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Betty Bradstreet Assistance Committee Gearing up for a Great Year

By Nancy Kirby

Assistance League® of Tulsa received funds from the Emma R. Showman Trust to endow the Betty Bradstreet Assistance Fund in 2002. The trust was established to honor Emma Showman's



Betty Bradstreet Assistance Committee pictured: Front row—Martha Nichols, Janet Main, Wendy Reeder, Nancy Kirby, Barb Nelson, Lynn Fuente, Back row—Judy Thomas, Mary Sue Whitney, Pat Holder, Katie Bartley, Liz McDoulett, Pam Penix, Diane Moore, Ora Harrison, Not pictured, Ginny Barrow

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friend, Betty Bradstreet. Mrs. Bradstreet was a charter member of Assistance League of Tulsa, serving as President in 1973-1974.

In the fall of 2011 the Betty Bradstreet Assistance Fund expects to award grants in the amount of \$35,000 to Tulsa area schools in support of fine arts projects, which includes music, vocal and instrumental, dance, drama, and visual arts.

On August 30 and September 1, 2011, Pat Holder and I met with approximately 100 Tulsa Public School teachers.

Grant Proposal Summary forms were distributed. A letter as well as the Grant Proposal Summary form has also been mailed to all area Superintendents. The deadline for applying is **October 31**; applications will be reviewed and grants awarded by **November 30** of this year. Request for Payment and the Grant Evaluation Forms are due by **April 30, 2012**.

Committee Members include: Ginnie Barrow, Katie Bartley, Lynn Fuente, Ora Harrison, Pat Holder, Nancy Kirby, Liz McDoulett, Diane Moore, Barb Nelson, Pam Penix, Wendy Reeder and Judy

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Thomas. Committee members by virtue of their Board positions include: Mary Sue Whitney, Vice President of Philanthropic Programs, Martha Nichols, President and Janet Main, President-elect.

Each Committee Member will be responsible for certain schools and will serve as their single point of contact for questions and coordination of a site visit. Please e-mail me if you have any teacher friends that you would like to receive an application and I will be happy to send them the Grant Proposal Summary Form.

From [December, 2011](#) through [May, 2012](#) the fun truly begins for the Betty Bradstreet Assistance Fund. Last year we visited 13 of the 18 schools that received grants. Our committee will conduct on site visits to as many schools as possible to see the grant money in action in the classrooms in the Tulsa area.



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Our "Giving" Group of Ladies

By Martha Nichols, President

Where do I begin! The ALOT building is such a busy place. I see all of you working each day in so many different ways. My heart goes out to each of you as you are so caring and giving. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

I am reminded of a quote I read from Winston Churchill:

You build a life by what you get!

You get a life by what you give!

You are truly a "giving" group of ladies.

This past week eleven members attended the National Assistance League Conference in San Francisco, California September 19-22, 2011. Those attending were Ginny Barrow, Marilyn Brill, Marcy Landis, Kathleen Moss, Glenda Murphy, Martha Nichols, Pam Penix,



ALOT members pictured at National Conference: from left—Marcy Landis, Ginny Barrow, Mary Sue Whitney, Wendy Reeder, Molly Pontious, Martha Nichols, Kathleen Moss, Marilyn Brill, Glenda Murphy and Judy Thomas

Molly Pontious, Wendy Reeder, Judy Thomas and Mary Sue Whitney. Each of us want to thank the membership for paying the registration fee. I was pleasantly surprised at the conference by a donation to the Circle Fund in my Honor given by those attending the conference and your ALOT Board members. I received a lovely pin and plaque which I will bring to the October

meeting. We will be sharing with you about the conference at that chapter meeting.

I know as you read each report in this newsletter you are as proud of being a part of Assistance League of Tulsa as I am.

See you at the Chapter Meeting on October 10th!

Education at National Conference

By Judy Thomas

Eleven Assistance League of Tulsa members participated in the National Conference in San Francisco, California September 19 – 22, 2011. Our chapter paid the registration fee for each. All general and break-out sessions were covered and reports of what was learned will be submitted to Martha Nichols.

We left the conference having gained new ideas. We shared our terrific programs. Tulsa has much to be proud of with our innovative approaches and collaborations. Our "Sock Market Campaign" and our involvement with McDonald's was impressive to others attending the conference.

