

## President

The theme for the 2007-2008 League year was "giving good", as League members focused on SERVICE to our community. Members were required to participate in two of four group service projects, which included staffing the silent auction at the Rome 'n Ride, a fundraiser for the Open Door Home; hosting a children's art activity at the Chiaha Art Festival, serving at the Angel Express Three Kings Party, a holiday event for the Hispanic community; and working on a Habitat for Humanity build. Our renewed focus on service was well received and members enjoyed working together as a group several times throughout the year. Most members worked at least three service projects and some even worked all four! During the course of the year, League members volunteered over 5000 hours to group service projects, external placement projects, and other community service.

Once again, we had a hugely successful Poinsettia Sale, chaired by Jill Fisher. Proceeds from the annual sale support a variety of educational endeavors in the community. This year the League donated 1500 school supply kits to Rome and Floyd county students, presented \$5000 to the Chieftains Museum, and made donations of \$1000 to the Showcase for the Arts, the summer reading program at the Sara Hightower Library, and to GED scholarships for the Adult Literacy program sponsored by Coosa Valley Technical College.

After careful review of funds in the Special Projects account, we determined that we were in a position to donate funds to other projects in our community. We made \$5000 donations to Habitat for Humanity's Building on the Dream project and to the Treehouse for Rome project at Ridge Ferry Park. The League also made a \$25,000 pledge to fund the computer lab at the new South Rome Boys & Girls Club facility. \$15,000 will come from funds on hand and the remaining \$10,000 will come from the 2008 Poinsettia Sale.

Our annual May Dinner was held at Coosa Country Club once again. We celebrated the accomplishments of the past year and recognized two members for their dedicated service to our community and to our League. Nancy Smith Hunter was presented with the 2008 Sustainer of the Year Award and Hollye Smith was presented with the Dawn Baker Heart and Hand Award. We also enjoyed reviewing the year's activities with a slide show put together by Kay Walraven Attaway.

The League had a very successful year due to the dedication of our membership. Board members did a wonderful job fulfilling their responsibilities and the general membership went above and beyond what was "required" to contribute to this success. It was a privilege to serve as President and I look forward to another successful year as we take on Follies 2009!

Respectfully submitted,  
Margaret Beacham

Treasurer (Special Projects)

This year has been a tremendous year for Junior Service League of Rome. As a service year, we have been out in our community giving our service hours to several needy organizations but we have also opened our checkbook to give money to those in need as well. Below is an outline of all that we have accomplished in the 2007-2008 year.

- Nursing Scholarship CD renewed for \$20,000 in May. The renewal rate is 3.25
- Moved \$16,000 of Poinsettia Sale proceeds to School Supply Endowment Fund.
- One time donations: Habitat for Humanity, \$5,000; Adult Literacy Program for GED Scholarships, \$1,000; Showcase for the Arts, \$1,000; Sara Hightower Library Summer Reading Program, \$1,000; A Treehouse for Rome, \$5,000; Chieftains Camp Scholarship, \$550; and Backpacks for School Supplies, \$1,000.

- Made our annual contribution to the Chieftains Museum for \$5000 of Poinsettia Sale funds
- Contributed \$790 to Floyd County Schools' Children in Need Fund with funds from the Elizabeth Gill Memorial
- Voted to sponsor the Boys & Girls Club Technology Lab at their new facility on South Broad St, \$15,000 will be from existing funds and the balance will be from funds raised from the 2008 Poinsettia Sale
- Voted to donate Follies proceeds to Harbor House, Hospitality House, and Sexual Assault Center
- The 2008-2009 Special Projects Budget was approved by the board and the General Membership at the April meetings.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Sue Smith

### **Assistant Treasurer (Admin Account)**

For the 2007-2008 League Year we had 65 Active members, 135 Sustaining members, 7 Non-resident members, and 25 provisional members. A copy of paid members is attached to this report. We collected \$14,500.00 in dues. We also earned \$1,000 in interest to fund the annual nursing scholarship. A \$1,000 check was sent to Georgia Highlands in January 2008 to fund this scholarship.

