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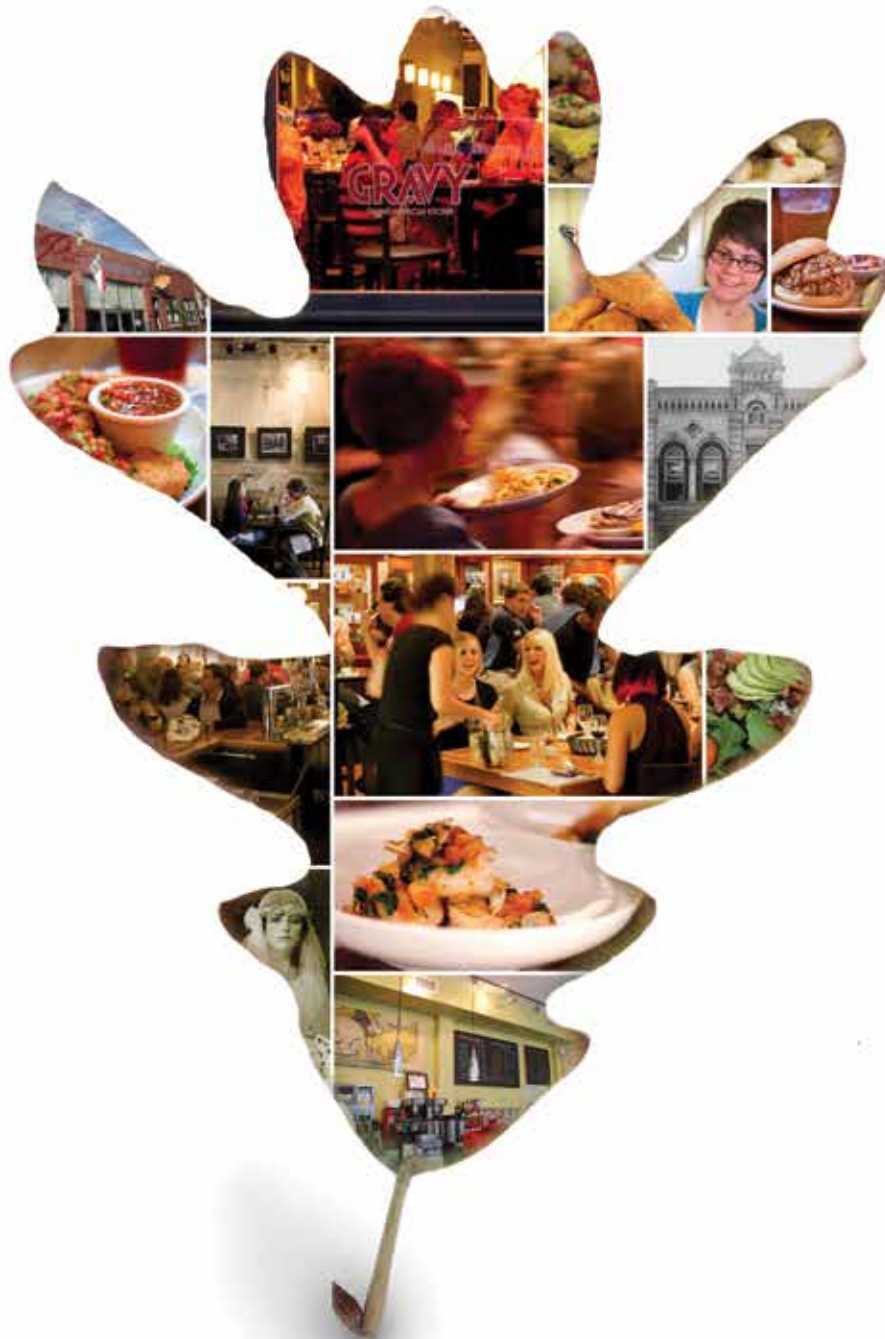
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President's message

The 2013 N.C. Governor's Inaugural Ball marked the 20th anniversary of the Junior League's long tradition of hosting the prestigious event. For more than 80 years, governors since 1933 have chosen to honor our Raleigh League with the opportunity to celebrate our newly elected leaders. This year's events were phenomenal! Five events over two days were executed flawlessly with every attention to detail. The Inaugural Ball team, which was led by Shayla Bradshaw, Emily Funderburk, Liza Roney and Virginia Yopp, had more than 100 volunteers who worked tirelessly to plan and implement each event, from sponsorships to entertainment, food and facilities, all with a North Carolina flair. If you weren't able to attend, you will find photos and follow up in this special Inaugural Ball issue of *the Link*.

But the Inaugural Ball, while a huge League fundraiser, didn't monopolize all our efforts to further the mission to train community leaders. All the while, the League's other 40 teams have been busy on their committees making a difference and having a profound impact on our community. You see, while fundraising is not a part of our

mission, it is a large part of our training and enables the League to further its legacy of work in the community. In this issue, I know you will enjoy seeing all the familiar faces of members in the great photography. You'll also get to read about how to volunteer on a community board, how Community Connect trains other community nonprofits, how the Government Relations and Public Affairs team is making a difference and, of course, how the JLR is growing and enhancing our outreach through our Center for Community Leadership.

Grab a cup of coffee, iced tea or glass of Champagne, and join me in savoring this issue of *the Link* and celebrating the hard work of our members.

All the best,

Pat Wilkins



Jackson (14), Pat, John and Emma (12).

Koren Townsend

NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR'S INAUGURAL BALL



Inaugural weekend begins by honoring the Council of State

By Jessica Kozma Proctor, Co-editor

Kicking off an inaugural celebration packed with high-profile sightings, headliner North Carolina music and an endless slate of modern adaptations of North Carolina cuisine, the Council of State reception gave its roughly 800 guests a yummy and welcoming entrée into the weekend's events.

Held in the sprawling lobby of the Duke Center for the Performing Arts, the reception welcomed the nine-member Council of State as they begin new journeys in office or continued existing ones. The state seal illuminated the front of Memorial Auditorium as state leaders played center stage.

Council members were widely visible at the event, despite the crowded space and perpetual movement of guests in search of everything from a glass of chardonnay to a photo opportunity. A delightful spread of cocktail cuisine was easy on both the eyes and palette. Guests praised the flavor – and the uniqueness – of a cornbread and barbeque canapé, all in all with the aesthetic of a Top Chef amouse-bouche and the taste of, well, eastern North Carolina.

Junior League of Raleigh President-elect Whitney von Haam said that the reception allowed guests to mingle with Council of

State members and others in a more intimate situation.

"I was so proud to be a part of the League while attending the Council of State reception," von Haam said. "To be around so many of the movers and shakers in our state's government and to recognize the members of the Council of State and see so many successful women in those positions was incredible."

One of those successful women, State Treasurer Janet Cowell, agreed, saying that attending the reception, as well as the other events, gives attendees a chance to grow and foster relationships while celebrating yet another historical milestone.

"Being part of such a high-profile event affords opportunities to grow networks, utilize partnerships and gain an appreciation of the governance of our state," Cowell said.



Koren Townsend
The Barhop String Quartet provided music for the Council of State Reception.



Koren Townsend
Association of Junior Leagues International President Toni Freeman (left), a Past President and Active member of the Junior League of Charlotte, joins JLR Past President Linda Brown Douglas (right) at the Council of State Reception.



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From Left: Scott McAllister, JLR Past President Susan McAllister, Amy Fullbright and Nancy Thompson.



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One of the highlights of the food was the barbecue-stuffed hush puppy with a barbecue "infuser." An interactive dish, guests had to squeeze the infuser to coat the barbecue in the middle of the hush puppy.



Koren Townsend

From left: Honorary Inaugural Ball Co-captain Mary Brent Wright, Inaugural Ball Co-captain Virginia Yopp and JLR President Pat Wilkins had a busy weekend hosting the festivities.



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Lt. Gov. Dan Forest and his wife Alice were among the honorees at the Council of State Reception.



