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The sixty-first *Jewel Ball*, a benefit for The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art and the Kansas City Symphony, was held on June 20th at The Museum. Ellen Benson Merriman (Mrs. Michael Atha Merriman) was the chairman. She wore a stunning Oscar de la Renta gown. The vibrant, red silk faille gown featured oversized bows off of the shoulders and a body-contouring bodice that elegantly bloomed into a fluted skirt.

Red was the gorgeous color of the evening, and it flowed from one room to another, each accented with a different color: gold in Kirkwood Hall and the Sculpture Hall, turquoise in Rozzelle Court and hot pink in the Bloch Building. The flowers on the presentation stage were large hot pink lilies, hot pink hydrangea, red ginger, and red and fuchsia gerberas. Kirkwood Hall's black marble columns were paved with silver mirror panels and the capitals came alive with pink lighting. The tables featured custom red and gold mirrors with a laser cut Jewel Ball logo. The vibrant red and shocking hot pink rose arrangements and towering pink ginger arrangements filled Kirkwood Hall and the Sculpture Hall. Rozzelle Court was glowing red, with beautiful, bright red bengaline cloths that covered tables studded with turquoise handblown glass knots holding gloriosa lilies, pink anthurium and gilded leaves. The fountain was filled with fire red begonias, hot pink azaleas and bromeliads. The Bloch Building was resplendent in pinks and reds. Beautiful fabric was draped above the dance floor and it reflected all of the colors. Florence "Flip" Logan Kline (Mrs. William Patton Kline) was the honorary chairman, and Page Branton Reed (Mrs. Bruce Alan Reed) was the vice chairman.

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In The Spotlight



Barbara Eiszner was recently elected president of the Kansas City Young Matrons, where she has been a member since 1999. Barbara and her husband, Jim, have three children and two grandchildren. Founded in 1917, KCYM is beginning its 99th year. This year, the KCYM Clubhouse, which is listed on the Kansas City Register of Historic Places, will be physically moved from its original Oak Street location to a new address on Cherry Street. The club has more than 300 members, who annually volunteer more than 16,000 club and civic hours to various community projects.



Barbara Eiszner, president

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At the *Lyric Ball*, both **Beth Ingram** and **Dan Meiners** bid on a special dinner to top all dinners-*Dinner Extraordinaire*, which was held on June 19th at **Jackie and John Middelkamp's** gorgeous home. The cocktail hour took place outside, and guests were impressed with Jackie and John's lush, abundant garden. Dinner was inside in the couple's beautifully appointed dining room, with stunning Fabergé place settings and glassware. The chefs were Our Town's entertaining expert **Merrily Jackson** and the incomparable **Don Loncasty**. Some of the spectacular menu items included crostini with homemade herbed ricotta, pickled shrimp and spicy candied walnuts, chilled cucumber soup, tenderloin of beef with a roquefort mushroom sauce, and mocha chocolate *pots de crème*. **David Brinkerhoff, Suzanne Shank and Marty Smoler, Michael Fields, and Laurie and Chip Ingram** were absolutely thrilled to be included.

I Wonder - if you have seen the bug in the tree while driving on Ward Parkway?

October 3rd is the date for Community LINC's *Rent Party*. Partygoers will enjoy an evening of great food, silent and live auctions and entertainment at the Crown Center Exhibit Hall. For more info, visit www.communitylinc.org.

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 (second row) Miss Lilly Alexandra Schaffer, Miss Anne Elizabeth Foster, Miss Morgan Suzanne Twibell, Miss Sara Elizabeth Colt Goodwin, Miss MacKenzie Lillian Lawrence, Miss Elizabeth West Waugh, Miss Frances Marie Woodlridge, and Miss Alexandra Adair Maday
 (third row) Miss Ann Christine Mann, Miss Carolina Cray Mach, Miss Kathryn Ann Tetrick, Miss Sara Ellen Benson, Miss Neely Atha, Miss Elizabeth Ann Sundeen, Miss Claire Anne Grabowsky, Miss Whitney Collins Simons, and Miss Emma Sterbenz
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Art Insider

The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art

Artist Blakeley Wilson

Human expression is our business at The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, and I am proud that this extends to our extraordinary Museum Store. If you have been to the store on a recent weekend, you know that Saturdays are especially inspiring. The store is offering a vigorous summer schedule of *The Artist is IN!*, in which a regional artist is on hand to answer questions and give close-up viewings of his or her work, from textiles to ceramics to painting, and that work is available for purchase. Artist Blakeley Wilson is most often found working at her studio in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, but she will be at The Nelson-Atkins with her folk art painting on August 8th. *The Artist is IN!* is one more way that the Museum Store is not your ordinary retail shop. Manager Brian Day and his team search for items that are relevant to the works of art and the exhibitions at the Museum. Kory Twaddle is the research assistant who seeks out items that are meaningful and one-of-a-kind, and she also schedules artists to be at the Museum on many Saturdays. That tradition began with Irma Starr, the popular Kansas City artist whose slipware pottery is instantly recognizable. I invite you to check www.nelson-atkins.org for Saturday schedules, and start your holiday shopping in July or simply experience a bit of hands-on creativity.

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More than 300 guests enjoyed The University of Kansas Hospital's fifth annual *Hall of Fame Dinner and Awards Celebration* on June 16th at the InterContinental Kansas City at the Plaza. The Dolph C. Simons, Jr. Family and Adelaide C. Ward received Catalyst Awards. The University of Kansas Hospital Authority Board Chairman Bob Honse received the Legacy Award for his leadership and service to the hospital for many years. Partner in Excellence Awards were presented to two companies: AEG/Sprint Center, represented by Brenda Tinnen, and Uhlig, with Mark A. Uhlig accepting the honor.



Tom and Teresa Walsh, Jeff Wright, The University of Kansas Hospital; Mark A. and Candice Uhlig and Deborah and Dr. Terry Tsue, The University of Kansas Cancer Center



Pam A. Simons, Dan C. Simons, Jr., Dolph C. Simons, Jr. and Pam C. Simons, Crosby deMenocal, and Dan C. Simons, honorees



Bob Page, The University of Kansas Hospital; with Bob Honse, honoree



Brenda Tinnen and Jon Jackson, The University of Kansas Hospital



(Front row) Emily and Bob Honse and Christy Allen (back row) Kate Sinnard, Chad and Mary Dodd and Barry Allen



Brian and Arley Ward, Scott Ward, Adelaide C. Ward, Taylor Ward, and Alison Ward



Bob Honse, honoree; Adelaide C. Ward, honoree; Dolph C. Simons, Jr., honoree; Brenda Tinnen, representing honoree AEG/Sprint Center; and Mark A. Uhlig, representing honoree Uhlig



Tammy Peterman, The University of Kansas Hospital; with Adelaide C. Ward, honoree



(First row) Mr. Taylor Anthony Pegden Smith, Mr. Peter Spencer Andresen, Mr. William Eastlake Atha, Mr. Patrick Waid Innes, Mr. Peter James Taggart, Mr. Hunter Michael Redmond, Mr. Patrick James Reintjes, and Mr. James Dugan Mayer (second row) Mr. Stephen Koontz Gleason, Mr. Maxwell Winston Montague, Mr. Robin Edward Brett, Mr. Spencer Thomas Jones, Mr. Anthony Michael Mendolia, Jr., Mr. John Andrew Harding, and Mr. Robert Jonathan Hilliard (third row) Mr. Peter Bryant Milledge, Mr. Brendan Miller McCann, Mr. William Allen Block, Mr. Grant Parker Auer, Mr. Thomas Heath Goldsborough, Mr. John Michael Hamilton, Mr. Patrick Bryan Melland, Jr., and Mr. David Ridgway Heddens (fourth row) Mr. Thomas Spencer Larson, Mr. Colin James Green, Mr. Adam Cahill Starr, Mr. Nicholas Potter Russ, Mr. Matthew Gregory Brown, Mr. Joseph McLinney Crowe II, and Mr. David Larrick O'Hara

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Amazing Art

The Kansas City Art Institute's 2015 *Art and Design Auction*, "Deviation," was held on June 6th. The bi-annual event raised funds to support the college's student scholarship program. Liz and Nate Orr were the chairmen, and Linda and Topper Johntz served as the honorary chairmen. More than 170 pieces of exceptional artwork were featured in the silent and live auctions. Guests enjoyed creative fare prepared by Patrick Ryan, Port Fonda; theatrical entertainment, experiential installations and creative libations. The special evening was dedicated to the memory of former board chairman, Steve Metzler.



