

**STLWDGA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
SUNSET HILLS COUNTRY CLUB
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Kathy Gugger at 9:59 a.m. at Sunset Hills Country Club.

In attendance were Kathy Gugger, Gerry Wisniewski, Vickie Ressler, Ronnie Burg, Margaret Farrell, Bev Frien, Laurel Palmer and Marian Sinnott. Sue Springmeyer was absent.

MINUTES (ATTACHED HERETO)

The minutes of the Executive Board meeting held at Forest Hills Country Club on Thursday, March 17, 2016 were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Gerry Wisniewski and seconded by Margaret Farrell. The minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

The most current **job descriptions** were handed out. They are to be revised as the year progresses to better reflect the office. Make sure to change the year of the job descriptions to 2017. Everyone has received her position **handbooks** from the previous holder of that office. Everyone was encouraged to carefully organize their computers and file systems to make the yearly job of updating the positions handbooks easier.

REPORTS

PRESIDENT: KATHY GUGGER

The last month has been a learning experience for me. I'm unaccustomed to being a leader, even though most people think I'm bossy. Don't hesitate to point me in the right direction if you see me veer off course.

I want to thank Marian for keeping such meticulous records and leaving STLWDGA in such good shape. She has always been just a phone call away and I've taken advantage of speed dial many times!

In my term as President, I would like to see us become for technology savvy. We will be using a new USGA tournament program in the near future. Dare we consider online sign-ups? It's a possibility that we need to consider. Ronnie has done a fantastic job with the web site, not a small task. I would like to see an actual APP to have on our phone that will give us quick access to the yearbook. Yes, our personal information would still be password protected. I would like to look at the possibility of using interns from area colleges to bring us fully into the 21st century. On the eve of your 100th anniversary, so many things are possible that our "foremothers" never dreamed.

Thank you for approving the increase in the 2017 dues.

On page 6 of the yearbook there is a paragraph explaining PREFERRED PLAYERS. YOU are preferred players. Unless there are unusual circumstances you are asked to adhere to this system.

PREFERRED PLAYERS: *Preferred* players are Executive Board members, Past Presidents, 50-year Honorees, Historian, Prize Chairs and Web Chair. They will randomly be paired with other players for an Individual call-in event. In foursome call in events, these players **MUST** play with other preferred players.

If they elect to play with women not included in the above list, they **FORFEIT THEIR PREFERRED STATUS**.

Please let Vickie Ressler know if you wish to play in any call-in event.

Executive Board members are asked to wear white shirts with crest and black bottoms at all events, except team, Mixed Event and Invitational (if you are playing and not helping). A jacket, sweater or vest can be white, black or green. It's nice to have the crest on outerwear also. If you did not bring two items to be embroidered with the crest, please get them to me by December 23. Make sure you identify your shirt.

Marian has worked very hard to finalize the 2017 schedule. There is a copy in your folder. This is a daunting task and she got it done in record time.

Because I am in Florida for much of the winter, please bear with me. I depend on email, texts and phone calls to get this job done. I'm not opposed to Face Time if I have my eyebrows on! This is a learning year for most of us. I ask everyone to respond to emails, etc. in a timely manner. Don't make me hunt you down! Please begin now to set up your computer with files to organize emails and documents. Keep a paper copy for your Job Folders. If you stay ahead of this process it won't be so daunting.

Thank you for making the effort to come to Illinois for this meeting. One of the perks of the Presidency is having the choice of holding the meetings wherever you desire...you might as well put Edwardsville as a saved location on Google maps!

VICE PRESIDENT: GERRY WISNIEWSKI

Ball Caps

As of today, we have 22 ball caps and 1 visor, no coil, remaining. We discussed having a 'clearance' sale to see if we could rid of them for maybe \$5.00 each. I'll send an email to all the CDs in the spring and ask them to forward to their members. Even if we're able to sell the rest of them we will end up losing about \$225 overall.

Dues

Letters have been sent to all the clubs requesting that the \$75.00 dues be billed to their members belonging to STLWDGA. A listing of the members as of the most recently updated database was included. I requested they update the list for any resignations and return it along with our check by January 31st. Starting in early February I'll contact those clubs who haven't responded.