Martha Nichols was recognized with the Circle of Honor Award given by members of our Board and those attending the conference. Martha was surprised to receive a Circle of Honor pin. She was seated at the Monday special luncheon with other honorees and was given a letter from our President Claudia Langner for this special Circle Award during the 20th anniversary of Circle.

Congratulations Martha on your Circle of Honor Award!

BIRTHDAYS



October

- 2 Marion Gotwals
- 3 Joyce Hasty
- 5 Jean Edwards
- 5 Janet Davis
- 6 Nancy Kirby
- 7 Sandi Hodges
- 11 Suzanne Kneale
- 11 Tommie Johnson
- 11 Molly Parker
- 14 Pamela Penix
- 18 Sherry Elder
- 18 Evelyn Horn
- 19 Liz McDoulett
- 23 Ovanda Ladner
- 23 Ann Pierce
- 23 Linda Vorba
- 24 Flossie Carey
- 24 Pat Connery
- 25 Patricia Holder
- 29 Ginny Greek
- 29 Rosalyn May

Happy

Birthday!



Sock Market Is Rolling!

By Kathy Harper and Nancy Sacra



Operation School Bell®
Sock Market
 A Sound Investment

About 900 Sock Market letters were mailed out on August 10. As of September 16, our 2011-2012 Sock Market had brought in \$43,379. That is about \$12,000 more than at this time last year.

Impressively, we also have 88 members, about 38%, who have already donated to Sock Market. We think an attainable goal for "OUR" Assis-

tance League would be 70%-75%. To have our membership participate in such an important and lucrative fundraiser is a great way to show National how we as a group support our programs. It is also an impressive and influencing statistic to include on our grant requests. ANY donation from a member, even a \$5.00 one, counts as a donation and will add to our overall percentage of participation. As we have asked before, please open your heart and your hand-

book for the Sock Market.

A really big "Thank You" to those who helped write personal notes on the Sock Market letters. A really big "Thank You" also to those who have already sent in your check. Another really, really big "Thank You" to Donna Spielman, Karen Kelly, and Ginny Thomas who worked so hard inputting information on the computer and setting up the letters to print our "Thank You" letters.



Sock Market Angel

by Nancy Sacra

An angel visited Bargains on Tuesday morning, September 13. A male customer whom I have seen before came into Bargains and purchased a windbreaker. I told him the

total of \$8.68. When he handed me a \$100 bill, I made the statement that I hoped I had enough change. He immediately said, "Keep the change". When I recovered and could speak, I asked him if

that could go for a red sock and thus Sock Market. He graciously agreed. I knew angels existed. I saw one on that Tuesday morning. And his name was Don Kerr.

**October Meeting/Luncheon will be
 Monday, October 10th – 11:30 a.m.**

Luncheon menu is ham & asparagus or chicken & mushroom crepes.
 Centennial Park Building, 1028 East Sixth Street, Tulsa

**October Board Meeting will be
 Monday, September 24th – 10:00 a.m.**

Sock Night at McDonald's

by Kathy Harper and Nancy Sacra

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Through the generosity of Mr. Bob Wagner, Assistance League had a "Sock Night at McDonald's" on Tuesday night, September 27 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. During that time, the Sock Market received 25% of all net sales.

The fundraiser started with Mr. Wagner's six McDonald's locations but quickly grew to include 18 McDonald's locations. McDonald's generously created and printed a flyer to be distributed to the schools we serve that are in the neighborhood of the participating McDonald's. 18,500 flyers were counted into groups of 20 or 25 based on the school district's request, bagged, and distributed to 39 different schools in the Tulsa area.

Shelley Stokely Sacra, Nancy Sacra's daughter-in-law, generously provided a billboard advertisement for Sock Night at the Stokely digital billboard located at 68th and Highway 169 near the Renaissance Hotel.

"Tip boxes" were prepared that were placed at the cash registers into which generous customers dropped their change from their order. Small red socks, about 1500, (and yes, they had to be hand cut), were prepared to sell for \$1.00 each. Patrons signed their name, and they were placed on McDonald's window.

Many of our favorite "guys" joined in by helping to count out flyers, distribute them to some of the schools, and man some of the McDonald's. Steve

O'Sullivan, Nancy Sacra's friend, even donated a scale to Assistance League to make it easier and faster to weigh rather than to count out the brochures that were placed in the kits.