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Major General Greg Lusk of the National Guard (far left) and his wife Deana join Col. Cliff Wilkins and his wife Rebecca at the Council of State Reception. The four were sponsors of the Inaugural Ball. Major General Lusk said of the reception, "We support our elected leaders, and this is a good chance to meet them."



Koren Townsend

JLR President-elect Whitney von Haam and husband Eric enjoy the Council of State Reception.



Rock the Ball

Sonic youth energetic crowd rocks into the late night with pre-inaugural concert

By Sandra Johnson, Staff Writer

Before the doors even opened, Rock the Ball was a success. For the second time in its two-event history, the Junior League of Raleigh's Rock the Ball was a sold-out event. The concert-style event—pumped with youthful energy—welcomed North Carolina's younger voters into the swing of the Inaugural weekend.

This year's Rock the Ball generated more than \$180,000 in ticket sales and counted among its purchasers a mosaic of college students, elected officials, political staff, lobbyists and some just there for the music.

McCrory was introduced by his nephews, Patrick Sebastian and Chris McCrory. Nostalgic campaign memories flowed as they praised their uncle's ability to succeed. Then, with guests paused and wrapped up in the moment, music from The Balsa Gliders flooded the room, turning the evening's mood, on a dime, from contemplative to dance-the-night-away. For the new governor, an emotionally charged introduction from his nephews was just the start.

Hand the man some drum sticks.

"I looked up and saw the governor on the drums!" exclaimed concertgoer Tobais Rose. McCrory surprised the crowd with a drum solo. After a round of applause and cheers, the governor exited the stage and meandered through the audience greeting attendees.

The Balsa Gliders provided the audience with sounds of Americana and indie rock. An unexpected group of local rock stars, Chuck Price, The Balsa Gliders drummer, described the band as "two lawyers, a surgeon, a priest, a banker and a random Ph.D." The Rev. Greg Jones, a member of The Balsa Gliders and rector of St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Raleigh, bragged on what an honor it was to

perform during the inaugural weekend, with a twist of fun.

"The Balsa Gliders was honored to participate in the Rock the Ball event and really enjoyed standing off stage with the new governor before the set," Jones said. "I told him I'd heard he played the drums and was thrilled when he took us up on our offer to play for a minute. He did! And he did a good job, too."

The second act, Big Daddy Love, provided a nice bridge between The Balsa Gliders and the pop-rock inspired sound of American Aquarium. The audience hummed and danced to music that banjo player Brian Swenk described as the sound created "(if) Led Zeppelin had grown up on a dairy farm in Appalachia."

As Big Daddy Love concluded their performance, N.C. State University students Thomas Payne and Michael James found seating in the balcony area. Payne found out about Rock the Ball from Facebook and invited James to attend. They had been following American Aquarium since Payne and James started college three years ago. For James, who had interned at the legislature, the event provided the perfect blend of two of his interests—politics and music.

The lights dimmed as concert attendees gathered to the front of the stage. "I could not be happier tonight to introduce the next portion of tonight's program," said League member Christina Coffey as she introduced American Aquarium. She shared how she discovered American Aquarium's music and eventually fell in love. "Four CDs and five concerts later, I can confidently say that this band rocks!" American Aquarium wowed the audience, playing hits from their most recent album, "Burn.Flicker.Die."



DeShelia Spann
Gov. Pat McCrory started the show with a surprise appearance on the drums.



DeShelia Spann
American Aquarium performs from their new album, "Burn.Flicker.Die."



Governor's Reception begins whirlwind inaugural evening for thousands of guests

By Jacqueline L. Brown, Contributor

Crisp lighting, metallic linens and design focused on a simple, elegant taste of winter in North Carolina created the perfect atmosphere for the Governor's Reception held in the Raleigh Convention Center Grand Ballroom. The event was sponsored by BlueCross BlueShield of North Carolina.

The reception began a whirlwind night with roughly 3,500 people awaiting Gov. Pat McCrory and First Lady Ann McCrory.

First-time Ball attendee Tabitha Moore looked forward to the evening's activities as well as hearing the new governor's plans for North Carolina.

"As a supporter of the governor, I looked forward to attending and taking part in this wonderful event," Moore said. "I am interested in his plans for the economy and how he can take our state to the next level."

After a week of travel throughout the state, the McCrorys graced the reception stage with a

message in support of North Carolina citizens.

"We're all facing some tough times, and our goal is to help all people in the state of North Carolina," McCrory said.

He concluded his speech by thanking his wife, the Junior League of Raleigh and reception attendees for their support.

"We are enjoying Raleigh being our new home, and we look forward to a wonderful and productive next four years," he said.



Julie Moore

Decorations in the ballroom, which was used for both the Governor's Reception and the Inaugural Ball, included North Carolina's state bird, the cardinal. "Working with the League has been a wonderful experience," said John Griffin of ThemeWorks, an event design and production company selected to design the Inaugural Ball. "It's great to be aligned with an organization that does so many worthwhile things for our communities. We're happy to donate a substantial amount of our cost, to be part of their good works."



Koren Townsend

JLR Active member Leslie Mize (left) and Keisha Hooker were among the more than 400 volunteers from the inaugural weekend.



Gala Presentation: *Celebrating North Carolina*

By Jacqueline L. Brown, Contributor

An energized and bejeweled crowd of more than 3,500 people gathered in the early evening hours of January 11 to begin an inaugural journey that celebrated North Carolina.

A starlit room, with patriotic songs by the Catawba College Vernaculars echoing in the background, provided the backdrop for the Inaugural Gala Presentation at the Raleigh Convention Center. Two local journalists, Steve Daniels and Tisha Powell of ABC11 Eyewitness News, emceed the event, welcoming Gov. Pat McCrory, First Lady Ann McCrory, Lt. Gov. Dan Forest and members of the Council of State.

Though headlining events and people abounded throughout the event—and the weekend—the Gala Presentation's slate of bands would woo even the dullest of ears. Parmalee sang their new hit single "Carolina," and the crowd roared for the Grammy-nominee and Concord-born Avett Brothers. Mark Kano and Mike Garrigan also joined in the festivities with their hometown mix of country and contemporary music.

Guests said they enjoyed celebrating at an event tailored to North Carolina's people, sounds, tastes and traditions.

"We are celebrating everything great about North Carolina," said Elizabeth Hudson, editor-in-chief of *Our State* magazine.

In planning the event, the Junior League of Raleigh secured some of our state's most notable companies as sponsors, including GlaxoSmithKline, Red Hat and Reynolds American.

JLR President Pat Wilkins acknowledged Junior League leaders from across the state of North Carolina representing all 12 Junior Leagues in the state, as well as the Association of Junior Leagues International President, Toni Freeman, who is a Past President and Active member of the Junior League of Charlotte.

"From Asheville to Wilmington and in between, the Junior League is making a difference in the state of North Carolina," Wilkins said.

When it was time for the governor to speak, the mood turned to perhaps one of the state's most enduring issues: education. After being introduced by 2012-2013 North Carolina Teacher of the Year Darcy Grimes, McCrory said he was committed to supporting teachers and improving our state's quality of education.

As the crowd returned to a celebratory mood and embarked on their journey to the Convention Center ballroom and the Ball itself, the N.C. A&T State University Cold Steel Drumline bombastically led the honorees and their attendees into the ballroom.

For many there, the Gala Presentation was a perfect segue celebrating the state, the League and our future.

"This is a very special and monumental occasion, and I'm proud to be a part of it," said first-time Inaugural Ball volunteer and League member Margaret Ann Coker.



The N.C. A & T State University Cold Steel Drumline led attendees from the Gala Presentation in the exhibit hall to the ballroom.

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Alison West (left) and Meagan O'Dowd great guests of the Governors Circle at the Gala Presentation.



Koren Townsend
Gov. Pat McCrory spoke to the crowd, emphasizing the importance of education.



Koren Townsend
Scott Avett of The Avett Brothers performs as the headlining act at the Gala Presentation.



Koren Townsend
Steve Daniels and Tisha Powell of ABC11 Eyewitness News emceed the Gala Presentation.



Koren Townsend
JLR President Pat Wilkins and her husband John enjoy the Gala Presentation.