This year I reworked the duties and responsibilities of the assistant treasurer and attached a copy to this report.

This year I also had several conversations with First Baptist Church in regards to our continued use of the dining room for monthly JSL meetings. Tamara Tillman, Minister of Education and Administration, informed Jennifer Bagby that the church would be writing a new policy for the use of the facilities. JSL currently donates \$50 a meeting (\$350 a year) to the operating budget of First Baptist for the use of the dining room. Ms. Tillman said the fee for use will increase. She suggested we budget for \$75 per meeting for the coming fiscal year. Ms. Tillman also raised concerns about babysitting. Babysitting will not be available at the church for the coming league year. Finally, First Baptist Church recently installed a new alarm system. It is unclear at this time how that will affect our meeting space. Jennifer Bagby will continue to discuss matters with Ms. Tillman.

Fast Printing is the company that prints our newsletter. It is the administrative treasurer's job to pay their bill each month. Several times this year we have not received a bill. I spoke with Sheree at Fast Printing and instructed her to mail a copy of the bill to the P.O. Box each month. Sheree said that she had been giving the bills to the League member that picked up the order instead of mailing it to the P.O. Box. I also asked Sheree if we could pay for the whole League year in September (9 newsletters worth of printing), but she said no.

In February I added \$250.00 to the bulk mail account at the main post office. This account pays for the postage for the newsletters. You will receive a statement each month with the remaining balance indicated. You will probably need to add more money in the fall.

I also had several conversations with Brown and Brown Insurance this year. JSL was charged for the Follies Ryder, even though it is not a Follies Year. The Ryder and charge were removed. However, the insurance was canceled for a few days while our agent worked out the problem. The insurance was reinstated retroactively. I will be the special projects treasurer next year and I will contact Brown and Brown in the fall about the Ryder for Follies 2009.

For the most part, the JSL has worked within its budgetary constraints this year. Hospitality exceeded their budget for meeting food, so an increase was made to the 2008-09 budget. I

anticipate that we will be able to move about \$3,000 to the special projects account at the end of the fiscal year.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Stephanie Lewis

### **Recording Secretary**

During the 2007-2008 League Year, there were 9 Board of Managers meetings, including the August Board Retreat and May Joint Board meeting. There were 7 General Membership meetings. Minutes and attendance were recorded at all meetings, and filed in the master Recording Secretary Notebook. December and May were social meetings for the membership. Attendance issues were addressed by Mary Margaret Mauer, Advisory Planning Chairperson.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Noel Wilkinson

### **Admissions/Provisional**

Preparations for the 2007-2008 provisional class began in January 2007. From January to March, the active membership submitted forty-six names of women who were eligible for membership. The 2007-2008 provisional year began in April 2007 with an introduction meeting for prospective members held at First Baptist Church. Twenty seven of those nominated attended this meeting. Seven women were unable to attend and made arrangements to get the orientation packet. Afterwards, seven sent letters of deferral. The names of those deferring were given to Jennifer Beard who will chair the Admissions / Provisional Committee next year. Twenty-five women accepted membership and were introduced at the annual May dinner at Coosa Country Club.

The provisional class began their summer with a breakfast meet – and - greet at Chieftain's Museum followed by a tour of the Museum. Afterwards, the provisionals boarded the trolley for a tour of Rome narrated by Ann Culpepper. They completed other course requirements throughout the summer including commission and school board meetings.

As a group, the provisionals stocked shelves and bagged groceries at the South Broad Food Pantry. They also packed school supplies for the School Supplies Project. In addition, they participated in our Poinsettia Sale and one service project along with the general membership. Provisional meetings were held one hour prior to general meetings and were directed by Jennifer Beard (co-chair) and me. The goal of these meetings was to educate the provisional class on League operations and bylaws as well as the organizations we support and services we provide. Chairmen of various committees spoke in-depth on assigned topics.

