



# The Settlement Club Newsletter

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March 2017

## 2016-2017 Executive Committee

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Julia Rathgeber

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Joyce Harmon

## From the President



It seems that Spring has sprung! People across the Austin community are Spring cleaning and the Garage and Estate Sale has loads of merchandise because of it. I want to thank everyone who picks up, sorts, cleans and prices the amazing array of “gifts” we receive. Not only are you preparing for our largest fundraiser, but you are also representing our organization in the community at large. Please remember that you are serving as ambassadors and that we are always looking for new members... and donors... for the Settlement Club. If you meet someone who might be interested, invite them to the May luncheon, or let a Board member know, and we will reach out to them. We are trying to build our membership and find ways to meet new people who can help

us in the future. Betsy Giles has taken this on as her own personal crusade and I am grateful to her.

Very special congratulations and thanks are in order for Kathy Smith, Blythe Wilson and their Shining Star Gala team. The Shining Star Gala, held at the Bullock Museum on February 12th, was a huge success and lots of fun for everyone. The 59 members of the 2017 Community Youth Council looked charming in their teal pashminas and bow ties. In addition, we heard inspiring comments from Richard Topfer, representing the Topfer Family Foundation, our 2017 Settlement Home Community Leadership Award recipient. It was a truly delightful evening.

Finally, thank you to all who attended the February Cluster meetings. We had fun, took lots of notes, and plan to include many of your ideas in our plans. You are an amazing group of women and it is a pleasure to work with you on behalf of our children at the Settlement Home!

Julia Rathgeber  
Settlement Club President

## Corresponding Secretary Report

Period Ending  
February 28, 2017

Nancy N. Harper  
Carol Martin

Passing of Dorothy Nash  
Passing of husband, C.W. Martin

Thanks everyone.  
Ann



It seems like we were just celebrating the holidays and now here we are with Spring Break upon us. Where does the time go? With the weather being all over the place like it has been recently, it certainly hasn't been helpful in reminding us what time of year or season it is! No matter the time of year, our campus is always buzzing with activity. The kids are busy with school, extra-curricular activities and therapy. The staff members are working hard to support them and to make sure they always have what they need. Last, and certainly not least, Club members are working tirelessly in the warehouse, attending meetings and planning fun events for the cottages. Shining Star Gala was a wonderful event that demonstrated the effort, collaboration and dedication that it takes from you to benefit The Home.

Another type of buzzing on campus that you may have noticed in the recent weeks is from emergency vehicles pulling into the parking lot. You might see a police car, ambulance or fire truck on our campus from time to time, and I know this must be concerning to see. I want to assure you that we are constantly working to keep the kids safe and meet their significant needs. I thought it might be helpful for you to have some context around the reasons our staff members have to call for emergency support.

When one of our girls runs away or doesn't come home from school or work on time, we are required by Residential Child Care Licensing to make a report to police within a certain timeframe. Most of the time, our kids return and we cancel the report. Both of these reports require the police to come to our campus to take the information in person. Another reason we would call for support is if one of our children has a medical issue like an allergic reaction or serious asthma attack. Our staff members would first consult with our nurse and if she deems it necessary for immediate attention, we call for paramedics. There are also times when more than one child exhibits aggressive behavior at once. As you can imagine, this can quickly get out of control and we work to contain these situations as quickly as possible. If residents try to fight one another or if we have multiple situations requiring several staff to assist, we call for the police to help us get things settled. As you know, some of our kids have a tendency to turn their sadness inward, which can result in self-harming or suicidal thoughts. If a particular child is assessed by one of our licensed therapists as an imminent danger to herself, we would call for a Mental Health Officer within the police department to assist in getting this child into a psychiatric hospital so she can receive psychiatric assistance to stabilize and return to us.

There also might be times when you arrive to campus and the front gate is closed. This is typically due to a child attempting to run away. We have the interior perimeter gate that prevents children from leaving because it requires a key to open. However, that perimeter gate only surrounds the 3 Residential Treatment Center Cottages. If the child is not within that perimeter gate for any given reason, she could run out of the main gate entrance. Staff members sometimes close that gate as a precaution until the situation is managed. If you ever pull up to campus and that gate is closed, you are welcome to call for someone to come open it. If it is during business hours (Monday-Friday, 9-5) you can call the main number (512-836-2150). If it is after hours or on the weekend, you can call the campus coordinator cell phone (512-466-5753). This information is posted on a sign on the gate as well.