Governor Pat McCrory leads his wife Ann in their first dance at the Inaugural Ball.

Julie Moore

2013 Inaugural Ball: *one enchanted evening*

By Cecily Steele Hughes, Assistant Co-editor

It was history in the making in Raleigh on January 11. For the 20th time since 1933, the Junior League of Raleigh hosted the North Carolina Governor's Inaugural Ball.

For the Raleigh League, it was a true undertaking. More than 400 League members worked nearly 20,000 hours to pull off the Inaugural Ball, the League's largest fundraiser.

For the JLR to be a part of such a historic event is a "great legacy," said League President Pat Wilkins.

This year, net proceeds from the Inaugural Ball will support the League's Center for Community Leadership, which benefits the citizens and communities of North Carolina by offering training programs, state-of-the-art affordable meeting space and networking opportunities to nonprofit organizations throughout the state.

Wilkins says that supporting the CCL mission is critical to the League's role in the community.

"The JLR has an obligation to the community to help find lasting solutions to critical community needs," she said. "The Center for Community Leadership provides a solution to the need for affordable training and meeting space for area nonprofits."

The Ball, which followed the Gala Presentation, started off with a bang, or rather, a boom, thanks to the N.C. A&T State University Cold Steel Drumline, who led the crowd up to the Grand Ballroom for McCrory and his wife Ann's first dance to Van Morrison's "Crazy Love" performed by Durham-based band Bull City Syndicate.

A Social Media Lounge allowed guests to tweet and post on Facebook about their experiences during the evening. Descending chandeliers, columns mimicking those of our state's capital and dramatic hints of colored lights were only a few of the meticulous details of the event.

"The decorations and lighting really set the tone for what a special occasion the evening represented," said Inaugural Ball Co-captain Virginia Yopp.

Guests were reluctant to accept the stroke of midnight and the closure of the League-hosted events.

"My most memorable moment of the night came when the clock struck midnight and the dance floor was still packed with guests," Wilkins said. "What a flawless event with every detail perfected."



Julie Moore
Durham-based Bull City Syndicate performed in the ballroom at the Inaugural Ball.



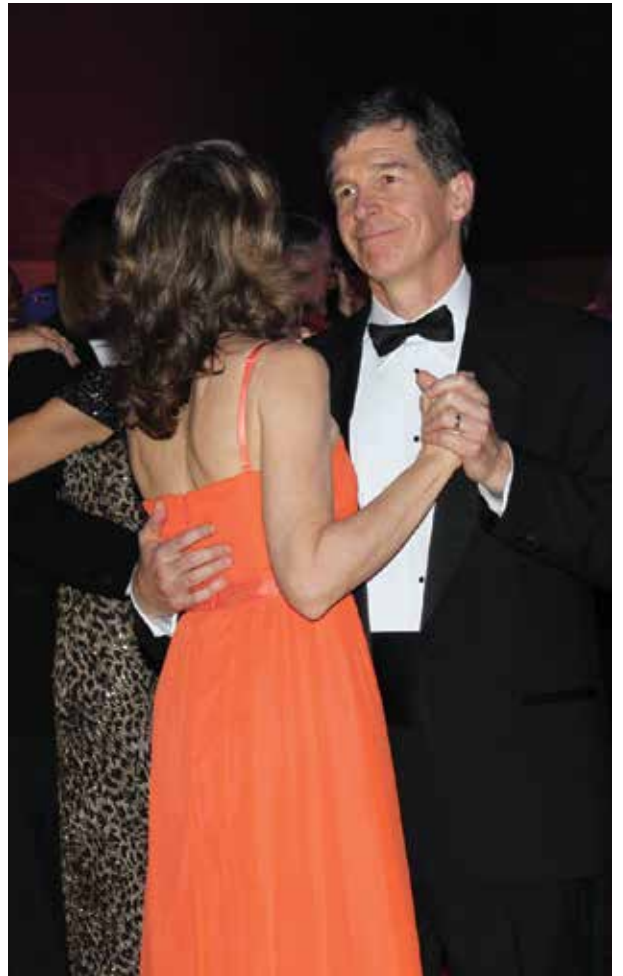
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Inaugural Ball team member Natalie Schoeny welcomed guests to the Social Media Lounge.



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Guests dance their way into the night at the Inaugural Ball.



Koren Townsend
Members of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation attended the Ball. From left: Yona Wade, Barry Coggins, Travis Crisp, Principal Chief Michell Hicks and Jason Lambert.



Julie Moore
Attorney General Roy Cooper and his wife Kristin take to the ballroom floor.

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Training ground:

Beyond the gowns, glam and gentility, the Inaugural Ball remains a rich training experience

By Jessica Kozma Proctor, Co-editor

If there is any project showing what more than 400 Junior League of Raleigh volunteers can accomplish when they roll up their sleeves—albeit, perhaps, of their ball gowns—it is the North Carolina Governor's Inaugural Ball.

This year's Ball, with fundraising and sponsorship numbers boasting the most successful Inaugural Ball in the League's 80-year history, gave volunteers the opportunity to help build another milestone in North Carolina and the JLR's history. The Ball, with a list of details that could stretch from Murphy to Manteo, gives volunteers a chance to gain new and hone existing leadership skills.

"Any volunteer on this team has learned more about planning an event than they knew before and can now help lead or assist another nonprofit in their fundraising events," said League President Pat Wilkins.

For Wilkins, a former Inaugural Ball Co-captain, the experience of planning the Ball is a virtual catch-all in leadership skills development. "It taught me discipline, commitment, organization, motivation, self-management, flexibility and compassion," Wilkins said. "It is as large-scale an event as we could have, one that comes together in a very short period of time with many, many guests and our 80-year reputation on the line. It demonstrates the power of teamwork in its purest form."

Facilities Committee Chair Denise Stewart said that she learned new skills not only through her assignment with the Ball, but from noting the way others led and learned in their positions.

"During the year, I was able to witness a variety of leadership styles—some very hands off and others very hands on," Stewart said. "It was amazing to watch women strive to attain a common goal and to see the variety of ways

they worked together to achieve it."

Training opportunities abounded: managing volunteers, booking entertainment, securing sponsorships and even teaching diplomatic protocol and video production. Weaving together the hundreds of inaugural responsibilities and those League members who perform them was a daunting task. Sixteen subcommittees worked together in constant coordination and communication.

"It was a lot of fun to watch the leaders on this team work in partnership to make sure every detail was covered: from security and facilities to ticketing, seating and managing volunteers," Wilkins said.

And for some, like Stewart, taking on a leadership role for the Ball helped make interpersonal change—change that can ultimately create a better community leader.

"Personally, I had to step out of my comfort zone and learn to trust what I didn't necessarily understand and have faith that the people in charge of those details knew what was best for the events," Stewart said.

In the end, it all came down to teamwork. For Stewart, a second-year JLR member who served for seven years in the Junior Leagues of Houston and Washington, D.C., realizing that there was support throughout the committee was what she said is "the most wonderful part."

"The fact that the women on the committee were all there to support one another in ensuring the plans came together for the events and really assisted each other—at game time—when it was critical," Stewart said. "What an exciting, nerve-wracking, educational and fun year this year was on the Inaugural Ball committee."



Koren Townsend

JLR Active Yolanda Sinclair checks in volunteers and media at the Council of State Reception.



Koren Townsend

Inaugural Ball team members Astra Barnes (left) and Donna Hovis get ready for the Ball.



Koren Townsend
From Left: JLR Sustainers Caroline Russell, Mary Ann Akin and Anne Hogewood join Community Vice President Kathryn West in volunteering at the Council of State Reception.



Koren Townsend
JLR Active Leslie Young (left) and Sustainer Katherine White volunteer at the Council of State Reception. "I love the League," White said. "It does such great things."



Koren Townsend
Inaugural Ball team member Melissa Hayes was responsible for helping secure the ice sculpture for the Council of State Reception and the Ball.