Eight women did not complete their provisional year. Of these eight, one moved, three deferred, and four resigned due to personal reasons. Tanya Vance completed her requirements but opted not to move to Active Status because she is getting married and will most likely be moving. The following women completed the provisional requirements for introduction to active membership status: Jenny Bojo, Jessica Brinson, Avery Callan, Jessica Carney, Natalie Craig, Robin Gardner, Sarah Hardaker, Melissa Hickman, Kathy Ingalsbe, Margaret Knight, Julie Lucas, Dawn McElhaney, Bridget Moore, Monisha Patel, Claire Price, and Kathryn Smith. They were introduced during the May Dinner.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jill Cromartie

## **Advisory Planning**

During the fall, the bylaws were reviewed and the following changes regarding the Provisional committee were implemented after a unanimous vote at our November meeting:

ARTICLE VII: SECTION 2A (1): Delete "Active Members will serve a two-year term." This change followed the conversion of the Provisional committee from an elected to a requested placement. Although a member may choose to serve two years, she will no longer be required to do so.

(2)Delete eligibility clause, "To be eligible for election to the Admissions/Provisional committee, a member must be in good standing and must have been an active member of the Rome League for two years. She must also meet all qualifications and guidelines set forth in the Standing Rules." Deletion of the eligibility clause gave the Placement committee discretion to allow a first year League member whom they felt was qualified the opportunity to serve on this committee.

The following status changes were requested during this 2007-2008 League Year. Actives Juliana Breithaupt and Sherrie Montgomery-Ford requested emergency Leave of Absence status. Actives Angie Bell, Brooke Hold, Leigh Pennington, and Erin White, Sustainer Lori Walker, and Non-resident Sustainer Diana Shadday resigned. Sustainers Martha House and Sara Vance became Honorary Sustainers. Active members Cherry Johnson, Mary Margaret Mauer, Wanda Reid and DeAnne Van Riper earned Sustainer Status beginning with the 2008-2009 League Year. Laura Heath, Nicki Hunt and Noel Wilkinson requested Leaves for the upcoming League year. Actives Juliana Breithaupt, Sherrie Montgomery-Ford and Jennifer Sikes were removed from the membership rolls for 2008-2009 per Article IV, Section 2 of the Bylaws.

Members were notified if their absences exceeded two meetings and notice was given to those who failed to fulfill their placement requirements by the end of the League Year. Only two members had not completed the requirement to work a minimum of two group service projects. These two members made up this requirement by preparing a meal for the Hospitality House.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary Margaret Mauer

## **Placement**

Placements had a successful 2007-2008! Every facilitator reported over the top participation in their External Placements and we can also report that every month we had great response to our Good Samaritan projects.

By the end of 2008, it was the responsibility of myself and my co chair April McCreless to make sure that all requirements for External Placements, Internal Placements, Good Samaritan and participation in two of our Service Projects had been fulfilled by Active members.

We had six External Placements this service year. The facilitators for these projects were:

Beth Hood for Friends of Foster Families

Ashlie Harper for Good Neighbors

Scarlet Roberts for Harbor House

Sherri Cromer for Floyd County Health (Scoliosis Screenings)

Dawn Burris for Reading in Schools

Dagmar Schmitz Carlton for Hospitality House

A special thanks from April and myself to each of these women who fulfilled her duties with tireless effort and compassion for her community placement projects. As the year progressed, April and I tried to keep ourselves available for assistance to the facilitators wherever needed.

All of our contacts at these Placements have expressed their deepest appreciation to JSL and all our efforts on their behalf.

Thank you to everyone for their participation in our Good Samaritan efforts. This year we gathered items for Angel Express, Sexual Assault Center, NAMI, Hospitality House, Good Neighbors, First Steps and Food Pantry. April and I had commented that the back of our cars were filled after every meeting this year with items requested that month. That kind of participation continues to show the kindness and selflessness of our members.