Yearbook

Letters have also been sent to the CDs requesting club information updates and roster updates to be returned by November 30th. I'll be working on updating the yearbook as these come in and then for probably a goodly portion of the winter. We are using a new printer this year. The company is The Ink Spot owned by a Norwood Hills member, Tom Collins. We had a few issues with last years' printer so decided to go another route. They are matching any prices we paid last year for stationary etc., plus giving us a better price on the actual yearbooks.

After all the dues are paid and all the yearbook updates are made and it's off to the printer, I'll start worrying about and working on the Junior Tournament that will be held on July 31st/August 1st at Glen Echo.

TOURNAMENT CHAIR: VICKIE RESSLER

Attendance was down in a couple of events 2016. The breakdown as follows:

Opening Scramble	2014/108	2015/112	2016/108
TOL	2014/104	2015/104	2016/82
Three Day	2014/54	2015/102	2016/71
Best Ball	2014/100	2015/77	2016/96
Senior	2014/71	2015/71	2016/78
Best Ball		2015/91	2016/91 (Rain Out)
SES	2014/100	2015/96	2016/96
Closing Scramble	2014/108	2015/102	2016/108

The attendance in the Three-Day could be attributed to the courses being played. In 2014 the Three Day was held at the Legends, St. Clair, St. Albans; 2015 it was at Meadowbrook, Bellerive, Persimmon Woods; 2016 at Bogey Hills, Westborough, Algonquin.

There were five members who played in all 9 non-team events and got 11 merit points:

Sally Roth	Algonquin
Pam Atteberry	Forest Hills
Susan Suggs	Meadowbrook
Patty Canter	Norwood
Margaret Farrell	Westborough

As Gerry pointed out at the Fall Meeting in 2015; this is not a scientific survey; below is a list of the number of members at each club (from the Merit System 2016) and how many participated in at least one or more events. These are the results that I came up with for 2016:

Algonquin	25/13	52%	Old Warson	23/5	22%
Bellerive	21/8	38%	Persimmon Woods	22/10	46%
Bogey Hills	23/14	61%	St. Albans	26/23	89%
Forest Hills	21/14	67%	St. Clair	15/9	60%
Glen Echo	15/9	60%	St. Louis	22/7	32%
Greenbriar	16/9	56%	Sunset	30/12	40%
Lake Forest	10/4	40%	Sunset Hills	16/10	63%
Legends	10/8	80%	Westborough	17/9	53%
Meadowbrook	23/16	70%	Westwood	17/2	12%
Norwood	26/16	62%	Whitmoor	32/14	44%

The results that Gerry Wisniewski shared at the 2015 Fall Meeting are as follows below:

Algonquin	25/15	60%	Old Warson	22/9	41%
Bellerive	21/11	52%	Persimmon Woods	18/10	56%
Bogey Hills	24/17	71%	St. Albans	24/21	88%
Forest Hills	21/15	71%	St. Clair	15/8	53%
Glen Echo	13/7	54%	St. Louis	22/6	27%
Greenbriar	19/10	53%	Sunset	30/14	47%

Lake Forest	9/6	67%	Sunset Hills	15/8	53%
Legends	10/8	80%	Westborough	17/9	53%
Meadowbrook	24/19	79%	Westwood	18/3	17%
Norwood	27/18	67%	Whitmoor	31/15	48%

ASSISTANT TOURNAMENT CHAIR: JOYCE JACKSON

NO REPORT

TEAM CHAIR: RONNIE BURG

Margaret and I met to do preliminary set up for the 2017 Team schedule.

- Sections and Divisions
- Schedule Grid for individual dates to include opponents and byes
- Templates for Gross and Net point accrual
- TPP preliminary set up of all 5 team dates

Since the MAGA will support the TPP program through 2017 we will use it and as time permits look at the functions of the Golf Genius program.

Pace of Play is definitely a concern for team play. I thought it got worse last year.

Margaret and I briefly discussed some ideas for consideration. I am looking into other information that can be made available to competitors but until they personally strive to play faster (be ready to play when it is their turn) we could be stuck with these long times. I do not think we are putting our best foot forward by taking so long and preventing clubs from returning their courses to their members.