As of Wednesday, September 28, the proceeds from tips and socks from 13 of our 18 locations totaled \$794.48. In addition, we collected \$269.65 from socks and donations in Bargains.

Mr. Wagner intends to make this a yearly fundraiser for Sock Market.

Many thanks to Kathleen Moss who organized this fundraiser with McDonald's. Thanks to Marilyn Nance who distributed 11 of the bundles. And thanks to the many who cut out socks, help count flyers, and manned each of the McDonald's locations.



Bargains

by Donna Glocker and Ginny Barrow

Keeping in Touch

by Liz McDoulett

Please help us stay in touch by notifying Liz McDoulett if someone is ill or there is a death in the family. 918-299-1543 or lizmcdoulett@me.com

Memorials:

In memory of Diane Powell
In memory of Gail Hunt

Flowers sent:

Funeral of former member, Mary Lee Wilson

Bargains is finally back to normal. We have used this month to reduce the merchandise on the racks so that we could put out our fall and winter clothing. Our Green, Yellow, and Red tag items for Ladies and Children's clothing has been on sale for the entire month and has accomplished our goal of making room for new merchandise. A work day was scheduled for Sept. 26 to remove the remaining summer items and reorganize the racks to display our winter items. Ginny says she has lots of new ideas after attending the National Convention so look forward to her report at our meeting on Oct. 3rd.

Our book shelves are still pretty bare after removing all the books in order to clean and treat the carpet behind and

under the shelves. If you have books that you would like to donate to the restocking process, we would appreciate it.

We have some items that have been turned in and are looking for their owners. If you know anyone looking for a Volvo key, have them check with Donna or Gin. As sometimes happens, we leave personal items in the apron pockets, and someone has left us a very nice tip. If you can identify the item and the amount, we would be happy to return it. Otherwise, it will be donated to the Sock Market.

We can never thank all of our workers enough for your efforts and the many hours you donate to Bargains. You are truly a fantastic group of ladies.

by Marilyn Brill

Mini Programs

Fifteen Pack N' Plays were purchased and delivered to Emergency Infant Services this month. The following quote is from EIS: "Thank you so much for your very generous donation of 15 new Pack N' Plays. We have been experiencing such a desperate

need for them; we are finding it difficult to keep them in stock. Your donation will make a real difference in our ability to assist children in our community and we are very grateful for your support."

Lakeside Residential Center's "Wish List" items have been purchased and delivered. Some of the boys are learning to

play golf and they appreciate the clothing that was purchased for that activity. At the October luncheon, we will have an opportunity to sign up to shop for the Lakeside students for holiday gifts. Please come prepared to sign up to participate in this special event to help these youth have a Happy Holiday.

Senior Programs

by Patty Evatt

Senior Programs met on August 29th. We discussed many options for MHAT and Life Senior Services.

For MHAT it was decided to purchase a new washing machine for Walker House to replace their broken one. We also purchased \$240.00 of bus tokens (200 tokens). They will use these at several of their locations to help their managers with clients that need transportation. We are also going to buy monthly supplies for their Denver House lo-

cation. The Item of the Month goes to other locations, so they are in need of help with such items as coffee, toilet paper, etc. It was also decided to put together 30 Welcome Baskets for new clients that move into MHAT apartments and also some care package items for Denver House to help with hygiene products (toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, etc.). The Christmas party at North Yale will be given again along with furnishing the clothing for the Fashion Show.

Senior Programs will give a Halloween Party for Life Senior Services at their Broken Arrow location on Oct. 28th. Roger Hale will again play the banjo. We will also be putting together 40 more bas-

kets for them along with decoration and stuffing 50 Christmas stockings.

We continue to supply MHAT locations with clothes, books and Item of the Month on a weekly or monthly basis. Lynn Fuente has agreed to serve as Committee Assistant Chair.

October Item of the month for the Mental Health Association is Napkins
Bring Items to the meetings or the container at the ALOT building.

Have you checked out Treasures lately?



This beautiful wall hanging was donated to Bargains. Our research has determined it's value at \$300. Bargains is asking \$200. If you know anyone who might be interested in this, contact the volunteers who work with Select Treasures or Dorry Effron. fseffron@cox.net.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped plan, cut socks, call for staffing, when to McDonalds, picked up supplies and return them for our Sock Night!