Jesse and Mathew Hufft, auction steering committee members

Chairmen Nate and Liz Orr



Honorary Chairmen Topper and Linda Johntz flanked John Buck, featured artist and KCAI alum.



Guests enjoyed the images and stories of students and their artwork.



Randy and Sandy Rolf with Pam Gradinger



Cora and Todd Storbeck, Carol Hallquist and Linda Nicholson



Serial Notes by Warren Rosser was part of the evening's live auction.



Brian Williams, Tony Jones, KCAI interim president, and Pat McCown, board chairman



Bill and Christy Gautreaux with Hunter and Hillary Wolbach



Jay Schmidt, KCAI alum, posed with his work, MOMOCON.

Fabulous Future

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The Harriman-Jewell Series will celebrate the start of its 51st season with *Prelude 2015: Building on the Past. Imagining the Future*. The September 21st event will be held at the 1900 Building. Members of the Karbank family are the honorary chairmen, and Prudence and Robert True are serving as chairmen. Guests will enjoy an elegant dinner, silent auction and a performance by violinist Simone Porter. Proceeds will bring new artists to new audiences and provide free and discounted tickets to community members who have limited access to the arts.



(Seated) Robert and Prudence True, chairmen (standing) Diane Davidner, Steve Karbank, Neil Karbank, and Marcia Karbank, honorary chairmen

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Kansas City Young Audiences' *Benefit Concert for Arts Education* will be held on October 3rd at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts. Judy and Jim Heeter are the honorary chairmen. The concert will feature Tony and Emmy Award-winner Kristin Chenoweth, who will perform with the Kansas City Symphony in Helzberg Hall.

Jim and Judy Heeter, honorary chairmen



Roaring Twenties

A glamorous Gatsby-themed *Jewel Ball* party was held at the Muehlebach Tower of the Kansas City Marriott Downtown. The lobby was festooned in silver and black with pearl and feather accents. Guests enjoyed a casino, a disc jockey, a photo booth, and delicious fare. The hosts were Kim Fryer, Ashley Herring, Carolina Mach, Alex Maday, Morgan Peterson, Lindley Savage, Lilly Schaffer, Emma Sterbenz, and Morgan Twibell.



(Seated) Lilly Schaffer and Ashley Herring (standing) Becky Herring and Missy Schaffer



(Front row) Kevin Fryer, Carolyn Sterbenz, Cynthia Savage, Carol Fryer, Tim Schaffer, Becky Herring, Jill Peterson, Michelle Twibell, and Liz and Greg Maday (seated in car) Hosts Kim Fryer, Lilly Schaffer, Carolina Mach, Alex Maday, Lindley Savage, and Emma Sterbenz (back row) Mark Peterson, Missy Schaffer, Patty and Scott Mach, David Savage, Host Ashley Herring, Host Morgan Peterson, Host Morgan Twibell, Chris Herring, Dan Sterbenz, and Roger Twibell



Ashley Herring, Kim Fryer, Ellen Merriman, Jewel Ball chairman; and Alex Maday



(Clockwise from left) Hosts Kim Fryer, Lilly Schaffer, Carolina Mach, Ashley Herring, Morgan Peterson, Morgan Twibell, Emma Sterbenz, Lindley Savage, and Alex Maday

OFF TO COLLEGE

Join us in our proud send-off to the Class of 2015. We wish the best to these fantastic students as they start their exciting journeys around the country this fall.



(Front row) Matthew Duff, Rockhurst University (back row) John Percival, St. Olaf College; Ron Rice, University of Missouri; Treceen Peeler, University of Missouri; Laurence Freeman, Belmont University; and Triston Groff, University of Central Missouri



Fee Pauwels, University of Missouri; Taran Smith, University of Arkansas; Molly Heck, University of Notre Dame; Maggie McClain, University of Missouri; and Micah Welch, The Boston Conservatory



Renae Hill, The University of Kansas; Camille Denis, Washburn University; and Elizabeth Gorby, The University of Kansas



Maddy Lewing, Texas Christian University; Julie Steilen, Texas A&M University; Lauren Groszek, Saint Louis University; and Sarah Harris, Villanova University



(Front row) Caroline Massey, Sarah Lawrence College; Alexandra Anderson, Ithaca College; Carlie Sherman, North Central College; and Matthew Nelson, Colorado State University (back row) Elizabeth Lacy, St. Olaf College; Brendan Hein, The University of Kansas; and Allison Ernst, DePaul University



Hallie Bodamer, Wake Forest University; Katie Hall, Emerson College; and Anne Marie Andrews, Santa Clara University



Carley White, The University of Kansas; Matt Weise, Kansas State University; and Ryan Willis, The University of Kansas

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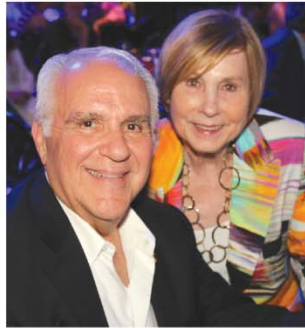
The *First Annual Let's Upstage Cancer – A St. Jude Event* was held on June 6th at the College Basketball Experience. Kristin and Patrick Trysla and Aggie and Nate Accardo were the co-chairmen. Proceeds support The St. Jude Children's Research Hospital's mission to find cures for children with cancer and other deadly diseases through treatment and research.



Co-chairmen Patrick and Kristin Trysla with their children, Cimone, Clayton and Tatum



Maggie Streb and Lisa Masterson



Co-chairmen Nate and Aggie Accardo



Daniel Graves, Vicki Salavitch, Mark Schiltz, Meg Moore, Brad and Angie Simmons, Niki Neal, Kristen Apple, Peggy and David Harrell, Marc Harrell, and Ken Burrell



Robert and Kathleen Rechten with LeAnn Holt

Committee Members **Chelsea Chaney, Michael Levine, Komen Kansas City; Rachel Sexton, David Armstrong, Komen Kansas City; Gina Stingley, Debbie Schultze, Betsy Donnelly, Samantha Ball, Heather Pluard, Ann Tierney, Pam Carter, Heather Fischer, and Carli Good, Komen Kansas City;** met recently at Grand Street Café to discuss Susan G. Komen Greater Kansas City's inaugural *Rock the Ribbon Benefit Concert*. The event, set for December 4th at Arvest Bank Theater at The Midland, will feature VIP party access, a cocktail reception, silent auction, and entertainment by Rock and Roll Hall of Fame band, Heart. **Tiffany Goddard Snyder and Dr. Lance Snyder** are serving as chairmen. For details visit www.rocktheribbonkc.org.

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Burst Of Flavor

Aimee and Mark Larrabee were the honorary chairmen for Harvesters-The Community Food Network's *Chefs Classic 2015*. The 19th annual event was held on June 28th and featured some of the finest chefs from around the area and the country. More than 130 guests enjoyed a gourmet meal and specially selected premier wines. Local chefs John Brogan, rye; Josh Eans, Happy Gillis Café & Hangout; and Howard Hanna, The Rieger Hotel Grill & Exchange; were joined by Nicolas Blouin, Mansion Restaurant on Turtle Creek in Dallas, Texas; Nicholas Elmi, Laurel in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Benjamin Skule, birch in Providence, Rhode Island. Proceeds help provide meals to hungry families, children and seniors.



Bill and Kathy Mignerone with Chris and Kate Mignerone



Daryll Malnicof, Janet Long and Robert Hazelwood



Nancy Lear and Andrea Bough, committee co-chairmen



Charlie and Jeanne Sosland

Honorary Chairmen Mark and Aimee Larrabee with Valerie Nicholson-Watson, Harvesters-The Community Food Network; and Mark Watson



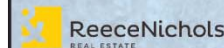
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An oh-so-fab *July 4th Fête* was held at the home of **Jordan and Marcelo Claire**, who opened their gorgeous Mission Hills home for a holiday celebration. **Dan Meiners** worked his magic, turning their house into a patriotic wonderland with huge red, white and blue tents and oversized red, white and blue stars everywhere. A life-sized checkerboard and a patriotic photo booth were featured, and everyone enjoyed barbecue from Jack Stack. Seen having a wonderful time were **Julie and Joe Zwillenberg**, **Mary and Gary Wolf**, **Heather and Tim Pluard**, **Tiffany and Dr. Lance Snyder**, **Elaine and Gerry Lopez**, and **Brittney and David Henderson**.



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who impressed a fellow shopper with her "personalized" purse?