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Signature dining: Guest chefs from across North Carolina create a one-of-a-kind culinary experience

By Lucy Austin, Co-editor

Eleven North Carolina chefs from Blowing Rock to Wilson were featured at the 2013 North Carolina Governor's Inaugural Ball. The smell of pork belly being seared and catfish being fried filled the mezzanine at the Raleigh Convention Center.

That savory pork belly smell was coming from the booth of SoCo Farm and Food, a restaurant, farm and bed and breakfast in Wilson. Chef Jeremy Law found out about the Inaugural Ball when Junior League of Raleigh President Pat Wilkins visited his restaurant. "We are excited and honored to be invited," Law said. "We mostly do smaller venues, so it's nice to be in Raleigh."

La Farm Bakery of Cary teamed up with Chapel Hill Creamery for the Ball, pairing La Farm Bakery's artisan breads with Chapel Hill Creamery's hand-crafted cheeses. "We have been [in the Triangle] for 13 years," said La Farm Bakery's maitre Boulanger (master baker), Lionel Vatinet. "We want to let Raleigh, Chapel Hill and Durham know who we are and touch more people with our artisan breads." Vatinet's signature bread is a sourdough boule, but the highlight of the night was a unique white chocolate mini baguette.

Flo Hawley of Chapel Hill Creamery viewed the Ball as a "great occasion to showcase our cheese." Chapel Hill Creamery is a 37-acre dairy and cheese-making farmstead that produces cheeses and sausages. They brought three of those cheeses to complement La Farm Bakery's bread.

Local Chef Jason Smith of 18 Seaboard featured catfish with sweet potato grit cakes and a pickled green tomato relish. Smith strives for "straightforward American cuisine with a modestly contemporary edge," and his catfish fits

the bill. He and his wife Lauren, a League member, also own Cantina 18 in Cameron Village. In both businesses, he supports local farmers and North Carolina produce, even listing on his website the purchases he's made from local businesses.

"It was most certainly a highlight of my career serving our catfish from Carolina Classics in Pitt County as well as our grits from Old Mill of Guilford in Guilford County," Smith said. "Carolina Classics is the same catfish we have served the last seven years at 18 Seaboard. We ended up serving 950 orders. It was great to see so many regulars dressed to the nines as well as meeting so many new folks. Thanks again to the Junior League for inviting our businesses to serve this great state in such a fun way."



Koren Townsend
Chef Jason Smith of 18 Seaboard in Raleigh serves his catfish dish to eager guests.



Koren Townsend
Chef Jeremy Law of SoCo Farm and Food in Wilson sears his pork belly prior to the Inaugural Ball.



Koren Townsend
La Farm Bakery of Cary brought its artisan breads, which were paired with cheeses from Chapel Hill Creamery.



Featured Chefs

18 Seaboard, *Raleigh*
CHEF JASON SMITH

Chapel Hill Creamery, *Chapel Hill*
PORTIA MCKNIGHT & FLO HAWLEY

Crippen's Country Inn and Restaurant, *Blowing Rock*
CHEF STAN CHAMBERLAIN

La Farm Bakery, *Cary*
LIONEL VATINET

Mozelle's Fresh Southern Bistro, *Winston-Salem*
CHEF JANIS KARATHANAS

Mandolin, *Raleigh*
CHEF SEAN FOWLER

The Pit, *Raleigh*
CHEF DARRELL BROWN

Red Light Chocolates, *Raleigh*
CHEFS KIRSTIN & ROBERT NEIRA

Second Empire, *Raleigh*
CHEF DANIEL SCHURR

SoCo Farm and Food, *Wilson*
CHEF JEREMY LAW

Weathervane, *Chapel Hill*
CHEF RYAN PAYNE

FUSION ROCK *meets* BLUE GRASS

This year's Inaugural Ball, and the events surrounding it, gave guests ample opportunities to savor some of North Carolina's finest music makers. For guests and musicians alike, the events, and the talent that played throughout, did not disappoint. Music spanned a spectrum through the two nights of events; echoing late into the night as downtown Raleigh – and the Junior League of Raleigh – celebrated our state's newest governor.

Entertainment presented at the weekend's events included:

American Aquarium
The Avett Brothers
The Balsa Gliders
Bar Hop String Quartet
Big Daddy Love
Bull City Syndicate
Catawba College
Vernacular All Stars

The Hot at Nights
Mark Kano & Mike Garrigan
N.C. A&T University
Cold Steel Drumline
Old Habits
Parmalee
Raleigh Jazz Trio
William Peace University Singers



Bluegrass band Old Habits plays in the mezzanine of the Raleigh Convention Center during the Inaugural Ball. Koren Townsend



The Catawba College Vernaculars played for guests prior to the Gala Presentation. Koren Townsend
McCrory is an alumnus of Catawba College.



The William Peace University Singers performed the national anthem at the Gala Presentation. Koren Townsend



Josh McSwain of Parmalee performs during the Gala Presentation. Koren Townsend

Hot trends: Social Media Lounge gives Ball guests a platform to shout out online

By Jessica Proctor, Co-editor

Nestled in the mezzanine between the Salisbury Street entrance and the ballroom at the Raleigh Convention Center were laptops and League volunteers ready for Inaugural Ball guests to tweet—or post on Facebook—just what they were experiencing at the Ball.

It was an inaugural idea for the Inaugural Ball: never done before, but definitely to be done again. Tweets went live in quick intervals and at one point in the evening, the hashtag #NCIB was “trending” among tweeters in the Triangle. Tweeters celebrated the trending by tweeting even more.

Our State magazine, the beloved journal of North Carolina’s culture and history, commenced an orchestra of tweets throughout the evening.

 **Our State Magazine** @ourstatemag
I think we have a full house #NCIB
@JrLeagueRaleigh pic.twitter.com/m7lafNVF

Indeed, the Ball did have a full house, and fortunately a house filled with guests unafraid of making the Ball live in cyberspace. And that included several shout outs to Inaugural leadership and our League’s membership.

JLR Past President Lisa Marie Ferrell gave a deserved shout out to the League’s Inaugural Ball Co-captains.

“Special thanks to these amazing ladies for saying yes! I feel like it was just yesterday that I made the ask to have you serve as chairs. You made me so proud and I cannot thank you all enough! The event was amazing and a huge success,” Ferrell posted on her Facebook page.



Koren Townsend
Inaugural Ball team member Mary Beck Skinner posts to Facebook to help others spread the word about the Inaugural Ball online.



Julie Moore
The Social Media Lounge offered a relaxing place for attendees to stop and let their online community in on the festivities.

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Great crowd view! RT @theRab: RT @ourstatemag: I think we have a full house #NCIB @JrLeagueRaleigh

Elizabeth O'Quinn @EQOQuinn
@wilkinsjp welcomes us to @JrLeagueRaleigh's #NCIB#myfavoritepat

Wayne Goodwin @WayneGoodwinNC
Tuxedo time! Inaugural Ball tonight, and tomorrow the oath is administered! #ncpol @JrLeagueRaleigh #nccouncilofstate

Barbara Jackson @JudgeJackson
Love this! So many people saying "home" when asked what North Carolina means to them! #NCIB

Kathryn West @KathrynEWest
@JrLeagueRaleigh Delicious! The Pit, La Farm Bakery, Weathervane, Mandolin - love all their appetizers!

Junior League@JrLeagueRaleigh
Have you tried the food at #NCIB? OMG! Amazing! Go Meg Ergenzinger and Lori Edwards!

The Pit Barbecue @ThePitBBQ
A whole hog thanks to @JrLeagueRaleigh! We had a blast at #NCIB last night. Our pleasure to be a part of it!

Tricia Ellen @triciatellen
@JrLeagueRaleigh the #NCIB is the place to be and we should be proud of the training we have provided to many, many #JLRleaders!

Linnie Supall @LinnieSupall
The scallops from Second Empire and Shrimp & grits were my favorite! RT @JrLeagueRaleigh: Have you tried the food at #NCIB? OMG! Amazing!

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Michael Laney and Tricia Ellen retweeted:
Yes! @theavettbros are playing at #JLR #NCIB!

Junior League @JrLeagueRaleigh
Oh wait. Did the NC A&T drum line just steal the show? #JLR #NCIB?