Internal Placements went great this year as well. Everyone seemed to be well suited for her particular position. Prior to the March meeting, Margaret Beacham, Jennifer Bagby, April McCreless and I met to do the placements for next year. We presented the final assignments and everyone seemed to be pleased with their new placements.

April and I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your hard work and commitment to the women and children of our community. April will be assuming the position of placement chair next year. I have enjoyed working with all of you in this capacity the past three years. We can all look forward to another productive year for our Rome Junior Service League.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tami Mauer

### **Membership Care**

As Membership Care Chairman, I sent out many cards throughout the year to both JSL Active Members as well as Sustainers. I mailed cards for various occasions such as births, engagements, sickness, sympathy and thinking of you, just to name a few. Over thirty cards and notes were mailed during the year. I personally delivered flowers/goodies to one of our league members who was in the hospital for an extended period.

I was also responsible for populating the Membership Care section in the monthly newsletter. I made monthly recognitions at the General meetings of active members who had given birth, etc. as well as welcomed back those who had missed previous meetings. On occasion throughout the year, I presented fun gifts to random present member (via a ribbon underneath their chair) at the general meeting. I attended monthly Board Meetings, ordered JSL of Rome Stationary, sent encouragement notes to several Board Members, and welcomed ALL provisional members via a hand written note! I also had some of our active members draw names of the provisionals and send them a welcome note/e-mail at the beginning of the league year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nan Marie Cash

### **Sustainer Care**

#### **End of summer**

We sent an upbeat letter outlining the League year and upcoming opportunities for sustainer involvement towards the end of the summer. I decided to theme the letter around "heat" as we were in the middle of a very hot summer marked by drought. So, the letter got everything off to a red hot start!

#### **Sustainer Buddy System**

I did use the sustainer buddy system again this year, but I let the actives sign up for two and the provisionals sign up for one sustainer contact for the year. The only responsibilities were to contact sustainers about poinsettias and sustainer tea and deliver their red books if able.

### **Sustainer Coffee Hour**

This was a new event for us as an attempt to distribute redbooks, check contact information, and keep in touch. It was held from 9:30-11:00 at Honeymoon Bakery. It ended up storming that morning (the only day in weeks!), and I think that it affected the turnout. However, we still had about 13 sustainers show up, and several of them offered to deliver about 40 redbooks.

### **Sustainer Sweetheart Tea**

This year, we held a sustainer tea for all sustainers on February 10 at Chieftain's Museum. We had around 40 people attend, and the event seemed to be a success. As this was a service year for the active membership, I decided to coordinate a small service project for the sustainers also. They made 25 valentine bags for pediatric patients at Floyd Medical Center. I think this was a great reminder of the League's commitment to service and how they continue to contribute. For refreshments, we had light beverages (water, punch, and coffee) and some sweets to sample. We also had a raffle to give away a flower arrangement. I delegated much of the tea responsibilities to my co-chair and committee.

### **May Dinner**

Formal invitations were mailed to sustainers for the dinner. We presented the Sustainer of the Year award to Nancy Hunter for her continued commitment to her community and others.

Changes to Sustainer Membership:

Lori Walker and Diana Shadday resigned

Erin Nida, Kerry Giles, and Kim Irmischer moved

Martha House and Sarah Vance moved to Honorary sustainer

Mary Margaret Mauer, Wanda Reid, Deanne Van Riper, and Cherry Johnson will change to sustainer status at end of May

There are no deaths that I am aware of.

### **Suggestions for next year:**

- Keep in mind that there are around 200 sustainers. When things must be mailed, this is a HUGE undertaking. Plan ahead, use committee members, have members deliver redbooks as able, and go to the post office at an off time!
- Continue with building the sustainer email base by offering us email as ways to respond for events. We were able to add approximately 35 addresses this year. It would be great to have reliable distribution lists for reminders, announcements, etc.
- The sustainer coffee was a new event this year. It is a cheap and effective way of staying in touch and is a great fall event.
- I assigned Sustainer Corner months to my committee members in the fall for the entire year. We had some trouble getting articles in on time....just try to email reminders the week before.