Gilda's Night With a View



Chairmen Frank Lipsman and Janet Mark

Three Points at the Lowe and Campbell building will be the perfect setting for *Gilda's Night With a View*, a benefit for Gilda's Club Kansas City. The September 26th evening will feature cocktails, savory and sweet treats and a unique live auction. Janet Mark and Frank Lipsman are serving as chairmen of the elegant event.

HEARaid GALA '15

Saint Luke's Midwest Ear Institute



Honorary Co-chairmen Tim McAnany and Betsy McAnany Vossman with Co-chairmen Margot Matteson and Seth McClintock

Saint Luke's Midwest Ear Institute's 13th annual *HEARaid Gala* will be held on October 30th at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown. The evening will include a cocktail reception, silent and live auctions, a lovely dinner, and entertainment by SHOWTUNES. Betsy McAnany Vossman and Tim McAnany are the honorary co-chairmen, and Margot Matteson and Seth McClintock are serving as co-chairmen. Proceeds will support the creation of a Temporal Bone Lab, which will assist physicians and clinicians in furthering hearing loss research and education.

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Anita and Gerald Gorman are the honorary chairmen of the Kansas City Rose Society's *Wine & Roses*, a benefit for the Laura Conyers Smith Municipal Rose Garden. Cindy Lang is serving as the chairman of this year's elegant garden party, to be held on September 24th in the Rose Garden in Loose Park. Guests will enjoy delicious fare from Lon Lane's Inspired Occasions and entertainment from the Mike White Quartet. Proceeds support the Rose Garden, children's programs, educational programs, the *Annual Rose Show*, and *Jazz in the Roses*.

Rootin' Shootin'

The Gentlemen of The Jewel Ball and Escorts enjoyed a *Trap Shooting Event* at Powder Creek on June 14th. Ball Chairman Ellen and Michael Merriman also joined in the fun and showed off their shooting skills. Peter Andresen, Robin Brett, John Hamilton, Drew Harding, David Heddens, Jack Hilliard, Peter Milledge, Max Montague, and David O'Hara served as the hosts.



Ellen Merriman gave it her best shot!



Hosts Robin Brett, David Heddens, Peter Andresen, Max Montague, John Hamilton, Jack Hilliard, Drew Harding, David O'Hara, and Peter Milledge

The Gentlemen of The Jewel Ball and Escorts posed with Ball Chairman Ellen Merriman.

PROJECT POOCHIE PRESENTS THE Miss AmeriPAW PAGEANT



Nancy Nanook Long



Lola Louise Maday

Great Plains SPCA's *Project Poochie* will be held on October 23rd at the National Airline History Museum. The evening will include cocktails, a delicious dinner, the Miss AmeriPAW Pageant, and dancing to the One Night Stand band. Proceeds will support the SASSY Program. Two of the contestants who will be featured that evening are Nancy Nanook Long and Lola Louise Maday. Nancy moved to Our Town from Lamoni, Iowa. Nancy knew early that she wanted to be a Rockette or a competitive ice dancer. When she saw the call for Miss AmeriPAW contestants, she knew this could be the beginning of a lucrative career. Lola Louise Maday of Scarsdale, New York, began her life in a doghouse directly across the street from Becky's Ballet School. After a successful career dancing at county and state fairs, Lola Louise has set her sights on the bright lights and stardom! The prestigious Miss AmeriPAW Pageant will be her first pageant.

Best In Ballet

Kansas City Ballet celebrated another great year at its *Annual Meeting* on June 15th at the offices of Lathrop and Gage. The event was hosted by Board Member Jack Rowe. New officers were elected, including Julia Irene Kauffman, chairman; Claire Brand, president; Jean-Paul Wong, immediate past president; Michael Frost, vice president; Jack Rowe, vice president; Kathy Stepp, treasurer; and Evelyn Craft Belger, secretary.



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The Foundation for Shawnee Mission Medical Center's *Tiny Tim Holiday Fantasy* will be held on November 1st at the Overland Park Convention Center. The event includes a silent auction, dinner, program, and live auction. Proceeds support the children and families served by the Lee Ann Britain Infant Development Center and Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Call 913-676-2148 for more details.

Join High Aspirations on November 19th for the fifth *Annual Mentors Challenge*. **Father Greg Boyle, S.J.**, author of *Tattoos on the Heart*, is the featured speaker. **Gayle and Bruce Krigel** and **Leisa and Ralph Reid** are the honorary co-chairmen of the event to be held at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown. For more info, visit www.highaspirationskc.org.

Help babies who need diapers at HappyBottoms' *Attitude of Gratitude Thanks Giving Event* on November 12th. The casual evening will feature food, drinks, games, and silent and live auctions. Call **Jeana Van Sickle** at 816-853-6747 for more information.

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Julie and Joe Zwillenberg hosted an *All-American Party* on July 4th at their lovely home. Westport Flea Market provided the delicious food, adults enjoyed catching up and kids swam in their pool. The highlight of the evening was the spectacular fireworks show that Julie and Joe arranged in the middle of Ward Parkway. Those we saw having a terrific time were **Rick Honan, Peter Hyde, Heather and Dr. Tim Pluard, Jennifer Jackson, Jamie and Jeff Berg, Mindy and Josh Wilson, Rachael and Dr. Nelson Sabates, Heather Jackson, Anya and Ryan Holmes, Rob Courville, Ross Fogel, Lisa Ebbits, Shannon and Tim Thrun, Steven St. John, and Kay and Steve Gaffney.**

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Debutantes, Gentlemen of The Jewel Ball and Escorts had a boot scootin' good time at *Kick Up Your Heels Under the Stars*. The June 15th event was held at Faulkner's Ranch. Guests enjoyed a buffet dinner, mechanical bull riding, square dancing, and line dancing. The charming country *décor* consisted of gingham tablecloths and bouquets of wildflowers and sunflowers. The hosts were Annie Foster, Annie Grabowsky, Sara Goodwin, Sydney Hewitt, Maren Johnson, Katie Leonard, Chloe Newell, Betsy Sundeen, and Emma Starr.



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June 12th was the date for the Kansas City Young Matrons' *Last Call Open House and Reception*. Members came to say "farewell" to their beloved clubhouse at 51st and Oak. The clubhouse, built in 1936, will be picked up and moved to its new location at 52nd and Cherry in August. Guests took a nostalgic stroll through the building and shared fond memories. The new clubhouse and expansion will open in the spring of 2016.



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TALK AMONGST YOURSELVES: KCAT OPENS SEASON WITH INTIMATE DRAMAS, SPARE MEANS

Theater is like any form of communication in that it boils down to one thing: two people talking. Kansas City Actors Theatre is devoting its 11th season to "two-handers," plays consisting of two characters who command the stage for an entire evening. True, economics might have figured in here, for KCAT devoted its 10th anniversary to some costly large-scale plays. "But this was also a conscious choice to try and get back to the real heart of what theater is, which is two people talking to each other," said actor Brian Paulette, who together with several top actors helped found the company devoted to producing "plays that may not always have the biggest commercial draw, but who cares? They need to be done."

Dennis Hennessy of New Theatre Restaurant directs D.L. Coburn's Pulitzer Prize-winning *The Gin Game*, set in an assisted living facility, and Doug Weaver directs Edward Albee's *At Home at the Zoo*, a reworking of *The Zoo Story*, one of the quintessential "two-guys-meet-on-a-park-bench" plays of our time. Technically, Edward Albee's 2004 reworking of his 1959 *The Zoo Story* (with a new first act and an additional character) is no longer a two-hander, "but there are never more than two people onstage at the same time," Brian said with a laugh, "so we figured, well, close enough." The season is filled out with British playwright Caryl Churchill's *A Number* and Athol Fugard's prison drama, *The Island*.

The Gin Game deals with two aging residents of an elder-facility they hate. As they try to escape their surroundings with games of gin rummy, they find themselves trapped in old patterns. "They really want friendship," said Dennis, a theater veteran who has directed his share of intimate dramas. "They're both very lonely at the top of the play, but they end up being even more lonely at the end because they don't know how to deal with each other. They can't escape the foibles they've developed in their lives." For Dennis the play, which stars brilliant Kansas City actors Marilyn Lynch and Victor Raider-Wexler, is "a road map of a life of unhappiness and loneliness and regrets and unresolved issues." If there is hope to be found it's that "maybe the audience can see this and make a change in their own lives, for the positive."