Sandra Dena @205Belle
@JrLeagueRaleigh thanks the #NCIB Inaugural Ball Sponsors!@Quintiles, @RAI_News, @BoFA_Community#trainingwomentolead

Kim Moser @kbmoser
@JrLeagueRaleigh: Love 'Carolina' love @pamalee #JLR #NCIB." They were so great!

Cristina Roman @cmroman
Just found out #NCIB is trending in #Raleigh. So exciting. Well done,@JrLeagueRaleigh!

The Dance Exec @thedanceexec
@JrLeagueRaleigh It was an amazing evening! #NCIB #JLR

Junior League@JrLeagueRaleigh
I have to say, I've never been more proud to be a #JLR member. What a night! #JLR #NCIB #womenwholead

Junior League@JrLeagueRaleigh
Ladies, that was one heck of a party. Thanks to all who gave so much of their time to the #NCIB. It was a night to remember! #JLR

Inaugural Ball fashion:

A celebration of style

By Sandra Johnson, Staff Writer

For the thousands of attendees at this year's N.C. Governor's Inaugural Ball, League members and guests donned their finest to celebrate the incoming administration and Council of State.

Ball gowns, floor length and fancy, were the de rigueur requirement for League members. Designer names spanned the fashion spectrum. One shouldered gowns, statement pieces of jewelry and coiffed updos were popular. For many, the Inaugural Ball is the dressiest event of their lives.

League members Denise Stewart (left) and Carson Hilliard chose Aidan Maddox gowns for the night.



Koren Townsend



Koren Townsend

League member Heather Louise Finch found her pink taffeta Jovani gown at Kannon's Clothing in Wendell.



Koren Townsend

First Lady Ann McCrory wore a black beaded gown with a subtle leopard print pattern. The gown was by St. John Couture and was donated after the Ball to the N.C. Museum of History

2013 Color of the Year



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Koren Townsend

To accessorize her pink gown, League member Beth Lowery found a North Carolina artisan who designed a colorful necklace specifically for the event. "It's an original," she said.



Koren Townsend

State Auditor Beth Wood found her floor-length gown at a boutique in Smithfield.



Koren Townsend

JLR Past President Linda Brown Douglas, left, created her beautiful black velvet ensemble from an amalgamation of two different formals. JLR member Ronda Moore accessorized her cherry red gown with gold cuff bracelets and necklace with a design reminiscent of Cleopatra. "I was styled by my husband tonight," she said.



Koren Townsend

William Walton from North Carolina Mutual wore a tuxedo designed by Joseph Abboud from Nordstrom. His guest, Karen Withrow, wore a fur shawl and dress, both by Ralph Lauren.

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The Community's Center

By Cecily Steele Hughes, Assistant Co-editor

Though it may not be obvious to everyone who drives past the modest brick building at 711 Hillsborough St. in Raleigh, inside those doors is a community treasure. Since opening in 2010, the Junior League of Raleigh's Center for Community Leadership has provided much-needed training and meeting space to countless nonprofit organizations, businesses and community partners throughout North Carolina.

Often referred to as the League's "gift to North Carolina," the 14,000-square-foot space offers the community an affordable place to further educate today's leaders and to train the leaders of tomorrow, which is why it is fitting that the CCL will be the recipient of all net proceeds of the 2013 North Carolina Governor's Inaugural Ball.

"The CCL is the 'go to' place for agencies and professionals seeking to make a difference," said Linda Brown Douglas, Past President of the Junior League of Raleigh.

Nonprofit organization SAFEchild, which works with parents, families and caregivers to create nurturing environments for children,

free from abuse and neglect, has a longstanding relationship with the JLR and is one of the many repeat renters at the CCL. According to Cristin DeRonja, a director at SAFEchild, the group uses the space for training staff and collaborating partners, board events and meetings, as well as volunteer appreciation events. She said the diversity of space offered and the ease of use with the committee that helps set up and break down the rooms are definite perks and just a few reasons why SAFEchild continues to use space at the CCL.

Many organizations renting the space have a direct connection to the JLR, such as the N.C. Center for Public Health Quality, where Melissa Barrentine Martin, a League member, is program coordinator. She says the Center for Public Health Quality has used the CCL for training staff.

Even Douglas recently discovered that her sister, who runs a Durham-based nonprofit focused on ending poverty, was heading to

the CCL for a meeting on entrepreneurship which, according to Douglas, brought together business and nonprofit professionals and educators from across the Triangle. When her sister told her about the meeting, Douglas said she was able to guess where it would be held. "I can't imagine that a meeting like that would take place anywhere else," Douglas said to her sister.

As word about the space spreads, demand continues to grow. According to CCL Co-captain Elizabeth McLean, at least a portion of the space is rented almost every weekday and half of the weekends a month.



The fall Provisionals enjoy a kickoff meeting at the CCL. One of the benefits of the CCL is its capacity, which can accommodate meetings of 180 people.

Outside organizations are not the only ones benefitting from all the CCL has to offer. Having the space has allowed the League to strengthen its own programs and services, as well as hold events open to members of the community designed to educate and engage people on topics relevant to the time, such as the Judicial Panel and Reception held in October. The panel allowed the public a chance to gather and hear the platforms of judicial candidates running in the November election.

The JLR also uses the space to hold training programs not only for groups such as its own leadership councils and Provisional members, but also through programs like the Capital Leadership Initiative, which is designed to provide women in the community with leadership training applicable to the workplace, volunteer opportunities and at home. The Community Connect team has helped many people connect with nonprofit agencies as volunteers and increased awareness for board development processes and procedures in the community through presentations, seminars and panel discussions held throughout the year at the CCL concerning a broad range of topics that organizations can tailor to their specific needs.

The benefits of the CCL do not stop there. Walk down to the basement and you will find shelves of donated food waiting to be packed in backpacks to serve as weekend meals for children who do not have access to enough food for an active, healthy lifestyle during the school year through to the program known as Backpack Buddies, a partnership between the League and the Inter-Faith Food Shuttle. Show up to the CCL parking lot on a Sunday afternoon before Halloween, and you will see kids from the community enjoying games and delicious treats at the JLR's annual Trunk-or-Treat event. On the Saturday morning of the Raleigh Christmas Parade, you can find members of the community sipping hot cocoa and watching the parade from the best seat on the block.

The Center for Community Leadership is much more than just a building; it is an opportunity to train, to educate and to gather. "We knew the need was there, and we knew we were the group to make it happen," says Douglas of JLR's dream and decision to create the CCL. Thanks to the proceeds from the Governor's Inaugural Ball, the CCL will continue to provide the community with a place to grow and prosper, long after the last toast is given and the last dance is danced.



The CCL features 11 large and small meeting rooms with cutting-edge technology that are used by nonprofits and other community members.



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Guests check in at the Judicial Panel and Reception, which welcomed both League members and members of the community to get to know judicial candidates.

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Koren Townsend
WRAL-TV meteorologist
Elizabeth Gardner moderates
the Judicial Panel.

By Lucy Austin, Co-editor

If it seems you've seen more of the Government Relations and Public Affairs team this year, you're right. The team has had a busy year so far, educating League members about judicial candidates and encouraging members to vote.

In October, GRAPA hosted a Judicial Panel and Reception, welcoming about 100 people to the Center for Community Leadership. Elizabeth Gardner, meteorologist for WRAL-TV and League Sustainer, moderated the panel of 17 judicial candidates.

"The Judicial Panel was by far the best organized event of the election season," said Superior Court Judge Bryan Collins, who was a candidate at the panel. "The format allowed the candidates to make their case directly to the voters while giving the voters the information they needed to make informed choices. An informed electorate makes the best choices and this judicial forum served the candidates and the voters quite well."

Judicial candidates from all levels, from district courts to the N.C. Supreme Court, participated in the forum by answering questions and helping voters make their decisions.

"When our citizens vote to elect our state's judges, as with all elected officials, it is vital for them to make an informed decision," said Supreme Court Justice Paul Newby. "The Junior League performs an invaluable public service with its panel by helping to ensure that everyone is informed so that we may elect the most qualified candidates to fill our judiciary."