A LOT Public Relations Committee meeting with the McDonalds representative to prepare for Sock Night at McDonalds.

We're friends and neighbors committed to making a difference.



We develop and fund programs that support the needs of children and families in our community. We clothe school children through Operation School Bell®, provide grants to fund fine arts programs and supply necessities and ongoing community outreach for infants, youth and seniors. We offer affordable clothing and housewares at our Bargains Resale Shop. We are the members of Assistance League of Tulsa who put caring and commitment into action.

To find out more about our programs and membership opportunities, call: (918) 832-8832 on the web ALTulsa.org



Check out our Ad in the July Tulsa People Magazine. Do you recognize anyone?



Hey friend, it is important for EVERY member to turn in all service hours monthly to The Recorder of Service Hours Chairman.

Mickie Davidson
domuff@sbcglobal.net

A recent email to Operation School Bell reads: "Our family wanted to say thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Today both of our sons were blessed with new clothes from Operation School Bell. This was a tremendous help to our family. We have shopped in the thrift store many times and I always wondered where the money went. Now we know and are very grateful for this program." Sincerely, The Dobbs Family

Operation School Bell ran smoothly in September.

Adjustments had to be made to the school schedule, but the calendar was fully staffed. Volunteers have gone above and beyond to meet the needs of individual children and the kids are delighted with their selections. Despite the unexpected addition of sixth graders and high numbers of husky/plus and special needs students, we have been able to successfully dress every child who has attended. Delays and shipping errors caused concerns with some clothing orders, but the OSB buyers provided creative interim solutions. To date (9/26/11), on-site

Operations School Bell has served 726 children from 27 schools. Well done everyone!

26,216 uniform shirts (two per child) have been delivered to 13,108 students at 25 TPS elementary schools. In addition, uniform shirts (one per child) have been purchased for 3,238 students attending six area middle schools. Requests for uniform support have been made by a number of additional schools. As the budget allows, we will do what we can to meet this great need.

Adoption of the uniform policy

by TPS elementary and middle schools requires Operationa School Bell to reexamine our criteria for future services. Study groups and surveys will help us determine recommendations for next year and beyond. The information gathered will be discussed with the OSB committee, Assistance League Board and membership. Any new procedures must be in place by January so that OSB buyers have guidelines when they go to market in February.

Thanks to all for your continuing OSB efforts!

New Friends —Ginny Hopkins

by Sara Duncan

Ginny Hopkins was born and raised in Tulsa, but spent some time as a resident of Memphis, TN, and Oklahoma City before moving back to Tulsa 22 years ago. Her background as a retired social worker, makes her interests and experiences a fit for Assistance League's philanthropic outreach. Ginny attended University of Tulsa and Oklahoma State and is a TU graduate. She later earned a master's degree in social work from

University of Tennessee. One of her jobs involved working with abused kids through the Tulsa Welfare Department. When she lived in Memphis TN, she worked at a private Catholic home for neglected children. She also worked with abused and neglected children through a Memphis hospital. When she returned to Tulsa she worked part-time at St. Francis and St. Francis Hospice. Ginny and her husband, Stuart, have two sons, both living in Oregon. Chris lives in Portland. He is the father of grandchildren Gabe, 10, and

Autumn, 7. Second son, Bradley, is a student at Lane Community College in Eugene. Stuart and Ginny love to travel, particularly to the west to see family in New Mexico, Colorado, Washington, and, of course, Oregon. Ginny is a former volunteer with Tulsa Humane Society, Street Cats and Senior Services. She is a veteran scout worker since both sons are Eagle Scouts. Pat Otto is responsible for bringing her to ALOT. They met at the gym and the rest is history. Thanks, Pat, welcome, Ginny.



New Member—Ginny Hopkins

ALOT Office Committee by Karen Kelly

The A LOT Office committee's goal is to provide office administration for the A LOT office Monday through Friday, 10:00—2:00. Look for Molly or Susanne on Mondays, Ginny on

Tuesdays, KK on Wednesdays, Sally or Wanda on Thursdays, and Pam or Ora on Fridays. We will happily help you with computer needs, printing, finding supplies, answering phones, etc. Please let us help. We look forward to being there for you.