Brian Paulette, T.J. Chasteen, and Mark Robbins in *The Birthday Party* Forrest Attaway Jessalyn Kincaid *The Gin Game*

Brian, Jessalyn Kincaid and Forrest Attaway star in *At Home at the Zoo*, a tale of New Yorkers "caged" in a life of claustrophobic sameness and boredom. Domestic Peter just wants to get away from his wife, Anna, for a few minutes, and rough-and-tumble Jerry won't leave him in peace. "I think in Edward Albee's mind the play was always about Peter," said Lawrence-based Doug Weaver. "So I think he was trying to find a way to explain Peter's purpose, why Peter is there. ... And in an interesting way I think he's done it."

Read an extended version of this article at kcindependent.com/arts-corner. *The Gin Game* (August 12-30) and *At Home at the Zoo* (September 9-27) are both at City Stage, Union Station. 816-235-6222 or kcat.org.

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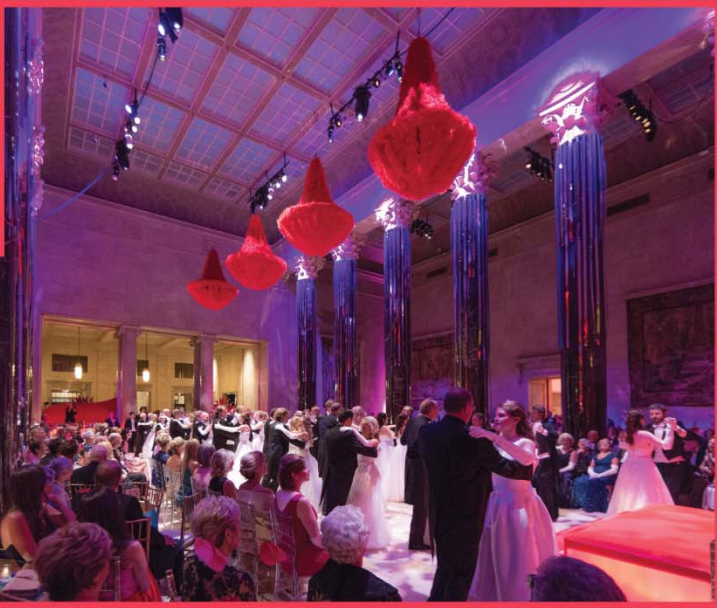
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Neely Atha, Sara Benson, Claire DeVry, Annie Mann, Katie Tetrick, Ellie Waugh, and Frances Wooldridge were the hosts of the *Jewel Ball SParty*. The June 18th event was held at the Hotel Sorella. Jewel Ball debutantes enjoyed a sunny day at the pool, complete with a delicious lunch, massages, manicures, and pedicures. The special party favors were lovely monogrammed robes.



Hosts Ellie Waugh, Annie Mann, Sara Benson, Neely Atha, Frances Wooldridge, Katie Tetrick, and Claire DeVry



The 2015 debutantes posed with Kim Aliber and Ball Chairman Ellen Merriman at the Jewel Ball SPArty.

The Catholic Education Foundation's board of directors met recently to discuss plans for *Gaudeamus*, set for October 25th at the Overland Park Convention Center. In attendance were **Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann, Father Francis Hurd, Brad Newcomer, Pat Lillis, Joan Wells, Terry Sexton, Tom English, Zena Weist, Randy Brown, Mike Kuckelman, Stephanie Goodenow, Ricky Paradise, Jean McPherson, and John O'Connor.** Proceeds from the event provide scholarships for students. In 2014-2015, 1,363 students benefited from the scholarships and 98 percent of students graduated from high school.

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Lynne O'Connell, Mark Schweizer, co-chairman; Ted Habiger, Room 39; and Carrie Coogan, Literacy Kansas City (out of camera range) Paul Osgood, co-chairman



Larry LaVigne II, Mike Sugnet and Doyle Dreiling



Merle Lovell and Helen Betts with Melissa and Drew McDonald

The Children's Place has chosen **Ann Thomas** as its new president and CEO. Ann was the agency's vice president of program administration. She will officially assume her duties on September 1st. Congratulations, Ann!



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Host Lindsay Lockton, Claire DeVry, Peter Taggart, Host Adam Starr, Emma Starr, and Host Hannah Adams



Chloe Newell and Whitney Simons



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Suzanne and Rich Prendergast with their daughter, Torre Elizabeth

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By Ann Slegman



Ann Dunn

Eighteen-year-old Chaeyoung Park will be the guest artist with the Kansas City Symphony at the Symphony League's *Symphony Ball*, "Rhapsody in Blue," which will take place on September 12th at the Muehlebach Tower of the Kansas City Marriott Downtown. Joan Horan is the honorary chairman, and Elaine Mann and Annette Sherrow are the co-chairmen.

Chaeyoung is the winner of numerous piano competitions, including the 2014 Woman's City Club Charitable Foundation Young Artist Competition. Said Chaeyoung: "I'm really thrilled to have an opportunity to perform with Maestro Stern and the Kansas City Symphony again for the *Symphony Ball*. When I was talking with my music friends who have come from other places, even big cities, I realized how big of a support I have been blessed with in Kansas City. I'm truly grateful for the generous support and warm community and am honored to have the chance to perform for them."

Chaeyoung has never played Gershwin in her program for competitions or concerts, but she sometimes plays Gershwin for an encore, and people always love it. "I feel that Gershwin is a beloved musician by many people, so I was very glad to have been asked to perform his music. I hope the audience will enjoy it as much as I will enjoy playing it," she said.

While Chaeyoung was having a lesson with her teacher, he once pointed out that the music is always greater than us, that musicians have to continue to strive to create better and more beautiful music. Her teacher also remarked how wonderful that is, to have endless challenges and limitless room for excellence. "As an 18-year-old pianist, it is sometimes hard to imagine that continuing to search everyday is fun.

However, that is my goal, to get to a point in life or my musical career where I can enjoy searching and improving just for the sake of learning beautiful music. There is no end."

September 12th is the date for



The 2015 Symphony Ball

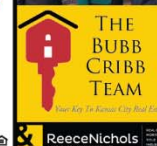
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(middle row) Mrs. Edward Lars Benson and Mrs. Michael Atha Merriman (back row) Margaux Ann Merriman, Mr. Jack Dawson Merriman II, Mr. Edward Lars Benson, Mr. Michael Atha Merriman, and Mr. Edward Lars Merriman



Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Jay Schmidt and Mr. Austen Edward Schmidt



Mr. and Mrs. John Gregory McCallister



Mrs. Barnett C Helzberg, representing The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art; Mr. Julián Zugazagoitia, The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art; Mr. William McClellan Lyons, representing the Kansas City Symphony; and Mrs. Lyons



Miss Emily Ann Chilcote, Miss Rosa Suzanne Sosland, Master Jonathan Michael Grant, and Miss Susan Elizabeth Perkins, Jewel Ball pages

From the moment guests saw The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art's grand sandstone columns wrapped in red, they knew that the 61st *Jewel Ball* was going to be an evening to remember. The presentation in Kirkwood Hall was on a fabulous, redesigned stage, and four overscaled, stunning red feather chandeliers hung over the debutantes as they waltzed to music by Gary Adams. Guests celebrated the darling Pages, beautiful Debutantes, and their handsome Presenters, and the dashing Escorts and Gentlemen of The Jewel Ball. Following a picture perfect presentation, sumptuous meals were relished by all. Later, the Bloch Building became party central. A new, round stage used for the presentation became a lucite dance stage for partygoers to rock to the tunes of *Simply Irresistible* all night long. At the stroke of one, guests toasted to another magnificent *Jewel Ball*.



Mr. and Mrs. William Patton Kline, Ball honorary chairman



Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Aylette Embry with Mr. and Mrs. John Eric Gyllenborg



Caroline Patricia Kelly, Mr. Eugene Bertram Berkley and Miss Katherine Kelly Berkley



Mr. William Keith Pence, jewel drawer; with Dr. Hires Walton Gage, Mr. David Jerome Zimmer and Mr. John Eric Gyllenborg, announcers



(Front row) Mr. Richard William Miller, Emily Ann McCann, Mrs. Michael Langdon McCann, and Mr. Richard William Miller (back row) Mr. Michael Langdon McCann



Mr. and Mrs. Barret Spencer Heddens III, Elizabeth Hamilton Heddens and Mr. John Barret Heddens



(Front row) Susan Elizabeth Perkins, Jewel Ball page (back row) Mr. and Mrs. John French Barlow, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Matthew Perkins and Mr. and Mrs. Peter James Sowden

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(Front row) Mrs. Kevin Joseph Rooney, Mrs. William Patton Kline and Mrs. William John Aliber (back row) Mr. Kevin Joseph Rooney, Mr. William Patton Kline, Mr. William John Aliber, and Mr. Thomas James Aliber



Mrs. Mack Vail Colt, Mrs. John Kennedy Goodwin, Miss Sara Elizabeth Colt Goodwin, and Mrs. Frederick Merry Goodwin, Jr.



