts; 6 p.m.; \$300. Contact Coeli Baker: 1714 East 18th Street, Kansas City, MO 64108 or 816-471-6003 or coeli@kcfaa.org or www.kcfaa.org/g30.

25 Saint Luke's East Hospital; Boo Ball; With more than 550 guests, this fun costume gala delights with spectacular theatrical *décor*, a delicious banquet of devilish delights, live music, and live and silent auctions; The Pavilion at John Knox Village; 6:30 p.m.; \$75. Contact Jessica Ramirez: 100 Northeast Saint Luke's Boulevard, Lee's Summit, MO 64086 or 816-347-4632 or jramirez1@saint-lukes.org or www.saintlukesgiving.org.

29 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA); Champions of Character Foundation Awards Luncheon; A celebration of the character values of those who make a difference in the culture of sport in Our Town. Five awards will be bestowed to honorees, and Tom Watson will be the keynote speaker; Grand Ballroom at the Kansas City Convention Center; 11:30 a.m.; \$100. Contact Amy Stover: 1200 Grand Boulevard, Kansas City, MO 64106 or 816-595-8117 or astover@naia.org or www.championsofcharacter.org/luncheon.

30 Union Station Kansas City; 100th Anniversary Gala Event; A centennial celebration gala to recognize the 100th anniversary of the original opening of Union Station on October 30, 1914. This event will also open a weekend of 100th anniversary celebration events, with a public open house on November 1st and 2nd; Union Station Kansas City; 6 p.m.; ticket price to be determined. Contact Joy Torchia: 30 West Pershing Road, Suite 400, Kansas City, MO 64108 or 816-460-2022 or jtorchia@unionstation.org or www.unionstation.org.

November

1 American Diabetes Association; *Unmask the Cure*: A fun, black-tie event that supports local programs for diabetes prevention and care as well as research for a cure. The event will feature a cocktail reception, live and silent auctions, dinner, live music, and dancing; The Uptown Theatre; 6 p.m.; \$150. Contact Linda Cridler: 6900 College Boulevard, Suite 250, Overland Park, KS 66211 or 913-383-8210 or lcridler@diabetes.org or www.diabetes.org.

1 Love Fund for Children; *Lunch With an Old Bag*: A fabulous silent auction featuring nearly 500 must-have designer, trendy, snappy, and stylish varieties of every woman's key fashion accessory: the handbag! Gourmet lunch, chocolate, wine, and a live auction round out this luxurious girls' day out; Overland Park Sheraton; 11 a.m.; \$40. Contact Lisa Herron: 3030 Summit Street, Kansas City, MO 64108 or 816-932-9170 or lisa.herron@lovethefundforchildren.org or www.lovethefundforchildren.org.

1 Saint Luke's Midwest Ear Institute; *HEARaid Gala*: Enjoy a wonderful evening with friends at the 12th annual *HEARaid Gala*. The event includes a cocktail reception, silent and live auctions, a delicious dinner, and wonderful entertainment; Indian Hills Country Club; 6 p.m.; \$175. Contact Irwin Herrero: 4200 Pennsylvania, Suite 100, Kansas City, MO 64111 or 816-932-1664 or iherrero@saint-lukes.org or www.saintlukesgiving.org.

1 Synergy Services; *Stand Up For Synergy*: This fun night is the cornerstone event for the Zona Rosa Community Foundation. The intimate setting gives guests the chance to be up close and personal with some of the most extraordinary comedic talent of our time including Jay Leno, Dana Carvey, Howie Mandel, Jim Belushi, and Wanda Sykes; The Improv; 5:30 p.m. Contact Meghan Denney: 400 East Sixth Street, Parkville, MO 64152 or 816-587-4100 or standup@synergyservices.org or www.synergyservices.org.

2 The Foundation for Shawnee Mission Medical Center; *Tiny Tim Holiday Fantasy*: A benefit for the children and families served at the Lee Ann Britain Infant Development Center and Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. The event includes a silent auction, program, dinner, and a live auction; Overland Park Convention Center; 5 p.m.; \$125. Contact Stephanie O'Sullivan: 7315 Frontage Road, Suite 221, Shawnee Mission, KS 66204 or 913-676-2148 or stephanie.osullivan@shawneemission.org or www.shawneemission.org/tinytim.

6 High Aspirations; *4th Annual Mentors Challenge*: This year's theme is "Communicating to Connect with Today's Youth." Co-chairmen will be Alvin Brooks and Congressman Emmanuel Cleaver, and Guests Speakers are Crosby Kemper III and Frank White; business casual; Kansas City Marriott Downtown; 6 p.m. Contact Christina Shotts: 6320 Brookside Plaza, Suite 263, Kansas City, MO 64113 or 816-305-3334 or highaspirationskcmessage@gmail.com or www.highaspirationskc.org.