For many of those in attendance, it was their first time in the CCL. "We received very positive feedback on the CCL," said GRAPA Captain

Jennifer Hoverstad. "This opportunity to share the CCL with the community generated conversation about the building and its importance to our community."

GRAPA implemented several programs to encourage people to vote in the November elections.

"Our goal was to get every woman who could vote to vote," Hoverstad said. "For those who may not think their voice is being heard, we wanted to encourage them to get out and vote."

GRAPA set up a table at the September General Membership Meeting to help members register to vote. Then, beginning in October, the team began publicizing a voting contest where members could submit photos of themselves with their "I Voted" stickers to be posted on Facebook.

About 130 members entered the contest, submitting their photos and hoping to win a \$100 gift card donated by Empire Eats. Sustainer Marla Turlington won the prize.

GRAPA's purpose is to internally educate JLR members on government and public affairs issues as they might affect the members. Its focus is internal more than external, as GRAPA does not engage in lobbying efforts. The team's members are a diverse group.

"There is a misconception that all of our members are attorneys, but that's not true," Hoverstad said. "Anyone with an interest in helping educate our members on public issues should be attracted to our team."

Look for more from GRAPA on April 9, when the team hosts a breakfast with speaker Cassandra Deck-Brown, Raleigh's new police chief.



Koren Townsend
Judicial candidates await questions at the
Judicial Panel and Reception, held at the CCL.

Team members from Quick Impact contributed their time to help set up the panel and reception. Although Quick Impact focuses on community agencies outside the League, it also steps in to help JLR teams if they need help with a community event.

"We like to think of our placement as the quiet group of versatile volunteers who take pride in helping make sure our fellow community agencies succeed in any project they undertake," said Quick Impact Co-captain Lizzie Graybill. "Our community on the whole is only the better for it."

I VOTED TODAY →

Left to right, top to bottom: Monique Merriweather-Yarborough, Koren Townsend, Nicole Hooker Martin, Julie Ploscyca, Marcy Points, Hilary Allen, Catey Easters; Natalie Schoeny & Mary Claire, Jennifer Anne Root, Elizabeth O'Quinn, Sarah Wheeler; Jamie Martin & her three "future voters," Mitzi Downing, Lori Edwards & Annie, Merritt Atkins, Sara Mann, Anna Eaves; Catherine Hancock, Rhonda Gardner, Kristin Stroud, Ashleigh Black & Peyt, Leah Catherine Stout, Rhonda Beatty; Kristin Walker, Brooke Schmidt, Kaler Walker, Astra Barnes, Kimberly Dubois & Logan, Lanier McRee; Tricia Ellen, Megan Moraites and friend, Brittany Bass and Nancy Bromhal & Kate.



CONNECTING THE DOTS:

Community Connect trains nonprofit leaders

By Mariah Matheson, Staff Writer

"Community Connect" is not a flashy name.

Its purpose is simple: Community Connect connects people, in particular, leaders of community nonprofits.

Community Connect team members organize six free early morning roundtable discussions on various topics per year for the nonprofit community. The team finds speakers from various backgrounds through recommendations, networking and nonprofit suggestions. Each roundtable discussion is tailored to the current needs of the community.

Community Connect Captain Anne Strickland said her team tries to keep a finger on the pulse of the community. "The best topics presented are those where information is easy to pass on once you've left our workshop" and pertinent to the current needs of the community, she said.

"Community Connect is about collaboration, rather than delegation," Strickland said. Participants engage in roundtable discussions to encourage open discussion and idea building. She said the roundtable discussions "facilitate people asking questions that they normally wouldn't ask."

Rick Miller-Haraway, regional director of the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Raleigh Inc., came to Community Connect's roundtable on leadership versus management to network with other nonprofits. "Nonprofits can benefit by finding out what their counterparts are doing," Miller said.

Miller said he wanted to attend Community Connect's roundtable because the JLR is known for its leadership and volunteerism. "It's going to take an army of volunteers to solve the issues of homelessness, hunger and poverty," he said.

Invitations to each event are sent out to 150-200 nonprofits. Events typically host between 25 and 40 participants. But according to Strickland, that number grows exponentially as the conversation continues. "Our impact has the ability to grow because of the relationships that are built and the ideas that are exchanged," she said. "We may reach 25 people at a workshop, but ultimately affect 1,000."

"Our thumbprint has the potential to be much larger," Strickland said. That thumbprint already extends to many agencies that are not League placements, such as Marbles Kids Museum, the American Diabetes Association and the Wake Education Partnership.

This year, the team's kickoff meeting in September was on social media. Another recent roundtable was on leadership versus management. Some of their previous roundtable topics have included grant writing, leadership in the nonprofit boardroom and creative funding.

Please join Team Community Connect in building a stronger community. Attend upcoming seminars and events and tell them your ideas for Community Connect topics or speakers. Contact Anne Strickland at astrickland@ncbar.org.



Cecily Hughes
Trisha Lester of the N.C. Center for Nonprofits presents on "Good Practices for Strong Boards of Directors."

Janet Kennedy of Triangle Interactive Marketing Association presents a workshop on social media.



Don Wells, formerly of Duke University's Nonprofit Management Program, leads a session on "Leadership vs. Management."



Cecily Hughes
Members of the nonprofit community enjoy networking with others at a Community Connect training.

League President honored by Raleigh newspaper

By Jessica Kozma Proctor, Co-editor



Courtesy of The News & Observer

Junior League of Raleigh President Pat Wilkins has encouraged League members this year to "tell their story."

And earlier this year, The News & Observer told hers.

Wilkins was named "Tar Heel of the Week," with a feature on Wilkins in the Sunday, January 15 issue of the Raleigh newspaper.

"I was very excited and honored to be Tar Heel of the Week," Wilkins said.

Tar Heel of the Week honors a local resident who is considered to be making significant contribution to the community, be it in any area, from charity to science. The honor is richly steeped as one of Raleigh's social, professional and cultural benchmarks of success.

The feature that runs every Sunday has been a fixture of the newspaper since the 1940s. As a standing feature, only the paper's political crier "Under the Dome" is older.

"Many of North Carolina's most well-known citizens have been named Tar Heels of the Week, but it is also a way to celebrate highly accomplished citizens who are not as well-known but who have made significant contributions to their communities," said Dan Barkin, news editor for The News & Observer.

For Wilkins, telling her personal story integrates heavily with her League career, a career that landed her in some of the toughest placements a League member can tackle: Inaugural Ball Co-captain and Capital Campaign Captain

among others. Taking advantage of training opportunities allowed Wilkins to pave a sterling 12-year League history that eventually led her into a League presidency.

"It is important to me to tell the story of the unlimited growth and training potential that the League offers and how I 'used' the League to strengthen my skills and keep me viable in the workforce while I stayed home with my small kids," Wilkins said.

"I was deliberate in choosing my placements in a wide variety of interests in which I had no training, and I signed up to receive as much on-the-job training as I could," she continued.

"I was most excited to tell the impact the League has had on me as a volunteer and the great training opportunities I have been afforded," Wilkins said.

Wilkins, a native of Goldsboro, is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and works at MassMutual. She is married with two children.

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A League of their own:

JLR MEMBERS ON COMMUNITY BOARDS

By Mariah Matheson, Staff Writer

Finding the time and energy to serve on the board of directors of a community agency in addition to a Junior League of Raleigh placement can be challenging. It takes a special kind of person to do both.

To date, more than two dozen League members serve on community boards while also managing a League position. You can find these League members volunteering and leading on boards of agencies such as March of Dimes, StepUP Ministry, Project Enlightenment, Summit House and Girls on the Run. And that is just a start.

In addition to slating the League's Board and elected positions, the JLR Nominating team helps place League members on local nonprofit boards. According to Christy Knight, Nominating team member and board member of the Center for Volunteer Caregiving, people are often unaware of the League members' external service in the community.

"Everyone knows about A Shopping SPREE! and 'You're Invited Back,' but not everyone knows what the League does for external community organizations," Knight said. "There are a lot of women doing other things besides what goes on in the JLR."