ASSISTANT TEAM CHAIR: MARGARET FARRELL

NO REPORT

TREASURER: CJ EVANS

The 2016 season ended in good standing financially. We have \$2500 in reserves, \$7000 in the 100-anniversary fund, \$250 in the MedArt fund, and \$102.22 in the Williams fund. After the books were balanced, there is \$892.90 to put forward in the 2017 budget.

This year, the President asked that we change to a bank that has more branches so as to be accessible to others in the future. That bank will be US Bank. When we went to the St. Charles branch, we learned that in order to open a small business account, we had to be incorporated in the State of Missouri so our attempt failed that day.

I contacted the Secretary of State's office, which sent me the forms. Those were submitted with the \$25 fee in October, 2016. We were awarded the incorporation papers on November 11, 2016. We will have to file a report and renew every year for a fee of \$10. The treasurer will take care of this.

We went back to the bank with our state certificate to open the account only to find out we needed our Federal ID number. Neither Kathy Gugger nor I had it but Marian Sinnott did so we were successful this time. We deposited \$2500 in the account to start. We were told that if we ordered checks from Deluxe that day, we would get a 50% discount on the order. Deluxe would give me a call later that day. I kept my phone close by all day so I wouldn't miss it.

When I get the checks, I will start paying bills out of the US Bank account and will deposit all incoming money there starting today as we have an account number and blank deposit slips. When all outstanding checks have cleared Enterprise bank, I will close that account and transfer the money to US Bank.

I prepared a tentative 2017 budget based on 370 dues-paying members. This will change over the winter months as we raised the dues to \$75 and will probably lose some members.

I attended the PGA summit meeting for my Country Club to learn about the technology involved with more and more aspects of running a club. It was very enlightening.

Respectfully submitted,

CJ Evans, Treasurer

STLWDGA BUDGET COMPARISONS

	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Proposed
<i>income</i>			
dues	\$25,075.14	\$22,560.00	\$26,250.00 (350x\$75)
Invitational fees		\$330.00	
Junior Tournament		\$655.00	
checking account leftover		\$2,395.14	\$892.90
TOTAL	\$25,075.14	\$25,940.14	\$27,142.90
<i>expenditures</i>			
100 Anniversary	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Yearbook	\$3,000.00	\$2,881.46	\$3,000.00
Storage/insurance	\$1,300.00	\$1,327.00	\$1,500.00
brochures/mailing	\$800.00	\$1,102.77	\$1,200.00
Board expenses	\$3,175.14	\$2,504.00	\$3,642.90
Team	\$600.00	\$382.53	\$600.00
Opening Scramble	\$1,500.00	\$1,520.00	\$1,650.00
TOL	\$1,500.00	\$1,393.45	\$1,550.00
3-day	\$1,900.00	\$1,996.26	\$2,100.00
invitational	\$3,000.00	\$2,733.66	\$3,100.00
Senior	\$1,500.00	\$1,333.50	\$1,500.00
Junior Tournament		\$846.06	\$200.00
SES	\$1,500.00	\$1,525.00	\$1,650.00
Best Ball (2)	\$2,800.00	\$2,730.00	\$2,850.00
Closing	\$1,500.00	\$1,431.14	\$1,600.00
TOTALS	\$25,075.14	\$24,706.83	\$27,142.90
Difference	\$0.00	\$1,233.31	\$0.00
hats		(\$340.41)	
balance		\$892.90	

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: BEV FRIEN

NO REPORT

RULES CHAIR: LAUREL PALMER

NO REPORT

RECORDING SECRETARY: SUE SPRINGMEYER

NO REPORT

HONORARY PRESIDENT/PARLIAMENTARIAN: MARIAN SINNETT

NO REPORT

NEW BUSINESS

The **Mixed Event** entry fee was discussed. A motion was made by Joyce Jackson to increase the entry fee to 200.00 per couple for the 2017 event. Bev Frein seconded and the motion was passed.

An increase in the **luncheon fees** was discussed. It was decided to table a decision to give time for the board members to speak to their club managers and chefs concerning increasing the fees.