In other news, you will be pleased to know that we have hired a new development director! Her name is Trenton Foster and she is coming to us from Any Baby Can. I think she will be a great fit for our team and will help us reach our goals of growing our fundraising revenue in the coming years. Her start date will be March 20, and she's very excited to get going!

I appreciate all you do to support the important work that is done each and every day at The Settlement Home. It is a privilege to serve the deserving and resilient young people that we do. Small miracles happen here every day and we have The Settlement Club to thank for making it all possible.

Darcie DeShazo,  
Executive Director

## 2017 Garage & Estate Sale

Hello All,

As you can see from the huge amount of donations that have been coming in at a record pace, February has been a “full” month! Sorting, cleaning, packing and pricing are the games we play. Thanks to all of you who have come early, stayed late and added extra SH days to your week! And as donations are our bread and butter, thank you to those manning the “hot” line and for all those lovely members who continue to pick up and deliver those donations.

Also February was the month of “cluster meetings”. These meetings are enormously helpful to improving so many aspects of the club. There were so many great suggestions and information shared, that if you missed a cluster meeting this year, put them on your “must do” list for next year. A big thank you to all the hostesses who opened their homes for these meetings!

We are still working to fill in all the blanks for the PEC co-chair list. If we approach you, please don't run! All the jobs are very important to the success of the sale.

There was a Saturday clothing sale last month and another successful clothing sale on March 11th.

And the eBay sales.....such a wonderful addition to the success of the club and our mission. Cathy Willmann and Kathy Warbelow and their team keep topping their successes month after month. Our total so far is just over \$4,700! Keep your eyes open for eBay treasures.

You are an amazing group of women!

Betsy Giles, Lissa Whitehurst & Mary Pfluger  
2017 Garage and Estate Sale Chairs

## Ebay Sales

Ebay sales are off to a great start! Our total as of March, 3 is \$4,769.54. We have sold 89 items in 26 states, Canada & Germany. Our highest sales: 7 Wolfard Oil lamps \$244, Frank Sinatra 20-CD set \$149.99, POLA train item \$212.50, vintage accordion \$220, 2 Hermes bow ties \$79.99/each, vintage Rolex woman's watch \$1,034; vintage Fenwick fly rod \$200, Guerlain Baccarat perfume bottle \$90, a child backpack carrier \$149.99, a vintage Dansk Peppermill \$102.50. Thanks to everyone for keeping an eye out for treasures that bring in more money for The Home! Cathy Willmann, ebay team leader. Thinking about joining in on the fun? Give me a call at 512-444-9676!

## Annual Dues Reminder

Don't forget your dues!

A \$25 late fee is added to the total for dues paid after March 31st.

You may pay by mail or online.

Please contact Bunny Neible with any questions or for assistance you may need related to your 2017 Dues.