The year has been a fruitful one, and we continue to show strong support from our sustainers. It is a vital relationship that must thrive in order for the League to continue to its full potential.

Respectfully submitted,  
Hollye Smith

### **Hospitality Committee**

The purpose of the Hospitality Committee is to coordinate all social events of the League, set up meeting locations, provide refreshments for specified events, clean up after events, and ensure child care is available at all League meetings.

The Hospitality Committee provided bagels, coffee, and juice for breakfast and lunch was catered by Duffy's Deli for the Board Retreat held on August 11, 2007. The total spent was \$224.32.

The Kick Off Party was held on September 7, 2007 at the home of Jennifer Strickland. Tables with white clothes and centerpieces were set up in the backyard. Owen's Barbeque catered this event. The total spent was \$888.52.

Child Care was coordinated through Prissy Tinnell at First Baptist Church for each meeting. The total spent by League was \$96.00. Our meetings were held at First Baptist Church of Rome with the exception of our December Christmas Party which was held at the home of our President, Margaret Beacham on December 4, 2007. League made a donation of \$350.00 to First Baptist Church for the use of their facilities for the year.

Committee members were assigned a month to bring appetizers, set-up, and clean up. The total spent for meeting food was \$482.96. For our Christmas party, the Board members all provided a wonderfully delicious assortment of dips, finger foods, and sweets. Next year, it is suggested that the Hospitality Committee members also bring appetizers to the Christmas Party. Board and Hospitality Committee members are to arrive one hour prior to the party to help with set-up.

The Annual May Dinner was held at Coosa Country Club on Tuesday, May 13, 2008. Mary Careathers was the contact person. Function information was coordinated through her. Invitations were mailed to Sustainers. The May Dinner Agenda information was provided by the President and our committee handled formatting and printing of the Agenda. Flower centerpieces for each table were provided by our committee. A slide show was shown of the League Year on a screen provided by Coosa Country Club. A stage, podium and microphone were used to make presentations for that evening. We had 120 indicate that they would attend. This number included 18 new provisionals and 30 sustainers. The total spent was \$3,590.17.

#### Suggestions for 2008-2009 League Year

- The amount of budget for general meeting food be increased.
- Contact Prissy Tinnell during the Summer with all dates and childcare set-up for every meeting
- The budget for Kick Off Party to include wine and beer.
- The budget for Christmas Party to include wine and beer. (5 white/3 red)
- Hospitality Committee to provide appetizers for Christmas Party along with Board Members
- Establish a Co-Chair for the Hospitality Committee

Respectfully submitted,  
Holly Lord

#### **Poinsettia Sale 2007**

This year makes our 5<sup>th</sup> annual poinsettia sale. Last year, we sold \$48,601 and had \$23,394 in proceeds. This year, we sold \$48,248 and had \$23,518 in proceeds. We had a \$500 credit from Lamar for the Olio Curtain that helped us greatly with expenses. We also increased the price of the 8" poinsettia from \$14 to \$15 to help cover the price increase from the supplier, DDG. Their price changed from \$8 to \$8.25 for the 8" plant. All in all, we achieved almost exactly the same proceeds as last year, and had a very successful fundraiser.

This year, we tried to reach the administration and teachers at all of the city and county lower schools by passing out forms with cover letters in October. The hope was that after introducing JSL when dropping off our donated school supplies, they would be familiar enough with us to contribute to our fundraiser. We also distributed to preschools such as Rome First Methodist, First Baptist, First Presbyterian, and PALs. We had some success with the preschools, but it was not successful at the schools unless there was a personal contact. The most selling occurred at schools where a teacher or a teacher's friend was in JSL.

As for advertising for poinsettias, Kimberly Garner arranged a billboard on Turner McCall with our \$500 credit from Lamar Advertising (with Mary Margaret Mauer's help), listed us in the Community Calendar in the Rome News-Tribune newspaper and in the Hometown Headlines website, placed an ad in the Directions magazine, and set up the time slot for Margaret Beacham and myself to speak with Nell Reagan on WRGA. We were also on the front page of the Rome News Tribune for the first day of customer pick-ups and that really helped us sell the extra plants. It is great to get our name out there!