Vickie Ressler gave a report on the Gateway Golf Summit as follows:

I attended the 4th Gateway Golf Summit along with Gerry Wisniewski, Joyce Jackson, CJ Evans, and Ronnie Burg on Monday, November 7, 2016. We learned about separating Tradition from Technology in golf. Craig Liddle from Meadowbrook spoke on how the clubs used to use a ledger for tee times vs foretees now. Joe Wachter from Glen Echo, Club Manager, former Superintendent, spoke about how fertilization, seeding, mowing, etc. as evolved from using goats and sheep; however some courses are reverting back to this method; also about social media. Scott Kramer, a freelance writer, contributed the advancement of GPS devices used for yardage, footwear, game tracker, etc. Steve Bledsoe, Connected Solutions Manager, touched on Golf Genius ; the program replacing the Tournament Pairing Program (TPP) that is easier to use, shortening pace of play, knowing where the customer is at all times, etc. Bill McMahon, Jr., talked more about knowing where a player is on the course using blue tooth technology; how the Millennial's have grown up with technology (cell phones attached to them). Art Schaupteter, a golf course design architect, spoke about course development and yardage, bunkers and the difference between sands used for the bunkers; incorporating function over form instead of form follows function; trying to make golf more enjoyable. Hunki Yun, involved in Research, Science and Innovation at USGA talked about being the protectors of tradition in the golf community, devices that record data for pace of play, cycle times, etc. STLWDGA might be able to access these devices for one or two of our rounds to help create data to find where our rounds slow down and why. The USGA was founded December 22, 1894 and the Handicap System was implemented in 1911. A panel discussion followed with questions from the audience. I found the meeting to be very worthwhile and hope to attend next year.

Gerry Wisniewski, Joyce Jackson, Ronnie Burg and CJ Evans also attended the seminar. They were thanked for taking time to attend. Their entry fees of 50.00 each will be reimbursed. CJ attended the meeting for LF.

There was much discussion concerning **Pace of Play**. Everyone agreed that there is room for improvement. The Rules Standing Committee consists of Laurel Palmer, Pattie Canter and Jane Hayo. Joyce Jackson will also be involved with planning a course of action during the next few months. Ideas for improving pace of play included producing a video showing what a 40 second drive, fairway shot and

putt looks like. Marian Sinnett suggested using a flag system to alert players that they are out-of-position and could potentially incur a penalty. Kathy Gugger would like to ask each club to volunteer one person to serve as a pool of monitors. Ronnie Burg suggested that guides be used to lead players to distant holes at the start of an event.

Alvin Sage has volunteered to present a Rules Seminar if we are interested. This would be at no cost to STLWDGA. A suitable site (one of our clubs) will need to be chosen. What time of year would be the best? Kathy Gugger will contact Mr. Sage and further discussions will be held.

The importance of posting scores was discussed. Kathy Gugger made a motion to form an adhoc **Handicap Committee** to stress to our members the importance of posting scores. Vickie Ressler seconded the motion. The motion passed. A letter will be written to our members explaining the importance of compliance to reporting of scores properly and in a timely manner. It was discussed how far this committee should go, i.e., spot checking handicaps, adjusting handicaps, etc.

The Board Members were reminded to wear their white shirts with logos and black bottoms for all events, except team, mixed event and Invitational Tournament. An outerwear garment may be white, black or green. Board members were thanked for bring items to be embroidered with the STLWDGA logo.

Kathy Gugger asked everyone to think about her stationary needs. Please let her know what you need and they will be distributed shortly.

Gerry Wisniewski distributed the list of **charities** for consideration for the SES Tournament.

GATEWAY TO HOPE

www.gthstl.org

Gateway to Hope is a breast cancer lifeline. Our mission is to secure comprehensive care and provide financial assistance for individuals in need diagnosed with or at high risk for developing breast cancer.

Gateway to Hope was founded 11 years ago. The goal of the organization is to provide fully comprehensive, free care to women who have been diagnosed with breast cancer, and who are either uninsured or underinsured. We accomplish this care by partnering with 100+ local physicians, surgeons, social workers, and pharmacies, who agree to donate a specific number of cases per year. In addition, we provide financial assistance for women undergoing treatment.