Mr. Stephen Eric Tatum, Nancy Kay Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Allen Hamilton, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Albert Zarookian



(Front row) Master Jonathan Michael Grant, Jewel Ball page (back row) Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Michael Grant, Mrs. William Downing Grant and Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas Grant II



(Front row) Miss Rosa Suzanne Sosland, Jewel Ball page; Mr. and Mrs. Morton Irvin Sosland, Mrs. Charles Samuel Sosland and Mrs. Benton Ashley Smith (back row) Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Joseph Sosland, Mr. Charles Samuel Sosland and Mr. Benton Ashley Smith



Julia Irene Kauffman, Mr. Edward Kingman Weld, Miss Brittany Muriel-Marion LaPointe, and Lauren Muriel-Marion LaPointe



Escorts: (First row) Mr. Patrick James Reintjes, Mr. Hunter Michael Redmond, Mr. Patrick Waid Innes, Mr. William Eastlake Atha, Mr. William Allen Block, Mr. James Tristan Johnson Threatt, Mr. Peter James Taggart, Mr. Robin Edward Brett, and Mr. Peter Spencer Andresen (second row) Mr. Robert Jonathan Hilliard, Mr. John Andrew Harding, Mr. Peter Bryant Milledge, Mr. Anthony Michael Mendolia, Jr., Mr. Spencer Thomas Jones, Mr. Stephen Koontz Gleason, Mr. Maxwell Winston Montague, and Mr. Benjamin Cadman Tschudy (third row) Mr. Nicholas Joseph Tymkiw, Mr. Brendan Miller McCann, Mr. Patrick Bryan Melland, Jr., Mr. Charles Sebree Mueller, Mr. Grant Parker Auer, Mr. Colin Thomas Burns, Mr. Adam Cahill Starr, Mr. David Ridgway Heddens, and Mr. Nathan Michael Kent (fourth row) Mr. John Michael Hamilton, Mr. Thomas Spencer Larson, Mr. Edward Schmitt Thum, Mr. Andrew Richmond Dakan, Mr. Matthew Gregory Brown, Mr. Joseph McLIney Crowe II, and Mr. David Larrick O'Hara



Mrs. William Hamer Russell, Mr. William Keith Pence and Mrs. George Edward Leonard

The Jewel Ball



(Front row) Alexandra Koegel Williams, Margaux Ann Merriman, Mrs. Edward Lars Benson, Abigail Elizabeth Zobrist, and Mrs. Charles Clayton Remley
(back row) Kathryn Anne Black and Alison Hebenstreit



Mrs. Mark Russell Frame, Mr. Kenneth Irving Fligg, Jr., and Mrs. Daniel James Sterbenz



(Front row) Miss Emily Ann Chilcote, Jewel Ball page
(back row) Mrs. Lee Alfred Chilcote III and Mr. and Mrs. Bartley John Readey III



The Escorts and Gentlemen of The Jewel Ball serenaded the Debutantes.



Mr. George Howard Brett and Julia Irene Kauffman



Mr. Anthony Michael Mendolia, Jr., and Mrs. Dominic Frank Tutera



Ushers: (First row) Mr. Timothy Joseph Sotos, Mr. James Peter Sotos, Mr. Mark Ellis Fountain, Mr. Matthew Farrell Mulhern, Mr. Niles Ericsson Jager, Mr. Steven Halsey Hughes, Mr. Paul Uhlmann III, Mr. Whitney Edward Kerr, Jr., Mr. David Walter Dickey, Mr. Andrew Christopher Moore, Mr. John Paul Fogel, Mr. John Scott Robertson, Mr. Mark Alan Bluhm, Mr. Allan Breed Stark, and Mr. Robert Eugene Horner (second row) Mr. Thornton Truss Tyson, Mr. Mark Russell Frame, Mr. Kevin Ray Jones, Mr. Robert Palmer Ingram III, Mr. Bradford Harold Nowlin, Mr. Michael Duane Fields, Mr. Christopher Dale Long, Mr. David William Preston, Mr. Webster Townley Thompson, Mr. Matthew Thomas Wood, Mr. Jason Alexander Norris, Mr. Mark Edward Stamm, Mr. Jonathan Craig Angrist, Mr. Scott Hardman Ward, and Mr. LaMar Lance Steen (third row) Mr. Ronald Lee Langstaff, Mr. Thomas John Kennedy, Mr. Robert James Reintjes, Jr., Mr. Thomas Michael Cray, Mr. Edward Lars Merriman, Mr. Christopher Steven Shank, Mr. Norman Michael Neubauer, Mr. Leonard Wells Jurden IV, Mr. Peter Ernest Benson, Mr. Bruce Alan Reed, Mr. Phillip Scott Woodward, Mr. Russell Scarritt Jones, Jr., and Mr. William Terrence Kilroy (fourth row) Mr. Sean Elliott Orr, Mr. Jack Dawson Merriman II, Mr. Grant Matthew Wilkerson, Mr. Mark Joseph Sachse, Mr. Albert Curran Darling, Mr. Thomas James Aliber, Mr. William John Aliber, Mr. Thomas Selby Ward, Mr. Kevin Joseph Rooney, Mr. Mark Joseph Dudenhoefter, Mr. Paul Jarrel Freeman, Mr. David Thornton Manry Powell, and Mr. Brian Cole Bloss (out of camera range) Mr. James Grant Burcham, usher



Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Ryan Hesse

REMEMBER WHEN

The Jewel Ball



A trip to the Old West was in store for debs and their escorts at the Country Western Party at the Edward Lars Benson's farm in Stanley. Enjoying the sounds of Yellow Brick Road and the flavors of barbecued ribs and chicken are the honorees and escorts, (from top) Ellen Benson, Charley Benson, Tom Johnston, Kathy Hunt, Caroline Rhoden, and Wally Beck. *Reprinted from the July 3, 1982 issue of The Independent.*



Receiving the debutantes in Kirkwood Hall are Mrs. William Patton Kline (chairman), Donald J. Hall (Nelson-Atkins Trustee) and Mrs. Thomas J. Wood, Jr., representing the Kansas City Symphony. *Reprinted from the June 28, 1986 issue of The Independent.*

Miss Sara Elizabeth Colt Goodwin with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kennedy Goodwin. *Reprinted from the July 12, 2003 issue of The Independent.*



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21 Growing Futures Early Education Center; 50 Years and Growing; Join Growing Futures in celebrating its 50th anniversary! Throughout the evening, guests will be entertained by Master of Ceremonies Joe Lauria, enjoy drinks and fabulous *bors d'oeuvres* by Scrape the Plate, browse the silent auction, and dance to 50 years of music; Thompson Park; 7 p.m.; \$50. Contact Megan Campbell; 8155 Santa Fe Drive, Overland Park, KS 66204 or 913-649-9714 or mcampbell@growingfuturesec.org or www.growingfuturesec.org.

AUGUST

1-31 Great Plains SPCA and Kansas City CARE Clinic; FuzzyFotosKC; Celebrating 10 years of FuzzyFotosKC with the All Star Edition! This photo contest features fuzzy, feathered and furry companions of local animal lovers who will work in creative ways with events, parties and activities to earn your votes; online voting at www.fuzzifotoskc.com; Contact Rachel Hodgson; 5428 Antioch Drive, Merriam, KS 66202 or 913-742-7344 or rhodgson@greatplainsspc.org or www.greatplainsspc.org.

22 Give Hope Back; Lobsterfest 2015; Not your run-of-the-mill charity dinner - Lobsterfest is an anti-black-tie event, held on a rooftop park in the heart of Downtown Kansas City. Guests will enjoy the atmosphere of a good ol' fashion Maine lobster boil with their choice of lobster and/or rib-eye steak, plus, cheddar biscuits, silent and live auctions, and live entertainment; location to be determined; 5 p.m.; \$110. Contact Tracey Vaeth; P.O. Box 413734, Kansas City, MO 64141 or 913-449-5814 or tracey.vaeth@givehopeback.org or www.givehopeback.org.

8 The Children's Place; Beach Volleyball Tournament; Hosted by the Young Advisory Board, the Beach Volleyball Tournament will feature teams of six battling it out for the coveted trophy and bragging rights for a year - while helping raise funds and awareness for The Children's Place; Volleyball Beach; 5 p.m.; \$200/team. Contact Roxane Hill; 2 East 59th Street, Kansas City, MO 64113 or 816-363-1898 or hillr@tcpkc.org or www.childrensplacekc.org.