We added an extra day to our Civic Center rental to facilitate unloading the poinsettias. Having Wednesday evening to unload and do inventory made Thursday so much easier and more organized. We had enough time Wednesday night to start pulling orders together for the delivery committee, so that deliveries could begin right away Thursday morning. It made such a difference and the cost is relatively minor (\$100) for the extra day.

We did have an inventory issue with our red 8" plants where there was a major miscount. We thought we had received an extra 124 plants, when really we did not. We were selling the extra plants as fast as we could, but we realized about midday Friday, after doing a quick count of plants for remaining orders, that we were short 50 red 8" plants. We had enough time to have our supplier bring these plants, so that it really didn't affect our customers. Our supplier was gracious enough to immediately help us and also resolve our inventory issue. I had records of every extra plant that went out the door, so it was apparent that we had not received those 124 extra plants. However, I did sign the invoice Wednesday night agreeing that I had received them. DDG has been really great to work with. Harmon from DDG checked his shipping arrangements on the trucks and agreed with my numbers. Those extra plants would not have fit on the racks in the truck. That mistake could have cost us \$992.

We could improve on the organization of the plants in the Civic Center to help avoid confusion with the 6", 8", and 10" sizes. This did cause some mistakes, especially with the ivory and pink plants and we had to "fix" orders at the end of Friday to make up for it. Instead of grouping by color, we should try grouping by plant size. There are so many red 8" plants, that they do best in a room by themselves. We also need to find a better way to take inventory of such a large volume, such as the red 8" poinsettia.

We need to have a standing policy that the customer pick-up cards are to be kept and filed at the Civic Center. A customer can take their original form, but is not to keep the card. Deliveries were sent with a copy of the original order form, to avoid any discrepancies about what was ordered, and the cards were returned to be filed. This saved us several times when a customer showed up to pick up plants after a League member had already taken their order or it had already been delivered.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jill Fisher

### **School Supplies Project**

The School Supplies Project was established in the 2004-2005 League year to provide basic school supplies for needy children. This project has become an annual effort that will help identify and promote the mission of the League. The budget for this project is \$6250, which was earned by the 2007 Poinsettia Sale. The committee determined the contents of the packets during the 2004-2005 League year. School supplies were purchased during the summer of 2007 for the 2008-2009 school year, with the exception of backpacks. These supplies were stored in a vacant classroom at the Floyd County Education Center. Principal, Melinda Strickland and her staff are extremely supportive of our project. As a "thank-you" for the use of their space and for their help, the committee provided school supplies and headphones for the students at the Transitional Academy. This was done in lieu of providing food for their 9-week luncheon, which has been done in previous years.

We were able to get very good prices and minimize the stress of buying by working directly with the District Manager of the Wal Mart in Cartersville, Rudy Sims. We also worked with sales manager of the Office Depot in Rome, Dwayne Autry for pencil boxes. We provided 125 backpacks this year through the manager of the Vanity Fair Outlet in Calhoun, Daryl Burnes . We purchased an additional 125 backpacks on clearance at TJ Maxx in Rome for the 2008-2009 school year. We were able to stretch the \$6250 budget to continue providing the same items we have provided in previous years for 1500 students.

The committee, which consisted of: Sylvia Kalevas and April Raper (Co-Chairs), Angie Cawa (Advisory Chair), Tammy Compton, Koren Sinnock, Laura Heath, Buffi Murphy and Nicki Hunt, met at the beginning of the League Year to determine the dates of the work days. Once the schedule was determined, Sylvia and April led each of the work days. All of the packet making was complete by January 2008. Some extra packets were made because packets were made until the supplies ran out.