Since inception, Gateway to Hope has assisted nearly 900 women-- Once a women is accepted into the GTH program, they may be a patient for as long as necessary. Care can run from, on the low side, ~ \$200,000 to as high as \$1,000,000+ per patient. The care typically includes all surgical and oncology services, all pharmaceuticals, pain management, physical therapy, and miscellaneous needs

related to being a cancer patient. In addition, we provide some financial help such as meeting transportation needs, child care needs, and other life sustaining items.

Submitted by Jackie Rosen

MAGDALENE HOUSE

<http://www.magdalenestl.org/>

Magdalene St. Louis is a residential community for women who have survived lives of prostitution, violence and addiction.

Women receive up to two years of housing, support and education at no cost. We invite women coming out of correctional facilities or off the streets into a compassionate and disciplined community where they can recover and rebuild their lives. Magdalene St. Louis is a seedling of the successful Magdalene/Thistle Farms model from Nashville.

Women who enter the Magdalene St. Louis program will likely have first experienced sexual abuse between the ages of 7 and 11, started using drugs by age 12 and 13, and have been on the streets since age 14.

Roughly 3/4 of the women who made it through the first six months of the Magdalene program were drug-free and pursuing education and employment two years later—a percentage unrivaled by any treatment center. That's because Magdalene is not a halfway house or treatment center, but a community where the best evidence-based social work is paired with a spiritual community of sisterhood for life that gives women a safe place to heal.

Submitted by Vickie Ressler

TEAM ACTIVITIES FOR SPECIAL KIDS (TASK)

www.tasksports.org

Team Activities for Special Kids (TASK) is a nonprofit 501(c)3, year-round instructional sports program that provides athletic and social opportunities to kids with special needs. The purpose of the program is to help build self-esteem and skills in children with special needs. Each athlete receives a team t-shirt and trophy upon completion of the sport.

TASK began in the summer of 1996 with a tee ball program involving 26 athletes with special physical and/or mental needs. Since then we've evolved into a year-round sports program and currently offer a variety of sports to over 1,918 participants yearly.

We offer activities in team sports, individual sports, social clubs and like skills.

Mission Statement

The mission of Team Activities for Special Kids, or TASK, is to enrich the lives of kids with special needs by providing athletic and social opportunities. We're proud to say we've never turned away a child because of a disability – we've always been able to adapt the sport to meet the athlete's needs.

Our Purpose

At TASK we believe every individual should have positive self-esteem. We strive in all of our programs to build this self-esteem by building our participants' self-confidence through achieving success.

We also are committed to helping our participants by keeping them active and staying physically fit. The CDC has reported that obesity rates for children with disabilities are 38% higher than for children without disabilities. Providing this special population of people with opportunities to stay active and participate in athletic programs is one way to work against this statistic.

Submitted by Pattie Canter

THE WOMEN'S SAFE HOUSE

<http://twsh.org/who-we-are/>

The Women's Safe House provides safe shelter and transitional living services to battered women and their dependent children. Through our services, we work to empower women to make informed choices about their future. 1 in 3 women will experience some form of domestic violence within their lifetime. Every 9 seconds a woman is physically assaulted by an intimate partner in the United States.

The Women's Safe House serves as a haven for women and families who are in immediate danger and are fleeing domestic violence.

All of our programs and services are free and confidential.

Submitted by Julie Frank

CHILD CARE AWARE MISSOURI

<http://mo.childcareaware.org/>

Mission

To improve the outcomes for children and families—especially those who use Missouri's child care, early education, and after-school programs—ensuring that children and youth are prepared for success in school and for future participation in a globally-competitive economy." In practice, we work to improve access to high quality early care and education throughout the state in three main ways:

- 1) We provide resources and child care referrals, free of charge, to families across Missouri. We educate families about their child care options, as well as how to find care, important questions to ask, what licensing and accreditation entails, etc.*
- 2) We promote quality improvement in child care settings by providing professional development training and coaching around a variety of topics. We also manage the TEACH Missouri Scholarship, which covers 80% of tuition and fees for child care staff seeking higher education (from certificate programs through Bachelor's degrees).*
- 3) We advocate at the local, state, and federal level for policies that improve the lives of children and families. This includes advocating for increased funding for child care subsidies to help low income families afford child care, promoting family-friendly paid leave policies, and addressing the regulation of child care providers to ensure the safety and positive development of children in their care.*