It is the League's long-standing commitment to volunteerism and leadership training that makes community agencies seek out our



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Christy Knight, a member of the Nominating team, said that it is important that the agency and the member are a good fit.

members. And, just as community agencies look to the League to better their leadership, JLR members can request to serve on a nonprofit board themselves. The Nominating team tries to match the right JLR member with the right board, based on skill set, profession and interest.

Jennifer Hoverstad, Government Relations and Public Affairs Captain and former North Raleigh Arts and Creative Theater board member, wanted to serve both children and the arts community. An attorney by trade, Hoverstad had a history of participating in theater, band and choir during high school. Prior to joining the theater's board of directors, Hoverstad had only served on in-League placements. Upon joining the board, Hoverstad said she was able to "take [her] training from the JLR and utilize it. Those same skills caused others to look to [her] for guidance."

Kim Keith, a board member for Haven House, heard about board openings through the JLR's *eLink*. Keith works at the Kerr Family YMCA by day and is the mother of three boys. Keith said she wanted to serve on a board whose mission she was passionate about. Haven House works with troubled youth involved in gangs and crime and was, for her, the right fit.

Transfer Captain Martha Gehring joined the Helping Horse board of directors because she had an interest in the organization and



Julie Moore

Nominating team member Gail Reid-Vestal demonstrates how community agencies can request a JLR member for their board of directors.



Julie Moore

On October 18, the Nominating and Training teams held an interactive and informative session detailing what it means to serve on a community board of directors.

what they do. Helping Horse is a therapeutic riding program for children with severe disabilities such as autism and cerebral palsy and enables the children to ride horses in a structured setting. It's also a JLR community placement. The League sends Helping Horse volunteers on Monday nights to feed and groom the horses and help participants with their mobility.

Gehring knew that serving on a board would require more commitment, but she wanted more exposure to the community agencies that the JLR served. Gehring said she wanted "to get into the nuts and bolts" of those agencies to learn more about how they function, and she believed joining a board was the best way to do that.

Cookbook Captain Theresa Dew, an advisory board member for Camp Kanata, believes that spreading the message of her respective community agency is a board member's most important role. Whether it is an advisory board or a board of directors, the board members are the people who spread the message about the organization. Dew said it is the effective spread of the message that "creates additional ears to listen and help the organization grow."

League members' motivations to serve on community boards come from a variety of sources. Dew wants to be the best role model for her two children. Though with family, League, her full-time job as an attorney and community board service, she admitted that there "aren't enough hours in the day." Still, Dew's most enjoyable moment is seeing all of the campers at Camp Kanata at the end of summer.

"It's loud and obnoxious and so much fun," Dew said. "Every single year I get to hang out with these kids and see why I'm involved with this board. I'm also providing opportunities for low-wealth families."

Gehring said board service is fun. "I enjoy watching children interact with each other and the horses and hearing from parents how their child progressed, developed and overcame certain aspects of their disability," she said.

Hoverstad thinks that every JLR member should serve on a community agency board at least once. If it doesn't work out with that particular board, then "you still have the experience to capitalize on. The most likely scenario is that you will always learn something about yourself," she said.

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further the League's mission to impact the community through action and leadership of trained volunteers. Serving as a leader on a community board is the most powerful way to assist the community.

If you are interested in serving on a community agency board or have questions about the board placement process, contact the Nominating team at communityboard@jlraleigh.org.

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Sponsored ladies spell out "N.C." on the ballroom floor at Gov. Terry Sanford's Inaugural Ball in 1961.

HISTORY OF THE INAUGURAL BALL

By Mariah Matheson, Staff Writer

The North Carolina Governor's Inaugural Ball is a tradition as steeped in our state's heritage as sweet potato pie and mountain pottery.

It is a tradition unique to our League: The JLR is the only League in the nation to host such an event. It is a tradition vital to our legacy. Proceeds from more than 20 Balls over 80 years have allowed the JLR to give hundreds of thousands of dollars to community needs. And it is a tradition that shows off our League: more than 400 volunteers and 20,000 man hours produced this year's event.

"The Junior League of Raleigh is incredibly proud of its 80-year history in sponsoring the Inaugural Ball," said Jennie Hayman, JLR Past President and 2001 Inaugural Ball Co-captain. "It is impossible to measure all of the good that has been done in our community and throughout North Carolina because of the charitable dollars we have raised. This is a legacy of charitable giving that is unmatched anywhere in our country."

In its 80 years, the Ball has transformed with the times. And there are many eyebrow-raising details of the Ball's history. The first Ball hosted by the League—in 1933 for Gov. John C. B. Ehringhaus—was a modest affair funded by a \$600 legislative appropriation.

From 1965 until 1985, Inaugural Ball guests danced the night

away in—of all places—Reynolds Coliseum, the longtime home for Wolfpack basketball, nestled deep in the heart of N.C. State University's campus. It was a bold move made by Gov. Dan Moore, taking the Ball from its original home at Memorial Auditorium to Reynolds Coliseum.

However, after the smashing success of the 1985 Ball for Gov. Jim Martin, with more than 8,000 guests pounding the wooden floors of Reynolds, the NCSU basketball coach, Jim Valvano, declared there would never be another Ball on the gym floor.

Valvano, according to former Inaugural Ball Co-captain Virginia Parker, called "and very politely, but sternly told [the JLR] that we would never have another Inaugural Ball on his gym floor again." From there, the Ball moved to the now-raised Raleigh Civic Center.

Ball traditions have morphed through the decades. One tradition, once popular but now obsolete, was for legislators and members of the Council of State to sponsor high school and college women. The sponsored wore white ball gowns, carried bouquets of red roses and formed a figure of "N.C." on the ballroom floor.

A tradition very much still alive is the customary waltz between the governor and his or her spouse. Prior to 1970, the governor and spouse were escorted separately into the Ball. As North Carolina governors were exclusively male until 2009, the governor

was escorted by the two Co-captains of the Inaugural Ball Committee. Directly behind him, the first lady was escorted by two gentlemen from the American Legion.

From 1945 until 1973, JLR co-sponsored the event with the American Legion, the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization. Margie Johnson, former Inaugural Ball Captain and JLR Past President, said that the JLR co-sponsored the Ball with the American Legion out of necessity. In 1945, most of the men were off at war, so there were not enough men to escort the ladies to the 1945 Ball.

In 1973, the Ball almost didn't happen.

That year, the governor's race between Hargrove "Skipper" Bowles Jr. and James Eubert Holshouser Jr. was unusually close. Following longstanding protocol, then League President Johnson called both candidates and asked if the League could host the Inaugural Ball. Holshouser accepted JLR's invitation, but Bowles declined. Bowles wanted the Young Democrats to host and use the event as a fundraiser. As North Carolina had not had a Republican governor since 1896, most considered Bowles a shoe-in. So JLR leaders assumed that they would not have a Ball for the first time in 40 years.

Election counts continued well into night and the race remained tightly undecided until 6 a.m. the morning after Election Day. When Holshouser won, Johnson, who was traveling at the time, found a payphone in the airport, called the Inaugural Ball committee and "told the girls, you have a Ball to put on."

With only two months to spare, the 1973 Inaugural Ball committee managed to prepare mailings and advertisements, as well as secure caterers and vendors.

Four years later came one of the most unforgettable Inaugural Ball highlights: In 1977, everyone's favorite TV sheriff, Andy Griffith served as master of ceremonies for Gov. James B. Hunt's first Inaugural Ball. Griffith's legendary popularity made the Ball's attendance to that of a medium-sized town. A whopping 11,000 people showed up.

And this year's Ball will have its own stories to live in time. For League President Pat Wilkins, the Ball's history, and its progression over the decades, is something to marvel about.