Bunny Neible,

Treasurer

# March 2017 Gifts and Memorials

## Honoring

**Paul & Karen Leeke**  
Steve & Lori Leeke  
David & Susan Burkett

**Fancy PR**  
Debra O'Molesky

**Katherine Nelson**  
David & Michelle Womack  
Gayle Covington

**Lou & Karen Cannatti**  
Ben & Ashley Cannatti

**Mike Cannatti & Ann Phipps family**  
Ben & Ashley Cannatti

**Betty Jo Harris**  
Neil & J.C. Milner

**Marilyn Willson**  
Kathy Warbelow  
Cathy Willmann

**Truman & Ann Breed**  
Barrie Breed

**Mary Pfluger**  
Burnie & Janet Burner

**Lela Jane Tinstman**  
Elizabeth Moseley & family

**Mark & Betty Finley**  
Steve & Jill Davol

**Bob & Barbara Norwood**  
Gayle Covington

**Cathy Willmann**  
Gayle Covington

**Elaine Frederick**  
Sam & Karen Boatright

**Martha Bengtson**  
Gayle Covington  
Betty Covington

**The Run Club**  
Penny Andrusek

**Marion More**  
Pat Chapin

**Helen Bostick**  
Pat Chapin

**Bobbie Mae Matthews**  
Pat Chapin

**Colleen Reeves**  
Pat Chapin

**Melissa Jones**  
Pat Chapin

**Lutie Butler**  
George Anne Rogers

## Memorials

**Sharon Hooser**  
Greg Hooser  
Anne Brennan

**Donna Edgar**  
Wesley Plus Sunday School Class  
Bill & Suzon Kemp & family

**Kurt Frederick**  
Elaine Frederick

**Erick G.V. Liljenwall, II**  
Becky Liljenwall

**Virginia Wommack**  
Diane Wommack Daniel

**Barbara Elliott**  
Andrew Elliott

**Bob Buford**  
Bill & Suzon Kemp & family

**Bert Hooper**  
Bill & Suzon Kemp & family  
Paula Chaney  
Rick Chaney  
Joyce Chaney  
Nancy Buford  
Francis & Helen Bostick

**Blake Theriot**  
Karen Jeffries

**Kent Rider**  
Bill & Suzon Kemp & family  
Bruce & Deb Aupperle

**Thelma Price**  
Bill & Suzon Kemp & family

**Lemuel Scarbrough, Jr.**  
Bill & Suzon Kemp

**Howard Parker**  
Harris & Emily Baker

**Taw Duncan**  
Steve & Jill Davol  
Francis & Helen Bostick  
Kathy Rider  
Andrew & Pam Ruth  
Amanda Beck  
Nancy Merritt

**Will Davis**  
Rick Chaney  
Paula Chaney  
Joyce Chaney

## Bess Gerst

Jan Scurlock  
T.J. & Betty Chapman  
Diana Smith  
Sara Levy  
Allison Angell  
Bryan & Petie Lewis  
Dorothy Penn  
Steve Scurlock  
Sharon Eisenberg  
Ailene Lord  
Donna Sager  
Helen Covert  
Nick & Erica Detorie  
Virginia Duke  
Janet Maxon  
Andrew & Pamela Ruth  
George & Marion More

**Curtis Johnson**  
Gayle Covington

**Rusty Johnson**  
Gayle Covington

**Myra Lea Summers**  
Alden & Barbara Smith  
William Benham  
Sidney Lock  
The Collectibles Department  
Elaine Frederick  
The Linens Department  
Mary Jo Culver  
Ron Jackson

**Carole Sapp**  
Ray & Nancy Kenley

**Gary Sanders**  
Clemmie Hext

**Jessie B. Shelby**  
Lee & Dawnelle Doughtie

# March 2017 Gifts and Memorials

## Memorials (continued)

### **Dorothy Nash**

Robert & Donna Ruiz  
Jim Crebbin  
Carolyn Sharkey  
Jack & Janet Roberts  
Joseph V. Feuge  
Grant & Debbie Willson  
William & Mac Cromwell  
Sharon Eisenberg  
Kelly & Cindy Casparis  
Mark & Sara Walker  
Patsy Read

Shawn Cox  
Joan Admirand  
Melissa Bonney  
Estela Garcia  
Maria Maciel  
Craig Vickers

### **G.W. Martin**

Truman & Ann Breed

### **Margaret Winters**

Dottie Penn

### **Bill Horn**

Laurens & Julia Fish

## Hotline Heros and Pickup Angels

Merci beaucoup to the following ladies who so graciously volunteered to make a donation pick up (or 2 or 3) for our Club during the month of February. We are truly grateful for our pick-up angels! It is because of you that our warehouse stays full with wonderful donations from all over Austin.

If you receive a call from our Hotline Hero asking if you can help with a pick up, please say "yes" and help us keep our warehouse full of fabulous finds for the Garage & Estate Sale.

