



League Lines

2009-2010 Season

Spring 2010

From the President Ashley Johnson



Exciting is an appropriate word to describe this year in Charity League! The year started off with a bang, or more of a "burst", as we had a line rupture in our newly renovated

kitchen at the League house.

After a minor remodel, and a major mold eradication, the days have operated much more smoothly. We have already accomplished great things, and have truly felt a renewed interest from our associates this year. I hope that you are receiving my updates from our charityleagueofpaducah@gmail.com address. If you are not, please send an email to that address and I will be happy to add you to the distribution.

From our associate advisors, to attendance at Snowball, communication and outright donations, we feel especially grateful to be in your company this year. With your support, we have donated over \$35,000 to Easter Seals West Kentucky, and we are just getting started! It has been a privilege to work with Beth Garey, Robin Grubbs, and Susan Ybarzabal, who are serving as our associate advisors this year.

Bargain Fair was held last March at the Robert Cherry Civic Center. We pulled together, enjoyed the benefit of clutter-free homes (I know I'm ready for another Bargain Fair now) and shared a wonderful preview party. The event was a great success, and we were able to donate \$16,000 to Easter Seals.

I am most excited about the fifteen wonderful women that have joined the League this year. Kelly Smith hosted Fall Mixer in November, and we had the opportunity to get to know our newest fall members a little better. They are an enthusiastic, committed group of ladies that will continue to lead us in an exciting direction over the next five years.

Snowball 2009 was a great success, and the associate

support was phenomenal. We rang in the new year at the Country Club of Paducah, and were able to donate over \$20,000 to Easter Seals West Kentucky. The Respectables were back by popular demand, Karen Edwards designed our great invitations, Beth Garey provided our beautiful decorations, and the Country Club was a great venue.

Associate support even went beyond the venue, as Jane Gamble coordinated a generous donation collected at an event she hosted the same night.

In January, our organization was invited to partner with the band FOREIGNER at the Carson Center. Through CD sales, Charity League members raised over \$1,700 in a few hours, and enjoyed their backstage privileges. It really was a fun evening for everyone, and the management company said we sold more CD's than some of their largest venues!

Easter Seals West Kentucky CEO Ken Lucas retired in 2009 after ten years of service to the organization, and I have been very involved in the search for the new CEO. I am pleased to be able to announce that Danny Carroll will begin

May 17th as the new CEO of Easter Seals West Kentucky. Danny and his family will be a wonderful addition to the Easter Seals family, and he will provide wonderful passion and leadership to carry Easter Seals into a new era.

I have spent a great amount of time this year involved on the Easter Seals board of directors and the fiscal committee. Serving as a liaison between the two organizations has really been eye-opening to the current challenges that face

Easter Seals. There has been a great deal of change over the past several decades, but the mission of Easter Seals is still true to the cause Charity League supported when we were founded. I encourage you to remember Easter Seals West Kentucky in your annual giving and estate planning.

May will be a busy month for Charity League, and I hope you can join us as we celebrate the close of another successful year. Our third Golf & Giving Classic will be held May 13 at the Country Club of Paducah. We are in need of associates to help us with the event on that day, and know it will be a fun opportunity to work together with our community. Our year will end on May 19 at the Country Club of Paducah with our annual banquet. Amanda Esper is chairing the event, and I know it will be a fun-filled evening as we celebrate the friendships and rich history that make our organization one to be so proud of!

Important Dates:	
<i>Golf Classic</i>	May 13
<i>Annual Banquet</i>	May 19
<i>Snowball 2010</i>	December 31

Golf and Giving Classic Mary Hunter Hancock and Zoe Owen

We are very excited about this year's Charity League Golf Classic. The event will take place Thursday, May 13th at the Country Club of Paducah. We are happy to announce US Bank will be our Presenting Sponsor. There are lots of different sponsorship opportunities, please contact Mary Hunter Hancock 556-3305 or Zoe Owen 217-1806 if you are interested in forming a golf team, sponsoring a hole or simply making a donation.

Associates, we are also looking for some creative silent auction items... please contact us if you would be willing to donate a dinner party, weekend at the lake, etc. All proceeds will be benefiting the wonderful adults and children of Easter Seals West Kentucky.

We would also welcome any Associate volunteers on the day of the event. Please contact Mary Hunter or Zoe if you are interested in joining us on this fun day.



Charity League Board Members present a \$16,000 initial donation of Snowball 2009 proceeds to Lori Devine, ESWK interim CEO, in January.



Charity League members backstage with members of FOREIGNER after the concert.

Cookbook Lauren Rousseau

We currently have two cookbooks in circulation: "Thyme to Entertain" and "Seasons of Thyme". Businesses offering our cookbooks include Choate's and Roof Brothers Wine and Spirit. If you would like to purchase a cookbook, please contact a league member or Lauren Rousseau at lrousseau@vanguard1.com or 270-994-6903.

Membership Marra McMillan

Every spring and fall brings about changes in our membership. Last spring we said goodbye to Julia Garatt, Tammi Halvorson, Crystal Hutcheson, Gina Leeper, Lisa Massey, Kendra Payne, and Leigh Wright. In the fall, Tammy Gross, Melissa Mast and Amy McReynolds requested associate status. This month, Heather Baer, Shannon Brotherton and Ashley Johnson were approved for associate status. We are thankful for all their hard work during their years of membership.