22 Kansas City Hospice and Palliative Care; Kansas City Hospice Angel Gala; Cocktails, silent auction, dinner, and entertainment; DoubleTree by Hilton Kansas City; 6 p.m.; \$210. Contact Bee Haley; 1500 Meadowlake Parkway, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO 64114 or 816-363-2600 or bhaley@kchospice.org or www.kchospice.org.

8 Midwest Foster Care and Adoption Association; 2015 Forever Families Gala; During this fun-filled evening, guests will enjoy delicious cuisine, a live and silent auction, hear about the work MFCAA does throughout the year, and meet some of our amazing kids; Grand Ballroom of the Kansas City Convention Center; 5:30 p.m.; \$100. Contact Danielle Schweiger; 18600 East 37th Terrace, Independence, MO 64057 or 816-659-9357 or danielle@mfc.org or http://www.mfc.org/.

22 Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault (MOCSA); Young at Art Cocktail Party and Auction; Guests will enjoy cocktails, *bors d'oeuvres*, live music, and the chance to bid on more than 100 amazing silent and live auction items. Proceeds will benefit MOCSA's free-of-charge programs for children and families in the Kansas City metro area; The Uptown Theater; 6:30 p.m.; \$75. Contact Amanda Crain; 3100 Broadway, Suite 400, Kansas City, MO 64111 or 816-285-1345 or acrain@mocsa.org or www.mocsa.org.

14 Cystic Fibrosis Foundation; Shoot for the Cure; A two-day fundraising event featuring *The Nick and Jake's Western Dinner* on August 14th and the sporting clay competition at Powder Creek Shooting Park on August 15th; 6 p.m.; \$100. Contact Amy Nyberg; 6950 Squibb Road, Suite 310, Mission, KS 66202 or 913-384-8997 or anyberg@cff.org or http://heartofamerica.cff.org.



15 Hope House; Hope And All That Jazz; Celebrating the 26th year of our signature event, our gala features wonderful food and drink, live music, dancing, and superb live and silent auctions; Muehlebach Tower of the Kansas City Marriott Downtown; 5:30 p.m.; \$200. Contact Stefanie Shanks; P.O. Box 577, Lee's Summit, MO 64063 or 816-257-9333 or sshanks@hopehouse.net or www.hopehouse.net.

18 Gillis; 24th Annual Gillis Golf Classic; Fun, friends, food, drink, and a chance to play golf at a prestigious course. Player packages include a round of golf, cart, custom player gifts, breakfast, on-course lunch, games on course, unlimited refreshments, and attendance at the awards ceremony; location and time to be determined; \$375. Contact Katie Culbertson; 8150 Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO 64114 or 816-508-3556 or katie.culbertson@gillis.org or www.gillis.org.

21 The Children's Place; Chiefs Charity Game; The Children's Place is the beneficiary of the *Chiefs Charity Game* - the longest running and most successful charity game in the NFL; Arrowhead Stadium; 7 p.m.; Contact Roxane Hill; 2 East 59th Street, Kansas City, MO 64113 or 816-363-1898 or hillr@tcpkc.org or www.childrensplacekc.org.

22 Museum at Prairiefire; Night at the Museum; Join us for our second annual *Night at the Museum* gala, celebrating our groundbreaking partnership with The American Museum of Natural History. Performances by Quixotic and a live DNA lab will take guests on a journey of science, beauty and discovery. Arrive curious and leave inspired! The evening's program includes signature cocktails and a three-course dinner; Museum at Prairiefire; 6 p.m.; \$250. Contact Stephanie Stroud; 5801 West 135th Street, Overland Park, KS 66223 or 913-333-3500 or rsvp@museumatpf.org or www.museumatpf.org.



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22 Rehabilitation Institute of Kansas City; *Bacon-Fest KC*; Pork has been getting a bad rap these days and we think it's a shame. Creative bacon fare, cold beer and live music make *Bacon-Fest* one of Kansas City's greatest fundraising events; location to be determined; 2 p.m.; \$50. Contact Lexie Humphrey: 3011 Baltimore Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64108 or 816-751-7781 or lexie.humphrey@rehabkc.org or www.rehabkc.org.

22 Royals Charities; *Royals Charities 5K Run/Walk*; Runners and walkers will enjoy this 5K course as it includes the warning track at Kauffman Stadium! Give Sluggerr a high five and watch yourself on CrownVision as you run (or walk) on the field to support Royals Charities; Kauffman Stadium; 8 a.m.; \$25. Contact Marie Dispenza: One Royal Way, Kansas City, MO 64129 or 816-504-4149 or marie.dispenza@royals.com or www.royals.com/royalscharities.

24 Kathy & Charlie Koehler Charitable Foundation; *6th Annual Kathy & Charlie Koehler Charitable Foundation Auction Dinner & Golf Tournament*; The two-day event will feature a silent auction, dinner and live auction on Monday night, followed by a golf tournament on Tuesday; location and ticket price to be determined; 6 p.m. Contact Kathy Koehler: 5000 West 135th Street, Leawood, KS 66224 or 913-239-2191 or executiveasst@kbsells.com.

27 Blue Valley Educational Foundation; *2015 BVEF Community Breakfast*; The Blue Valley Educational Foundation will host its 25th annual *Community Breakfast* to kick-off the 2015-2016 school year. Superintendent Dr. Tom Trigg will give his "State of the District" address to business, political, education, and parent community leaders; Overland Park Convention Center; 7:30 a.m.; \$50. Contact Laura Harsch: 15020 Metcalf Avenue, Overland Park, KS 66213 or 913-239-4109 or lharsch@bluevalleyk12.org or www.bvef.org.

31 Medical Missions Foundation; *Jeff Montgomery Golf Classic*; Join us for the 14th *Jeff Montgomery Golf Classic* at Kansas City's premier course, Shadow Glen. The tournament has a shotgun start and includes lunch, dinner and live and silent auctions; Shadow Glen Golf Club; 11 a.m.; \$625. Contact Meg Duggan: 8363 Melrose Drive, Lenexa, KS 66214 or 913-338-0343 or meg@mfmworld.org or www.mfmworld.org.

31 Royals Charities; *Diamond of Dreams*; Join current and former Royals players in the outfield at Kauffman Stadium while enjoying a fabulous menu from local restaurants, an exclusive silent auction in the Royals bullpen, live music, exciting raffles, and a spectacular fireworks show to end the night!; Kauffman Stadium; 7 p.m.; \$125. Contact Marie Dispenza: One Royal Way, Kansas City, MO 64129 or 816-504-4149 or marie.dispenza@royals.com or www.royals.com/royalscharities.

SEPTEMBER

11 Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault (MOCSA); *TriCom Golf Tournament to Benefit MOCSA*; Support MOCSA while enjoying a fun-filled day of golf! Teams of four will participate in the annual golf tournament followed by a luncheon and awards ceremony; Falcon Ridge Golf Course; 8:30 a.m.; \$800/team of four. Contact Amanda Crain: 3100 Broadway, Suite 400, Kansas City, MO 64111 or 816-285-1345 or acrain@mocsa.org or www.mocsa.org.

11 Olathe Medical Center Charitable Foundation; *15th Annual Golf Classic*; Two rounds of golf with morning and afternoon flights; Sycamore Ridge Golf Course; 7:30 a.m.; \$300. Contact Liz Anne McElhaney: 20375 West 151st Street, Suite 363, Olathe, KS 66061 or 913-791-4365 or lizanne.mcelhaney@olathehealth.org or www.olathehealth.org.

11 The University of Kansas Hospital; *Treads & Threads*; An unforgettable evening with headline entertainment, fabulous food, signature cocktails, and dancing, all to support cancer care at The University of Kansas Cancer Center, a National Cancer Institute-designated organization; Kansas Speedway; 6 p.m.; \$350. Contact Marcella McMurray: 2330 Shawnee Mission Parkway, Suite 302, Westwood, KS 66205 or 913-588-2800 or treadsandthreads@kumc.edu or www.treadsandthreads.org.

12 Jackson County CASA; *Carnival for CASA*; A children's musician, hamster ball, go-karts, Mascots Sluggerr and Sporting KC's Blue, bumper cars, ponies, a photo booth, loads of carnival activities, unlimited access to Paradise Park's fixed attractions, lunch, a silent auction, raffle, and much, much more!; Paradise Park; 11 a.m.; \$25/child, \$10/adult. Contact Lara Klover: 2544 Holmes, Kansas City, MO 64108 or 816-785-4097 or klonejack@netzero.net or www.jacksoncountycasa-mo.org.