7 Historic Kansas City; *40th Anniversary Celebration: I'm a Preservationist*: Join us to celebrate our 40th anniversary and to kick off the "I'm a Preservationist Campaign" with a gallery opening, cocktails, *bors d'oeuvres*, dancing, and a silent auction; The Guild; 7 p.m.; \$125. Contact Laura Van Zante: 913-732-2405 or info@moxieevents.com or www.historickansascity.com.

7 March of Dimes; *Nurse of the Year Gala*: Recognizing nurses from a variety of nursing specialties and practice settings, whose strength, courage and perseverance advance the entire profession. Nurses are critical to our mission of improving the health of babies and are key in comforting families; InterContinental Kansas City at Plaza; 6 p.m.; \$200. Contact Karly Kappelman: 4400 College Boulevard, Suite 180, Overland Park, KS 66211 or 913-469-3611 or kkappelman@marchofdimes.com or www.marchofdimes.com/kansas.

7 Synergy Services; *One Homeless Night*: Giving local teens the chance to spend a night in the shoes of a homeless teen while raising funds and awareness for Synergy Services. Contact Brandy Harrington: 400 East Sixth Street, Parkville, MO 64152 or 816-587-4100 or onehomelessnight@synergyservices.org or www.synergyservices.org.



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7 UMKC Conservatory of Music and Dance; *Crescendo*: The elegant evening begins with cocktails and *bors d'oeuvres* before an outstanding performance by Conservatory students. Then, guests are served dinner in Brandmeyer Great Hall; cocktail attire; Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts; 5:30 p.m.; \$300. Contact Tamara Morris: 4949 Cherry Street, PAC 328, Kansas City, MO 64110 or morristam@umkc.edu or www.conservatory.umkc.edu.

8 Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph; *Celebration of Hope*: A fabulous evening of cocktails, entertainment, live auction, dinner, and dancing; The Westin Crown Center Hotel; 6:30 p.m.; \$250. Contact Carrie Kafka: 20 West 9th Street, Kansas City, MO 64105 or 816-659-8216 or ckafka@ccharities.com or www.catholiccharities-kcsj.org.

8 Johnson County Community College Foundation; *Some Enchanted Evening*: The black-tie event features an elegant five-course gourmet dinner served with fine wines, a social hour, entertainment arranged and performed specially for the evening, and dancing until midnight; Overland Park Marriott; 6 p.m.; \$250. Contact Kate Allen: 12345 College Boulevard, Overland Park, KS 66210 or 913-469-3835 or kateallen@jccc.edu or www.jccc.edu/foundation.

8 Just Like You Films; *The Power of Film: Everybody Cut Footloose*: Pay homage to the 80's classic, *Footloose*! Guests will dust off their prom gear and get ready to "cut footloose" with signature cocktails and dancing to the tunes of The Zeros; The Bean Hangar at The Roasterie; 7 p.m.; \$100. Contact Holly Mihalovich: 1210 West 58th Street, Kansas City, MO 64113 or 816-896-1569 or hollym2@gmail.com or www.justlikeyoufilms.org.

12 Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Kansas City; *6th Annual Dinner on Ice*: Come join us for an exciting night on the ice! It promises to be a special evening, featuring dinner on the floor of the Independence Events Center, served by players of the Missouri Mavericks hockey team. On-ice entertainment, silent auction and more; business attire; Independence Events Center; 6 p.m.; \$100. Contact Julie O'Rourke Kaul: 6301 Rockhill Road, Suite 303, Kansas City, MO 64131 or 816-361-3600 or giving@helpckids.org or www.helpckids.org.

13 Calvary Community Outreach Network; *Holiday Harvest Celebration*: An annual fundraiser to support the agency's ability to provide health and wellness, youth development and HIV/AIDS prevention programs for area youth and families; The Monarch Room; 6:30 p.m. Contact Reverend Eric Williams: 2940 Holmes Street, Kansas City, MO 64109 or 816-531-4683 or ctemplebaptist@kc.rr.com or <http://cccon-kc.org>.

13 Happy Bottoms - Kansas City's Diaper Bank; *Attitude of Gratitude: A Thanks Giving Event*: Third annual event featuring happy hour and silent and live auctions; The Bean Hangar at The Roasterie; 5:30 p.m.; \$50. Contact Liz Sutherland: 1941 Central Street, Kansas City, MO 64108 or 1-855-HPY-BTMS or liz@happybottoms.org or www.happybottoms.org.