We were pleased to welcome two new members last spring: Crystal Sanders and Jessica West. In the fall we welcomed seven new provisional members: Lauren Adams Page, Kelli Lamb, Jackie Long, Kate Gay, Kimberly Wilson, Aretta Terry, and Allison Hart. This month, we welcomed eight new members Elaine Farris, Lisa Heine, Tammi Poat, Kelly Bright, Lindsey Erickson Martin, Natalie Woods, Megan Mayne, and Ashley Wright. We look forward to working with each of these ladies in the coming years.

If you know anyone who is interested in joining the League, please contact any active member.

Ethel Dubois Smith Fund

In the fall of 2009, we received a distribution from the Ethel Dubois Smith Fund. The steering committee made a unanimous recommendation to invest the funds, with the intention of making an annual distribution to further our mission. Many hours were spent arriving at this decision, and we are excited to be able to watch our money grow so we can support our community for years. A special thank you to Heather Denton, Mary Louise "Weezie" Katterjohn, and Melanie McNeill for the hours they have invested with this committee this year.

Associate Spotlight: Sara D. Russell

Through a generous gift from Mrs. Sara D. Russell of Nashville, Tennessee, a therapy scholarship was established and continues year-after year to provide therapy to families in need through Easter Seals of West Kentucky.

For information on how your donation can make a difference, please contact Lindsay Black at lindsay0727@yahoo.com or 270-519-4680.

Annual Banquet Amanda Esper

I hope everyone is planning on attending Annual Banquet this year! This wonderful end of the year event is a grand way for active members as well as associates to enjoy their time reminiscing over their wonderful memories as a part of this special group. Come enjoy a nice dinner, become better acquainted with our wonderful group of active members and hear Jennifer McIntosh Wyatt, owner of Her Executive Coach, speak on how to "Live Your Best Life." So if you are looking to have a great time out with your girlfriends or to meet new ones, join us in a celebration Wednesday, May 19th at 6:00 at the Country Club of Paducah. We hope to see you there!

Please reserve by sending \$35 payable to Charity League to:

Amanda Hancock Esper, 215 Valley Road, Paducah KY 42001

Fall Mixer Kelly Smith

Fall mixer was held at the home of Kelly Smith in November 2009. We had a cocktail hour from 6-7 p.m. while the ladies arrived for the evening. We enjoyed a delicious spread of hors'deurves and desserts provided by Artisan Kitchen. We had a brief meeting at 8, and welcomed our newest members! Everyone enjoyed getting to socialize and learn more about each other.



Ashley Johnson and Lindsay Black present final \$4,000 Snowball donation to Lori Devine, ESWK interim CEO.

Website and Facebook

The Charity League website is a great resource for its members and associates. Pictures, League Lines, and information about Follies, Bargain Fair, the golf classic and Snowball can be easily accessed by going to www.paduacharityleague.com. The site is updated frequently to keep members and associate status accurate, so check back often. Additionally, join us on Facebook by searching "Charity League of Paducah" to keep current on news and updates.

Communications

We are in need of email addresses for the following associates:

Beth Banks	Jewell McKnight
Charlene Beasley	Lupe McMillan
Cara Blackmon	Mary Elizabeth McMurry
Cecilia Brown	Deanna Minton
Denise Sloan Brown	Ruby Myre
Velma Bohle Carlton	Ann Nagel
Marcia Cochran	Barbara Nordman
Ann Clarke	Sue McDougall Rankin
Shelbye Coleman	Jean Reed
Janet Colgan	Mary Stewart Rieke
Donna Crowley	Lucia Robertson
Dianne Roman Daniel	Sarah D. Russell
Sara Kathryn Dyer	Kathy Schell
Susan Golightly	Darla Sims
Carol Hank	Mary Shoup
Gena Harwood	Debra Stone
Michelle Hequemborg	Sara Tick
Amy Holland	Nicole Turnbo
Kelly Housman	Bette Whitlow
Carol Kupper	RoseAnn Whiting
Carol Marshall	

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League members continue to receive meeting reminders and information via email. If anyone has a change of email address, or wishes to send out a message to League members, email charityleagueofpaducah@gmail.com.

Charity League members totaled over 300 volunteer hours for Easter Seals West Kentucky for 2009-2010!



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Charity League Board Members

President	Ashley Johnson
President-Elect	Laura Grumley
Past President	Tammi Halvorson
Recording Secretary	Heather Baer
Corresponding Secretary	Melissa Stewart
Bylaws Secretary	Elizabeth Wyatt
Treasurer	Lindsay Black
Treasurer-Elect	Lauren Rousseau
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Associate Outreach	Kati Gregory
Members At Large	
Snowball 2009	Jordan Brown & Mary Beth Orr
Golf Scramble 2010	Mary Hunter Hancock & Zoe Owen
Snowball 2010	Kati Gregory & Jackie Long
Follies 2011	Jennifer Shidal & Allana Hughes
Associate Advisors	
	Beth Garey
	Robin Grubbs
	Susan Ybarzabal

The mission of the non-profit volunteer organization Charity League, Inc., includes raising funds for Easter Seals West Kentucky and assisting other local non-profits for the care of children, women and others in need.

Our foremost purpose is in financially assisting ESWK and other charities, while secondarily creating a legacy of friendship and community with whom we work.

Please remember the Charity League in your estate plans.

A bequest through your will makes a lasting contribution to all we serve.