12 Ronald McDonald House Charities of Kansas City; *Red Shoe Shindig*; Join us at Arrowhead Stadium and cut loose in your best pair of red shoes for the 2015 *Red Shoe Shindig*! The evening will feature fabulous *hors d'oeuvres*, cocktails, silent and live auctions, live music, and more; Arrowhead Stadium's North Club; 7 p.m.; ticket price to be determined. Contact Jackie Feeny: 2502 Cherry Street, Kansas City, MO 64108 or 816-842-8321 or jfeeny@rmhckc.org or www.rmhckc.org.

12 Symphony League of Kansas City; *Symphony Ball*; The Symphony League has held award-winning events for more than 30 years. From the moment they arrive, guests will enjoy a cocktail hour and silent auction, unique ambiance, gourmet cuisine, dancing, and a performance by the Kansas City Symphony; location and time to be determined; \$250. Contact Annette Sherrow: 816-223-3219 or annsherr@gmail.com or Elaine Mann: 816-260-3907 or mann10219@aol.com or 1703 Wyandotte, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO 64108 or www.kcsymphony.org.

13 KidsTLC; *Plaza 10K and 2 Mile Fun Run benefiting KidsTLC*; The flat and fast course runs along the banks of Brush Creek and goes through the heart of the Country Club Plaza! Enjoy live music, great food and a memorable finishers' medal at the Plaza10K!; Country Club Plaza; 7:30 a.m. Contact Jen Simpson: 480 South Rogers Road, Olathe, KS 66062 or 913-324-3612 or jsimpson@kidstlc.org or www.kidstlc.org or www.plaza10k.com.

17 First Call Alcohol/Drug Prevention & Recovery; *5th Annual First Call Celebration Evening A Night of Recovery & Hope with Lauri Dhue*; Event Chairmen Denise and Scott Slabotsky invite guests to an evening with Lauri Dhue who had struggled with acute alcoholism while holding down several high profile broadcasting jobs for Fox News Channel, CNN and MSNBC. She is now a living example that treatment works and recovery is possible; InterContinental Kansas City at the Plaza; \$125. Contact Susan Whitmore: 9091 State Line Road, Kansas City, MO 64114 or 816-800-8045 or whitmore@firstcallkc.org or www.firstcallkc.org/events.

18 The Children's Place; *FORE the Place Golf Tournament*; Fun, fast paced scramble tournament with teams of four. Great prizes and raffle opportunities available; St. Andrew's Golf Club; 9:30 a.m.; \$800/team. Contact Roxane Hill: 2 East 59th Street, Kansas City, MO 64113 or 816-363-1898 or hill@tcpkc.org or www.childrensplacekc.org.

18 The Family Conservancy; *Blue Carpet Event*; Our third annual event will feature a cocktail party, dinner and live silent auctions. The main purpose of the event is to feature one of our clients that have overcome hardships to create a brighter future; location, time and ticket price to be determined. Contact Diandra Meyers: 444 Minnesota Avenue, Suite 200, Kansas City, KS 66101 or 913-342-1110 or dmeyers@thefamilyconservancy.org or www.thefamilyconservancy.org.

18 The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society; *Light The Night Walk*; Prior to the walk, friends and families will enjoy games, entertainment and great food at the carnival. As the leisurely walk begins, guests will light their lanterns - white for survivors, red for supporters and gold in memory of loved ones lost to cancer; Cleveland Chiropractic College; 6 p.m. Contact Heather Harper: 6811 Shawnee Mission Parkway, Shawnee Mission, KS 66202 or 913-262-1515 or heather.harper@lls.org or www.lightthenight.org/mid.

19 The ALS Association Mid-America Chapter; *Walk to Defeat ALS*; This fun, family-friendly event is a great way for companies to promote teamwork and build employee morale; families can come together while raising money for a great cause; Arrowhead Stadium (Lot M); 9 a.m.; \$75. Contact Leah Wetta: 6950 Squibb Road, Suite 210, Mission, KS 66202 or 913-648-2062 or lwetta@alsa-midamerica.org or www.alsa-midamerica.org.

19 American Diabetes Association; *STEP OUT: Walk to Stop Diabetes*; Join us at our signature fundraising and diabetes awareness event that includes a two to three mile walk, health and wellness fair, food, entertainment, and activities for the whole family!; This Park; time to be determined. Contact Leslie Hernandez-Brown: 6900 College Boulevard, Suite 250, Overland Park, KS 66211 or 913-383-8210 or lhernandezbrown@diabetes.org or www.diabetes.org/stepoutkansascity.

19 Harvest Ball Society; *Adorn Style Show & Brunch*; Experience fashion, food, fun, friends, and fantastic shopping! Top models electrify the runway with the latest fashions for work, play and party; while guests enjoy a delicious brunch, followed by a unique shopping experience featuring area boutiques; Grand Ballroom of the Kansas City Convention Center; 9 a.m.; \$75. Contact Jennifer Short: P.O. Box 34423, Kansas City, MO 64116 or 816-587-3443 or jshort@harvestballociety.org or www.harvestballociety.org.

19 National MS Society Mid America Chapter; *Bike MS*; The event passes through Kansas City into Kansas' finest countryside. The routes include fully-stocked rest stops every 10 to 15 miles and route options for recreational and competitive cyclists. Riders are treated to massages, musical entertainment, food, and Boulevard Beer; 7 a.m.; location to be determined; \$200 minimum fundraising. Contact Erica Kiehnhoff: 7611 State Line Road, Suite 100, Kansas City, MO 64114 or 1-800-344-4867 or erica.kiehnhoff@nmsm.org or www.bike.msamidamerica.org.

20 Cultivate Kansas City; *Dig In, KC!*; Inspiring Kansas City to enjoy, understand and support urban farmers growing local food for our community. The event features live music, shopping at a farmers' market, cocktail hour, and a farm-to-table meal served family style; City Market; 6:30 p.m.; \$125. Contact Hannah Hidaka: 4223 Gibbs Road, Kansas City, KS 66106 or 913-601-5005 or hannah@cultivatekc.org or www.cultivatekc.org.

20 Kansas City CARE Clinic; *"And the Beat Goes On"*; Honor Vicki Russo McCombs with a cocktail party and silent auction to support preventative care and screenings for women at risk for cardiac disease; Residence of Jane and David Albright; 5 p.m.; \$53. Contact Sarah Haik: 3515 Broadway, Kansas City, MO 64111 or 816-777-1540 or shaik@kccareclinic.org or www.kccareclinic.org.

20 March of Dimes; *Bikers for Babies Kansas City*; Since our inception in 1995 with 130 participants, *Bikers for Babies Kansas City* continues to be one of the premier Midwest motorcycle rides. Gather your family and friends, set your goal, raise your money, and join riders from all across the Midwest to ensure all babies get a healthy start; Kansas Speedway; 11 a.m.; \$35. Contact Kara Maxwell: 4400 College Boulevard, Suite 180, Overland Park, KS 66112 or 913-235-9852 or kmawell@marchofdimes.org or www.marchforbabies.org.

20 Powell Gardens; *Under a Harvest Moon - A Farm to Table Dinner*; A cocktail reception in the Heartland Harvest Garden is followed by an elegant dinner with wine pairings served at two long tables beneath the eaves of the Missouri Barn. The dinner features fruits, vegetables and herbs grown at Powell Gardens; Powell Gardens; 4 p.m.; \$150. Contact Andrea Mason: 1609 Northwest US Highway 50, Kingsville, MO 64061 or 816-697-2600 or amason@powellgardens.org or www.powellgardens.org/harvestmoon.

20 Wayside Waifs; *Strutt With Your Mutts*; Kansas City's largest pet friendly 3K walk and certified 5K run in Brookside. This event is fun for the whole family - with activities for adults, kids and dogs!; Brookside Neighborhood; 8:00 a.m.; \$35. Contact Megan Harding: 3901 Martha Truman Road, Kansas City, MO 64137 or 816-986-4419 or mharding@waysidewaifs.org or www.waysidewaifs.org.

24 The Kansas City Rose Society; *Wine & Roses*; The elegant garden party features music, fine wine and dining. The Garden is a beautiful setting for a delightful evening with friends; The Laura Conyers Smith Municipal Rose Garden in Loose Park; 5 p.m.; \$100. Contact Cindy Lang: 15231 Fontana Street, Leawood, KS 66224 or 816-868-5835 or clkcmo@aol.com or www.kansascityrosesociety.org.