Suzanne Latting & Blythe Wilson  
2016 Hotline Co-Chairs

Cathy Willmann  
Becky Banham  
Carrie Brown  
Betsy Schmidt

Kimberley Hansen  
Cookie Boyd  
Ann Breed  
Joyce Harmon

Cheryl Penn  
Suzanne Latting  
Julie Gallia

## Endowment Committee News

The quarterly meeting of The Settlement Club Endowment Committee was held on January 20, 2017. Brian Maguire of Frost Bank reported on the 2016 yearend performance of The Endowment Fund. As of December 31, 2016, the value of the Endowment Fund was \$7,389,221. This was a total portfolio return of 5.26% for the entire year 2016. Asset allocation was stocks (63%), bonds (33%) and cash (4%).

Membership in the Mildred Gregg Wendlandt Legacy Society has grown to 72 members! Our three newest members were recognized at the Club New Member Luncheon in January. The next quarterly meeting will be held on April 19, 2017.

Susan Campbell, Endowment Committee Chair



# 2017 Shining Star Gala A Night Among the Stars

The stars were shining brightly in February as new student members of the Community Youth Council were honored for their past and future community service during The Settlement Home for Children's Shining Star Gala.

In addition, a past council member was recognized for her significant contribution during her 2016 Community Youth Council class year. Caroline Angell, a senior at Anderson High School, was presented the 2016 Outstanding Community Youth Award for her dedication to The Home. She spotted an intern opportunity and volunteered two days a week during her school off-periods for the entire 2016 Fall semester and will continue through the Spring 2017 semester as well.



## Outstanding Philanthropy

Another highlight of the evening was the presentation of The Home's 2017 Community Leadership Award to The Topfer Family Foundation. The Foundation's mission is to help people connect to the tools and resources they need to build self-sufficient and fulfilling lives. One of their key program areas to direct their giving is child abuse prevention and treatment. "Everybody deserves the opportunity to be successful", Richard Topfer said when accepting the award on behalf of the Foundation. For many years The Topfer Family Foundation has generously supported the mission of The Settlement Home for Children.



# 2017 Shining Star Gala



The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum provided the perfect backdrop for an evening full of fabulous food, fun music by The High Rollers Band and a lively silent auction with many wonderful items from Austin's best merchants, shops, restaurants and services.

Master of Ceremonies, Ed Clements, recognized each junior, sharing the destination they would most want to visit given no obstacles. The evening's hosts were co-chairs Kathy Smith and Blythe Wilson.

This special evening would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of the event's committee: Dinah Barksdale, Cookie Boyd, Amy Butler, Jeri Campbell, Paula Chaney, Allison Cook, Cecelia Cook, Becky Cox, Jill Crocker, Betsy Giles, Betty Jo Harris, Brenda Jones, Kay Keesee, Marian Kelley, KaLyn Laney, Terri Morrison, Suzy Ranney, Julia Rathgeber, Monique Riley, Cynthia Sandall, Emily Sheehan, Shana Slaughter, Kathy Smith, Lori Snyder, Leslie Timmerman, Tracy Wehmeyer, Lissa Whitehurst and Blythe Wilson.

We also would like to thank the generous sponsors of the gala: Carol & Tom Hatfield, Sara & John Marler, Amy & Trevor Allen, Allison & Jay Angell, The Chandler Family, Reenie & Kent Collins, Laura & Richard Gruber, Brenda & Jonny Jones, Mary & Will Pitts, Mary Frances & James Schneider, Julia & Ross Rathgeber, Kathy Rider, and Kathy & Rick Smith. Thank you for your support of The Home and its programs!

## Highlights of the evening include:

- \* 320 attendees
- \* 59 new members of the Community Youth Council
- \* 140+ donations to the silent auction
- \* An enjoyable evening together with friends celebrating volunteerism

“Without these tremendous gifts of time and talent, we could not succeed in serving our children with histories of abuse, neglect and severe emotional trauma.” Thank you to everyone who made this evening a huge success!



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## Events and Important Dates

Settlement Club General Meeting	April 12 at 10 a.m., Williamson Campus
Quinceanera,	April 22 at 1 p.m., Williamson Campus Please RSVP to <a href="mailto:NWilliams@settlementhome.org">NWilliams@settlementhome.org</a>
Settlement Club Spring Luncheon,	May 10 at 11 a.m.
UT Charter School Graduation	May 26 at 2 p.m.