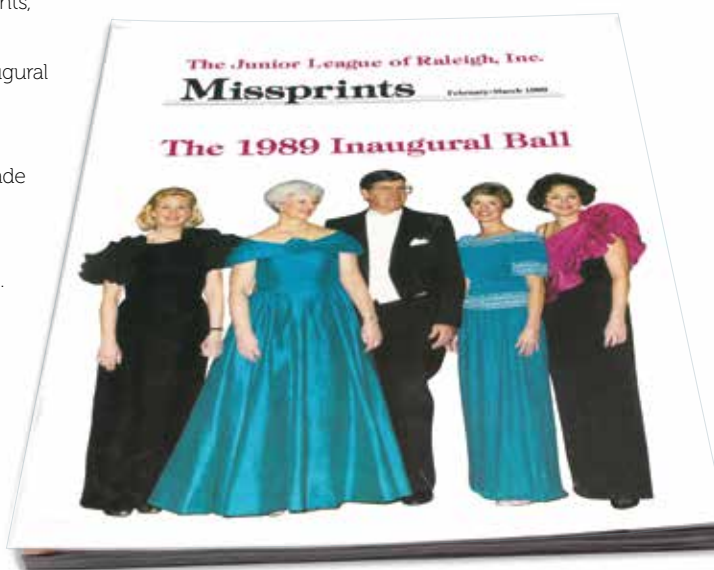
"From our first Inaugural Ball in 1933, where 87 members of the Junior League of Raleigh raised \$2,900 for a well-baby clinic in southeast Raleigh to, flash forward 80 years, 20 Inaugural Balls, a dozen different governors the Junior League of Raleigh is 1,800 members strong, ranked ninth internationally and has given more than \$5 million and 1 million volunteers hours to ensure our community is a better place to live," Wilkins said. "Now that is a legacy we can all be proud of."



Courtesy of The State Archives of North Carolina
Gov. Jim Hunt and his wife Carolyn at his Inaugural Ball in 1977.



Courtesy of the Forsyth County Public Library Photograph Collection
Guests enjoy the 1961 Inaugural Ball for Gov. Terry Sanford.



JLR Archives

From Left: 2013 Inaugural Ball Honorary Co-captain and 1988-89 JLR President Mary Brent Wright, First Lady Dorothy Ann "Dottie" Martin, Gov. Jim Martin and 1989 Inaugural Ball Co-captains Adria Stone and Clare Maddison on the cover of "Missprints," the predecessor to *the Link*.

Serve up Some springtime Splendor...

By Jessica Kozma Proctor, Co-editor

As springtime chisels away the frigid winter, we excitedly await the budding leaves, warm noondays and vibrant colors of the season. Right now, there's still plenty of chill in the morning air, even as the tulips, daffodils and hyacinths show off their smug springtime beauty. In this advent of spring we turn our cooking attention to warm dishes that can tempt both kid, sweetie and finicky relative alike, like a nostalgic Sour Cream Coffee Cake from the League's "You're Invited Back" cookbook. And to rethink a Sunday supper staple: the ever-elegant asparagus! Enjoy adding some zip to your table with Asparagus in Lime Sauce.

Sour Cream Coffee Cake

- 2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- ½ cup (1 stick) butter, softened
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup sour cream
- ½ cup packed brown sugar
- ¼ cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Mix the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt in a bowl. Combine 1 cup granulated sugar with the butter, eggs and vanilla in a mixing bowl and beat until light and smooth. Add the dry ingredients alternately with the sour cream, mixing well after each addition.

Combine the brown sugar with ¼ cup granulated sugar and the cinnamon in a small bowl. Layer the coffee cake batter and brown sugar mixture one-half at a time in a greased 9x13 baking or Bundt pan.

Bake for 30 to 45 minutes or until a cake tester comes out clean.
Serves 8.

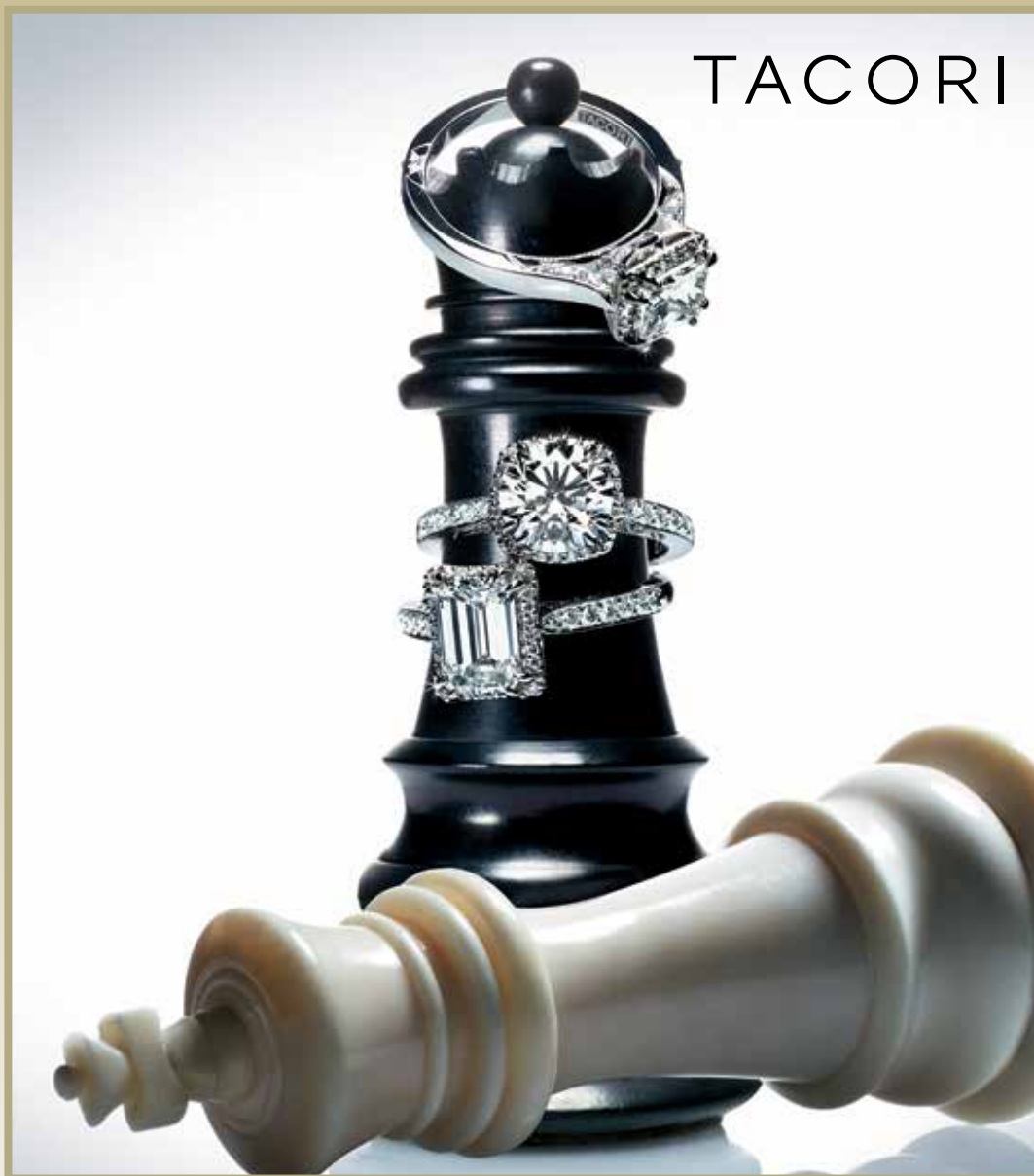
Asparagus in Lime Sauce

- 3 pounds fresh asparagus
- 2 cups mayonnaise
- 2 cups sour cream
- 1/3 cup fresh lime juice
- 1 ½ tablespoons grated lime zest
- 2 teaspoons horseradish
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Additional grated lime zest, for garnish

Trim the asparagus to serve as a finger food. Steam for 3 to 5 minutes or just until tender; drain and place in cold water to stop the cooking process. Wrap in paper towel and chill in the refrigerator until serving time.

Combine mayonnaise, sour cream, lime juice, 1 ½ tablespoon lime zest, horseradish, Dijon mustard and salt in a bowl; mix well. Chill in the refrigerator for 8 hours or longer.

Serve the chilled asparagus with the lime sauce. Garnish with additional lime zest.
Serves 20.



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