Office committee—from left: Wanda Franks, Molly Pontious, Susanne Hinkle, Karen Kelly, Ginny Thomas, Sally Pearcy, and Pam Penix. Not pictured: Ora Harrison

New Friends—Janelle Knight

by Marinee Ricks

Janelle Knight was born in Cushing, Oklahoma and grew up in Tulsa where she graduated from Central High School. After school, she worked at the National Bank of Tulsa which is now the Bank of Oklahoma for twelve years. Janelle married Bill Knight who was a food broker with McVay-Henley Company and they moved to Oklahoma City for 33 years where Janelle was an administrative assis-

tant for Coppermark Bank. Bill and Janelle have two children. Their son, Jason, who lives in Oklahoma City and has 3 sons, Kaleb 12, Korey 10, and Justin 3 and daughter, Kelly, who is married to Greg Erickson and they also have 3 sons, Chase 21, Austin 19, and Brett 13 who live in Owasso. After retiring, Bill and Janelle traveled and enjoyed spending time with their friends and family.

Bill passed away last February. Janelle stays busy with church activities and enjoys reading but through her daughter's mother-in-law, Pat Erickson, she was encouraged to investigate Assistance League of Tulsa. It was a good fit for Janelle because she enjoys people and doing things for others, especially children. Welcome Janelle and thanks to Pat Erickson, her mentor!



New member—Janelle Knight



Pictures, Momentos, Etc.

I need your help. I would love to have any pictures anyone might take at any ALOT activity. Also, any thank you notes, invitations, or other memorabilia that would be appropriate to include in the 2011-2012 Scrapbook. If you would like to keep the original, I will make a copy and return the orig. to you. My email is rat74126@cox.net and my phone # is 918-494-0237. There is also a "Historian Cubby" in the mail boxes on the West wall of the building where you can leave material for me. I sincerely appreciate your contributions.

*Thank You,
Deloris Taylor,
Historian*

New Friends—Lora Marshal

by Sara Duncan

Lora Marshal was born in Ardmore, but during her growing up days she did a lot of traveling as her oil man father moved the family to follow the job. Hers was the life of an "oil brat," she says. Her school days were spent in Ardmore, Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Shreveport, Louisiana, Midland, Texas, Stillwater, Oklahoma. She received her Bachelor of Education degree from Tulsa University. Lora's mother was a teacher and this is the

occupation chosen by other family members, including Lora. Her twin brother, Larry Heckman, had a career in the Navy that took him around the world, and this included teaching at Great Lakes Training Center. Her daughter, Anna, an OU graduate with advanced degrees from North Carolina U., teaches at University of Cincinnati. Lora taught science in secondary schools including Madison Middle School, Central, McLain and Hale High Schools in Tulsa.

She retired four years ago. She still keeps up with education, however, and has served as an officer with Tulsa Retired Educators Association. Lora's first marriage to her OSU sweetheart ended tragically when he was killed in Vietnam. She has been married to her present husband, Peter, for 24 years. He is a specialist in aircraft safety testing with American Airlines. Lora is a member and volunteer with League of Women Voters. She is currently studying to become a



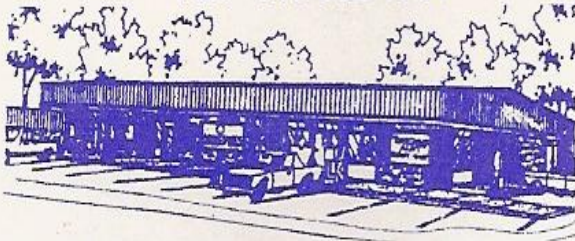
New Member—Lora Marshal

Master Gardener. Her hobbies are reading and gardening. Two German Shepherds, both rescue dogs, and several cats are part of the family. Judy Thomas brought this busy lady to ALOT. Thanks, Judy, welcome Lora.

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To empower the most impoverished in our community.

Mission:

Assistance League of Tulsa is dedicated to clothing needy students and meeting essential needs of the most vulnerable in our community.

Core Values:

Commitment-showing compassion for all

Accountability-being fiscally responsible to our donors and our community

Leadership-demonstrating professionalism that is visionary and ethical

Respect-appreciating and considering others

Self esteem-enhancing success in the people we serve



**Join Our Monthly Bridge
Games**

October Game will be

on the

17 th

at 12:30

4803 South Lewis Ave.