Each League member was responsible for working 2 hours to assemble packets, inventory supplies, or deliver to schools. The packets were divided equally between the city and county school systems. The principals and counselors of the schools and the social workers at the County Board Of Education were surveyed to verify that the number of packets from the 2007-2008 school year were adequate to meet each school's needs and the needs of the children attending the County Health Fairs. Allocation of the packets for the County Schools was reconfigured for the 2008-2009 school year due to the discontinuation of the County Health Fairs. Jackie Trammell assisted the committee with this reconfiguration.

League members will deliver the packets to the individual schools during the months of May and June, once school is no longer in session, so they will be in place for the needy children when they start school in August 2008.

All remaining supplies have been inventoried and the buying plan for the 2008-2009 League year has been devised. Mrs. Strickland has also expressed that the Transitional Academy would be most appreciative if we could provide school supplies and calculators for their students this year. We look forward to purchasing more school supplies during the summer of 2008 for the 2009-2010 school year. We hope that we can continue our relationship with the Wal-Mart District manager, Rudy Sims that we will be able to purchase the supplies we need, in the quantity we need, at the price we need, from his Wal-Mart stores. He has been willing to meet his competitors' prices and he has been willing to order extra of the supplies we need. We will also be in contact with TJ Maxx to see if we can purchase backpacks at clearance prices at the end of the back-to-school season. An endowment for this project was established with monies raised by the 2004 Poinsettia Sale. This endowment may be used in the event that we are not able to meet our price goals.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Angie Cawa

### **Publicity**

Publicity for the 2007-08 League year consisted of the following:

- Made request 8/7/07 to Pam Looney at Directions Magazine for a half page full color ad for the poinsettia sale; was published in the Sept/Oct 2007 Directions magazine. Cost: \$246
- For the poinsettia sale, we received digital billboard on Turner McCall from Lamar Advertising free due to loss of Olio curtain. The billboard premiered in mid-September and ran for a little over a month.

- 8/21/07 –request was made to John Druckenmiller of Hometown Headlines to publish information regarding the sale of poinsettias and then following up on 11/28/07 with information regarding pickup dates  
John was awesome to work with. He published the information that very same day that I requested it posted and he also gave us premium positioning on the site
- Information was published in the Rome News Tribune's Community Calendar on 11/26/07 regarding poinsettia pickup
- Set up WRGA Nell Reagan interview on 9/14/07. Interview occurred on 10/10/07 at 9:30 am with Jill Fisher & Margaret Beacham regarding the Poinsettia Sale
- Missed deadline to get TV interview with Lisa Smith (should contact in June for Poinsettia sale)
- Request made Charlotte Atkins at the Rome News Tribune on 11/26/07 to come and take photos of League members unloading poinsettias. They came 11/28/07 and we received a large photo on the front page, above-the-fold in the 11/29/07 issue.
- Am currently working on JSL trifold full color brochure.
- Wrote end of the year article for the Rome News-Tribune after May Dinner.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kimberly Garner

### **Newsletter**

The Roman Forum committee consisted of Tashia Twyman, Jessica Hewitt, and Brandy White (8). During the 2007-2008 JSL year, the newsletter was completed on a monthly alternative schedule by Tashia Twyman and Brandy White. Jessica Hewitt was responsible for label/bulk mailing. The committee's main objectives were:

- To insure that reports are received from all Committee Chairman/Facilitators and taken to the printer by the deadline of each month
- Proof the final copy of the newsletter each month
- Attend Board Retreat, General and Board meetings
- Send email reminder to membership prior to deadline to solicit info. for newsletter
- Keep a notebook with contact names, numbers and procedures to pass on to the next committee chairman
- Maintain job notebook/computer disc as record of year and guide for incoming person
- Provide end of year report to the President

Submission for the Roman Forum were usually due on the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. (A reminder to submit articles was usually sent to the Board on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month). Articles were to be submitted typed in Arial 12pt. font and submitted via email attached as a word document. All committee chairs/facilitators were asked to proofread their submission before sending them to members of the committee.