25 Arthritis Foundation; *Art for Arthritis*; Pairing 15 local children affected by juvenile arthritis with artists to spend a summer together creating unique pieces of art. The art is auctioned off at the *Art for Arthritis* event; location to be determined; 6 p.m.; \$75. Contact Brooke Perry: 1900 West 75th Street, Prairie Village, KS 66208 or 913-262-2233 or bperry@arthritis.org or www.artforarthritis.org.

25 CASA of Johnson & Wyandotte Counties; *Hops & Barley Ball*; The agency's largest fundraiser, the event is a casual night of entertainment, cocktails, dining stations, live music, a silent auction, and more; Dark Horse Distillery; 6:30 p.m.; \$125. Contact Di Topjon: 5700 Broadmoor, Suite 201, Mission, KS 66202 or 913-715-4034 or dtopjon@casajwc.com or www.casajwc.org.

25 Friends of Alexandra's House; *Bow Ties for Babies Gala*; Cocktails, entertainment, dinner, and auction; Grand Street Cafe - Country Club Plaza; time to be determined; \$150. Contact Kathy Tarbe: 638 West 39th Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64111 or 816-931-2539 or ktarbe@alexandrashouse.com or www.alexandrashouse.com.

25 Literacy Kansas City; *Literacy for All Luncheon*; The sixth annual event will feature *New York Times* best selling author, Candace Millard who currently is working on a book about Winston Churchill. *American Experience* (PBS's history series) is making documentaries based on her two most recent books; The Gallery Event Space; 11:45 a.m.; \$50. Contact Rachel Cash: 211 West Armour Boulevard, 3rd Floor, Kansas City, MO 64111 or 816-333-9332 or rcash@literacykc.org or www.literacykc.org.

26 Saint Luke's Foundation; *Paint The Town*; The seventh annual event is held above the *Plaza Art Fair*. Experience an incomparable visual and culinary feast during this benefit. An eclectic array of artists and entertainers will have you enthralled throughout the evening; InterContinental Kansas City at the Plaza; 6:30 p.m.; \$150. Contact Irwin Herrero: 4225 Baltimore Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, MO 64111 or 816-932-1664 or iherrero@saint-lukes.org or http://paintthetownkc.org.

26 Starlight Theatre Association of Kansas City; *Starlight Theatre Annual Benefit Gala*; Guests enjoy an evening of outstanding dining and entertainment under the stars. The annual Star Award is given to an individual who has made key contributions to the community. Proceeds benefit education and outreach programs, Broadway programming and operations. Bonne and Cliff Illig are the 2015 Gala chairmen; Starlight Theatre; 7 p.m.; \$300. Contact Shelly Doucet: 4600 Starlight Road, Kansas City, MO 64132 or 816-997-1127 or shelly.doucet@kstarlight.com or www.kstarlight.com.

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1 The Wornall Majors House Museums; *First Annual Fall Fundraiser*; This will be the first annual fall fundraiser for the Wornall Majors House Museums; event details to be determined. Contact Kerrie Nichols: 6115 Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO 64113 or 816-444-1858 or director@wornallmajors.org or www.wornallmajors.org.

2 Shawnee Mission Health; *Speaking of Women's Health Conference*; The conference includes a continental breakfast, elegant lunch, health screening, keynote and breakout speakers, and fantastic gifts!; Overland Park Convention Center; 8:45 a.m.; \$40. Contact Robin Patykiewicz: 9100 West 74th Street, Lenexa, KS 66204 or 913-789-5589 or robin.patykiewicz@shawneemission.org or www.shawneemission.org/swh.

3 Community LINC; *Rent Party*; More than 650 guests will gather to enjoy an evening of great food, silent and live auctions and entertainment — it's an evening you will remember for years to come; location to be determined; 5:30 p.m.; \$125. Contact Teresa McClain: 4014 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64110 or 816-595-5553 or tmccain@communitylinc.org or www.communitylinc.org.

3 Design Industries Foundation Fighting AIDS (DIFFA), KC Chapter; *Dining By Design*; Showcasing the personal passions of some of the area's leading creative talents. Each designer is given a set amount of space and the freedom to create their own dining environment. Co-chairmen are Merrily Jackson and Dan Nilsen; Lower Exhibition Hall, Kansas City Convention Center; 6 p.m.; \$175. Contact www.diffakc.org.



Tails of Our Town

Max Robinson, age five, and his special friend, Elsa, are having a wonderful summer. The Husky pup loves to tag along wherever Max goes. Happy trails!





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Guests at Powell Gardens supported the youth education programs at the 12th annual *Under a Blue Moon - Garden Party and Rare Plant Auction*.

3 **Kansas City Young Audiences; Benefit Concert for Arts Education;** Kristin Chenoweth will perform with the Kansas City Symphony; Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts; 8 p.m.; \$50. Contact Mary Needham: 5601 Wyandotte, Kansas City, MO 64113 or 816-531-4022 or mneedham@kcyo.org or www.kcyo.org.

6 **American Cancer Society; Coaches vs. Cancer Season Tipoff;** Don't miss hearing a powerful conversation with our area's top college basketball coaches discussing their upcoming season. You will enjoy a silent auction, cocktails and gourmet arena food while helping us to finish the fight against cancer; location to be determined; 5:30 p.m.; \$100. Contact Robin Levine: 1100 Pennsylvania, Kansas City, MO 64105 or 816-218-7154 or robin.levine@cancer.org or www.kcseasontipoff.org.

6 **The Kansas City CARE Clinic; We CARE KC;** The ladies' luncheon will raise awareness for The Kansas City CARE Clinic with an engaging crowd, fun venue and many connections; Brookside Gardens; 11:30 a.m.; \$71. Contact Sarah Baum: 3515 Broadway, Kansas City, MO 64111 or sarahb@kccareclinic.org or www.kccareclinic.org.

7 **Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault (MOCSA); Johnson County Fall Forum;** Take part in this educational event focusing on issues of sexual violence as it relates to Johnson County; location to be determined; 11:30 a.m.; \$50. Contact Amanda Crain: 3100 Broadway, Suite 400, Kansas City, MO 64111 or 816-285-1345 or acrain@mocsa.org or www.mocsa.org.

10 **Children's Center for the Visually Impaired (CCVI); Hoo's Afraid of the Dark;** Join us for an evening with Isaiah Austin who lost the vision in his right eye after an injury in junior high. Only his family, close friends and Baylor University teammates knew of his condition until January of 2014; College Basketball Experience; 5:30 p.m.; ticket price to be determined. Contact Susan Belger Angulo: 3101 Main Street, Kansas City, MO 64111 or 816-841-2284 or sbelger@ccvi.org or www.ccvi.org.

10 **JDRF; JDRF One Walk;** Join more than 12,000 people in Kansas City in raising funds for type 1 diabetes research. 5K or two-mile walk route available. Event includes activities and refreshments following the Walk; Truman Sports Complex; 9 a.m.; ticket price to be determined. Contact Stacy Needels: 920 Main Street, Suite 280, Kansas City, MO 64105 or 816-472-7997 or sneedels@jdrf.org or www.kansascity.jdrf.org.

10 **Kansas City Friends of Alvin Ailey; KCFAA Benefit 2015;** Join us for the amazing artistry of Ailey II at the Folly Theater, followed by a fabulous dinner and dancing into the night! The event raises funds necessary to help sustain our year-round arts education programming for underserved youth; Folly Theater; 7 p.m.; \$175. Contact Shannon Morford: 1714 East 18th Street, Kansas City, MO 64108 or 816-471-6003 or shannon@kcfaa.org or www.kcfaa.org.

11 **UMKC Jazz Friends; 14th Annual Jazz & BBQ;** Guests will enjoy a buffet, silent auction and music by the 11 O'clock Jazz Band and the Concert Jazz Band; location and time to be determined; \$75. Contact Nathan Shatto: 5100 Rockhill Road, Kansas City, MO 64110 or 816-235-6260 or hawkinsja@umkc.edu or http://info.umkc.edu/cm4d-jazzfriends/.

12 **Make-A-Wish Missouri; Night of Wishes;** All sports enthusiasts are invited to celebrate the power of a wish at the *Kansas City Night of Wishes* at Arrowhead Stadium. Meet some of your favorite players, enjoy a delicious dinner and hear inspirational wish kid stories; Arrowhead Stadium; time and ticket price to be determined. Contact Katie Lord: 7300 West 110th Street, Suite 700, Overland Park, KS 66210 or 913-313-5928 or klord@mo.wish.org or www.mo.wish.org.

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