Submitted by Kathy Gugger

Ronald McDonald House Charities of St. Louis, MO

rmhcstl.com

Provides a "home-away-from-home" for families of seriously ill children, and support to organizations that serve the needs of children. The three Ronald McDonald Houses and eight extended-stay Ronald McDonald House apartments can serve 59 families per night. St. Louis' three Ronald McDonald Houses offer parents and family members a respite from hospital waiting rooms 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. They provide the essential comforts of home: Beds, hot showers, home-cooked meals, kitchen and laundry facilities and more.

RMHC of St. Louis also serves local families through three Ronald McDonald Family Room (www.rmhcstl.com/familyrooms) which are located inside three pediatric hospitals: Mercy Children's Hospital, St. Louis Children's Hospital and SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center. These rooms provide many of the same comforts as the Ronald McDonald Houses, including hot showers, laundry facilities, snacks, internet access and television.

The Ronald McDonald House offers families a way to stay together, in proximity to the treatment hospital, and be comfortable and cared for during their stay. Families are only asked to make a small donation each night for their stay; however, no family is turned away for their ability to pay.

The first Ronald McDonald House in St. Louis opened in July of 1981. The original House on West Pine Blvd. underwent two expansions over the years, increasing the number of bedrooms to 20. In April of 1996, a second House on Park Avenue was opened, and in 2003, eight apartments were made available for long term stays. In 2010, a third Ronald McDonald House was built to serve West County hospitals. In 2013, the West Pine locations underwent a \$1.5 million renovation, making the House a more comfortable, energy-efficient place for families to stay while their children are undergoing medical treatment at a St. Louis-area hospital.

In 2013, Ronald McDonald House Charities of St. Louis partnered with the Eye Care Charity of Mid-America to provide on-the spot eye exams and glasses to children through the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile. The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile, which is staffed by licensed optometrists, travels to schools throughout the Greater St. Louis area, where the need for eye care is greatest due to low household income.

Submitted by Beth Schasteen

Eye Care Charity of Mid-America

eccoma.org

Our Mission is Vision

Clear vision creates bright futures. Eye Care Charity of Mid-America is dedicated to enhancing quality of life by providing vision improvement through eye care services and eye health education.

Our Patients

We work with both children and adults in the Great St. Louis area. During the school year, we mainly visit elementary schools to work with younger children. On weekends and during the summer, we work with older students and older individuals in conjunction with local nonprofits and events.

Our Work

The majority of our work takes place on the Care Mobile. On-site, we do primary screenings for vision, give eye exams, and fit lenses into glasses, so that patients can take glasses home with them that day. We also

hold free adult vision clinics once a month at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Food Pantry and with St. Louis University's SLU Sight Clinic. We also support eye care missions with staff, supplies and equipment.

Ronald McDonald Care Mobile – *A partnership with the Ronald McDonald House Charities of St. Louis. Our focus area is 14 counties throughout the metro St Louis region. Our Care Mobile is a fully equipped optometric office which includes an optical lab. We can produce eyeglasses on-the spot. We serve approximately 20 children per day and over 2100 annually. Each child receives a comprehensive eye exam and if needed a new pair of eyeglasses, case and eye health education.*

Vision Clinics/Optical Dispensing – *Our clinic housed within the Boys & Girls Clubs of St Louis is another avenue we serve children with comprehensive eye exams and eyeglasses. Our second clinic is located at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Food Pantry and opened in February 2009 to help those in need in the surrounding area, mainly for the elderly. About 95% of those seen need vision correction. In addition, we provide optical dispensing services to the St. Louis University's Sight Clinic operated by the SLU Department of Ophthalmology.*

Missions – *We provide vision care specialists to travel outside the St. Louis region and United States providing eye care to children and adults. For the past several years, one of our missions is an annual trip with the Pujols Family Foundation to the Dominican Republic. In December 2013, our Ronald McDonald Care Mobile visited Paducah Kentucky schools as guests of the local Ronald McDonald House Charity.*

Submitted by Patty Heinrich

Marygrove
marygrovechildren.org

Marygrove has a rich history of more than 150 years caring for children, teens and young adults, offering a safe and healing environment for its residents. The children and adolescents who are placed at Marygrove have often been through multiple, failed placements in other residential facilities or foster homes. Many come from abusive, violent and severely disruptive family situations; some come from failed adoptions; and, in a few instances, children are discharged from psychiatric hospitals directly to Marygrove. Most of the residents are diagnosed with behavioral and psychiatric disorders as a result of abuse and neglect. Without Marygrove's services, these children and adolescents would face a future living in a much more restrictive environment.