The Roman Forum was created in Microsoft Publisher for easy emailing between committee members. After the all articles and submission were received and placed the Roman Forum, the newsletter was then sent to Margaret Beacham (president) for a final proofread/review. Once this task was completed, Beacham returned newsletter to one of the co-chairmen for revisions.

Completed newsletter was then sent to Fast Printing via email [fastprinting1@aol.com](mailto:fastprinting1@aol.com). Fastprinting usually contacted Jessica Hewitt once Roman Forum was copied and she was then responsible for labeling, sorting, and mailing newsletter. (Labels/addresses were emailed to Jessica by Database Manager). In order for the newsletter to reach JSL membership in a timely manner, the newsletter must be mailed by the Wednesday before the general meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tashia Twyman

## **Follies**

For the 2008-2009 League year, the Follies chairs have completed the following;

We selected the dates of Feb 6 & 7, 2009 for our show. We have signed a contract with CAP Follies and paid our deposit. This was done in the spring of 2007. We have requested Chris and Danielle again and we have chosen the show, SPORTS. The Rome Auditorium and the Civic Center were reserved in the early Fall and the deposit for both has been paid.

We have created and mailed a form to all organizations that League has supported to see what projects they have in the future that might be funded by the proceeds from Follies. These forms were mailed out in mid-January and they are due in by Feb. 15, 2008. We will review all forms and choose the organization we wish to support by mid March.

We reorganized the Follies committee structure and have the goal of League members working a pre-Follies job and a during-Follies job in order to make the workload more even. We have the following positions as Internal Placements for the 2008-09 League year: Hospitality, Stage Talent Coordinator, Children's Talent Coordinator, Communications, Print/Media Specialist, Patron's Coordinator and Ad Sales. These chairs will have many various sub committees under them and we will present this information to the League at the February meeting so that members can consider what Follies job would suit them best.

We have talked to Sam Baltzer, who will be in charge of the Orchestra, and our pianist James Willis, and both have been reserved to play with us again. We are following the strict CAP guidelines of having the orchestra there the Saturday or Sunday before the show for an orchestra only rehearsal with the CAP director, and they will be there for Tech and Dress Rehearsal on the Wednesday and Thursday before the show.

Committee chairs were picked in March and detail work began for Follies 2009.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris McCommons & Christy Shadday

## **Rome 'n Ride**

In October we assisted with the Silent Auction at the Rome 'n Ride, a fundraiser for The Open Door Home. The event was held at State Mutual and we assisted with auction set-up and with manning the tables during the actual auction.

Morning Shift Times, Captain, and Duties:  
10am-3pm, Front Gates State Mutual Stadium  
Genna Harris--Captain  
Skirting Tables & Auction Set Up

Evening Shift Times, Captain and Duties:  
3:30pm-approximately 8:30pm (must stay until table items are claimed)  
Front Gates State Mutual Stadium  
Kristi Taylor--Captain  
Securing Auction items during event and encouraging bids

This was a fun, spirited event and many League members participated in some hotly contested bidding! We should consider working this event again in the future.

Respectfully submitted,  
Genna Harris

### **Three Kings Party**

In January of this year, The JSL of Rome assisted Janet Baltzar and the Angel Express with the Festival of the Three Kings. There were around 70 volunteers from League that worked. We helped to prepare a meal, crafts, games, and organized a clothing drive for members of the Hispanic population of Rome. This was a great experience and I'm glad that League will continue with this project as part of the Angel Express external placement.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Rutland

### **Habitat for Humanity Build**

As our fourth group service project this league year, JSL participated in Habitat for Humanity's "Building on the Dream" build. In addition to donating \$5000 to Habitat towards the construction of the house, league members assisted with construction on Saturday, April 19, 2008. Twenty two league members worked in two shifts to install insulation in the walls, vents in the eaves and a vapor barrier under the house. This was a great service project to bring league members together. The members worked hands on towards a tangible goal in addition to assisting the community by providing safe, affordable housing to a mother and three children.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charlene Franklin