13 Junior Achievement of Middle America; *Greater Kansas City Business Hall of Fame*: The event will celebrate the achievements of prominent business leaders who have made extraordinary contributions to Kansas City. The evening will include dinner, an awards program and entertainment; Kansas City Marriott Downtown; 6 p.m.; \$250. Contact Stuart Hoffman: 4049 Pennsylvania, Suite 150, Kansas City, MO 64111 or 816-561-3558 or shoffman@jamidamerica.org or www.jamidamerica.org.

14 ReDiscover; *45th Celebration*: Join ReDiscover in celebrating 45 years of help, hope and healing with a night of musical magic featuring actress, singer, Grammy and Tony award winner Jennifer Holliday; dinner, cocktails and live and silent auctions; InterContinental Kansas City at Plaza; 6 p.m.; \$250. Contact Allyson Summers: 901 Northeast Independence Avenue, Lee's Summit, MO 64086 or 816-347-3262 or asummers@rediscovernmh.org.

15 Harvest Ball Society; *Harvest Ball*: The annual black-tie gala features an elegant cocktail reception, sumptuous dinner, the formal presentation of the Class of 2014 V.I.C.T.O.R.Y. Honorees, followed by an evening of dancing to one of Kansas City's finest dance bands; Grand Ballroom at Bartle Hall; 6 p.m.; \$200. Contact Jennifer Short: P.O. Box 34423, Kansas City, MO 64116 or 816-587-3443 or jshort@harvestballsociety.org or www.harvestballsociety.org.

15 Junior League of Wyandotte & Johnson Counties; *American Girl Fashion Show*: Our American Girls have strutted their stuff each year for the last 20 years! Our models are taught a simple routine and have a wonderful time while raising funds for an organization that benefits children ages 12 and under; Deer Creek Country Club; 4 p.m.; \$25. Contact Susan Liddell: 9300 West 87th Street, Overland Park, KS 66212 or 913-371-2303 or marketing@jlwc.org or www.jlwc.org.

15 Saint Thomas Aquinas High School; *Extravaganza*: An exciting evening featuring live and silent auctions, dinner and dancing; Saint Thomas Aquinas; 5:30 p.m.; \$125. Contact Mary Bridget Kratofil: 11432 West 104th Street, Overland Park, KS 66214 or 913-319-2405 or mbkratofil@stasaints.net or www.stasaints.net.

19 Johnson County Young Matrons; *23rd Annual Home for the Holidays Tour*: Tour four beautiful homes in Overland Park; enjoy shopping in the boutique at Ritz Charles on November 18th and 19th; 9:30 a.m.; \$25. Contact Diane Seltzer: 9339 Falcon Ridge Drive, Lenexa, KS 66220 or 913-515-0594 or dseltzer@everestkc.net or www.jcym.net.

20 Village Shalom; *Ages of Excellence Celebration*: The event begins with a private cocktail reception, where event patrons will have the opportunity to visit with our guest speaker. This will be followed by an elegant buffet dinner and a champagne dessert reception after the program; Overland Park Convention Center; 5:15 p.m.; \$250. Contact Monica Pontarelli: 5500 West 123rd Street, Overland Park, KS 66209 or 913-266-8469 or mpontarelli@villageshalom.org or www.villageshalom.org.

22 St. Teresa's Academy; *An Evening for the Stars*: Attended by more than 500 guests, this annual black-tie evening features a gourmet dinner and live and silent auctions; St. Teresa's Academy; 5 p.m.; \$125. Contact Terry Egelhoff: 5600 Main Street, Kansas City, MO 64113 or 816-822-7827 or tegelhoff@aol.com or www.stteresasacademy.org.

23 Jewish Community Relations Bureau/American Jewish Committee; *JCRBJA 2014 Human Relations Dinner*: The Henry W. Bloch Human Relations Award will be presented at a gala dinner to Greg Graves; The Westin Kansas City at Crown Center; 5 p.m. Contact Marvin Szneler: 5801 West 115th Street, Suite 203, Overland Park, KS 66211 or 913-327-8126 or jerbajc@jewishkc.org or www.jerbajc.org.

December

1 AIDS Service Foundation of Greater Kansas City; *World AIDS Day 2014*: 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 we have lost to HIV/AIDS and affirming those living with the disease; Kauffman Foundation Conference Center; 11:30 a.m./Luncheon, 5:30 p.m./reception; \$50. Contact Michael Lintecum: P.O. Box 32192, Kansas City, MO 64171 or 816-931-0959 or michael@lintecumgroup.com or www.asfk.org.

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