The children and young adults at Marygrove live and grow up in a safe and nurturing environment, and they have an opportunity to heal in a stable, family-like setting. Professional caregivers provide structure while therapists provide an individualized treatment program and counseling to help each child overcome personal obstacles and establish responsible, attainable goals for the short and long-term future.

Marygrove is one of the largest therapeutic residential treatment programs in Missouri and is a new beginning for the 150 children and young adults served each day. Many arrive at Marygrove's doors with immediate needs that include clean clothes, food and medical treatment. They receive all these things in addition to a safe haven and the nurturing and care of round-the-clock staff and therapeutic treatment from licensed, Masters-level therapists.

Today, through its broad spectrum of residential and community-based programming, including therapeutic residential treatment and foster care, transitional and independent living programs and crisis care, education and recreational therapy, family counseling, parenting education and mentoring Marygrove enriches the lives of over 900 young people each year.

Submitted by CJ Evans

Christian Activity Center cacesl.org

Mission: THE CENTER IS WORKING TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO URBAN CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES. PROGRAMS ARE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE A HEALTHY AFTER SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT, CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS, SUMMER CAMPS AND MISSION TRIPS.

The Christian Activity Center (CAC) ministers to inner-city children in East St. Louis, Illinois. CAC embraces school age children during the critical risk taking hours of 3-8pm with ministries organized by age and gender, including but not limited to: Kids for Christ (VBS format), Bible study, devotions, Men and Women of Integrity, Bible drill, church services, church camp, mission trips, and Christian sports camps. In addition to ministry, CAC provides children and youth with homework help, computer training, music programs, acting class, martial arts, and playground activities.

In addition, the Christian Activity Center, or CAC, now has child advocates who go into classrooms to monitor success and encourage parents to be more involved at school.

The center also has begun what it calls its Pathways program, teaching students as young as sixth grade skills for the job market and college.

The center also has a teen employment program, offering work experience.

Submitted by Jackie Dezort

Girls on the Run

girlsontherunstlouis.org

Mission– a life-changing, non-profit program for girls in the 3rd through 8th grade. Our mission is to inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running.”

The 20-lesson Girls on the Run curriculum combines training for a 5K (3.1 miles) running event with lessons that inspire girls to become independent thinkers, enhance their problem-solving skills and make healthy decisions. All of this is accomplished through an active collaboration with girls and their parents, schools, volunteers, staff, and the community.

Girls on the Run is an Independent Council of Girls on the Run International, which has a network of 200+ locations across the United States and Canada.

Girls on the Run® is a 501©3 non-profit organization dedicated to creating a world where every girl knows and activates her limitless potential and is free to boldly pursue her dreams.

Meeting twice a week in small teams of 8-15 girls, we teach life skills through dynamic, conversation-based lessons and running games. The 20-lesson curriculum is taught by certified Girls on the Run coaches and includes three parts: understanding ourselves, valuing relationships and teamwork and understanding how we connect with and shape the world at large.

Running is used to inspire and motivate girls, encourage lifelong health and fitness, and build confidence through accomplishment. At each season’s conclusion, the girls and their running buddies, complete a 5k running event. Completing a 5k gives the girls a tangible sense of achievement as well as a framework for setting and achieving life goals. The result—making the seemingly impossible, possible and teaching girls that they can.

Submitted by Kathy Gugger

The charity that was chosen by secret ballot was **GATEWAY TO HOPE**. They will be notified of their selection and invited to attend the luncheon at the SES Charity Tournament on September 22, 2017 at Norwood Hills Country Club.

There being no further business, Laurel Palmer moved to adjourn the meeting and Margaret Farrell seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

