



The Newsletter of The Fillies, Inc.
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Editor: Glenda Thome

A Message from the President

Dear Fillies:

I hope you have all survived this long hot summer! It seems impossible that fall and the holidays are approaching. It is always an exciting time for all.

I would like to say thank you to this Fillies membership for electing me to serve as your president for 2011-2012. I certainly will give you my very best effort.

We have a wonderful group of ladies this year elected and selected to serve as your Board of Directors.

Elected

President- Elect - Becky Fangman

Vice-President - Sandy Allen

Recording Secretary - Bonnie Taylor

Corresponding Secretary - Beverly Pendleton

Treasurer - Helen Davis

By Laws - Linda Miller

Membership - Carol Powell

Nominations & Elections - Terri Saunders

Publicity - Betty Moberly

Appointed

Arrangements - Lynn Jones

Fillies Derby Ball - Jo Graves

Fillies, Inc. Official Kentucky Derby Festival Program - Julie Dorsey

Float - Jude Elkins

Historical - Chris Fulkerson

Newsletter / Yearbook - Glenda Thome

Ways and Means - Shannon Seebert

Immediate Past President - Jenny Jacob

Parliamentarian - Barbara Davis

KDF Foundation Liaison - Jeff English

Jenny Jacob's theme last year was "United We Grow and Together Is Better." She also reminded us of the object of this organization. I will continue to grow on that by saying "Just Do It!" A diligent woman lives by the principle of "Just Do It!". She is the one who does it, does it, does it, and then does it some more, until whatever she set out to do is finished.

We are planning a very exciting menu for you this year. Your board has already been hard at work. Please refer to your handbooks for all general meeting dates, Ways and Means "Boo Bash", Holiday Party, the Fillies Derby Ball and the Children's Tea. Circle them on your calendars!

Welcome to our new Provisionals! Please make an effort to introduce yourself. Carol Powell and her committee are hard at work in an effort to do just that.

Julie Dorsey, our Official Kentucky Derby Festival Program Chair, will be working very closely with Carol and her new provisionals this year.

Thank you, Julie, for accepting this responsibility. Please make an effort to participate with On The Track, as well as letting her know of anyone in need of advertising in our program.

Lynn Jones and Chris Fulkerson will be "spicing up" our meetings this year. We will have our November general meeting at Churchill Downs! Please circle November 16 on your calendars. Guests are invited after the meeting and limited seating is available. Breeders' Cup will be at Churchill again this year! Don't miss this! Lynn, Chris and Suzann Thompson are preparing a "New York" style Fashion Show on St. Patrick's Day! Get your green out!

I want to welcome back Fillie, Jo Graves and thank her for accepting to chair our Fillies Derby Ball. Jo, Jenny Jacob, Vicki Hillerich and I had a wonderful time at the Atlanta mart selecting items for our ball. Jo has some wonderful ideas and you will not want to miss the magic and fun she will bring to this event! Get your ball gowns ready and get ready to have some fun!

Jude Elkins will be preparing our float to make its annual trip down Broadway! We will be refurbishing our float this year and she is the perfect lady to do this. I will be excited to see how she will "dazzle" our community.

Lorena Peter and I have signed the contract for The Children's Tea to be held at the Seelbach Hotel again this year. Lorena is already making plans for all of our little princesses!

On a business note, Linda Miller and her committee are preparing to propose a new By Law to be voted on at our September 15 meeting. Also, Terri Saunders will be taking nominations from the floor to select her committee for Nominations and Elections. If you are interested in serving, please have someone nominate you or contact Terri.

Helen Davis will keep a close watch on our funds. Thank you Glenda Thome for all of the time you have spent serving this membership. Also, thanks to all of our special committees. If you have signed up for these committees, please participate!

Joyce Stephenson has graciously offered her home for our Holiday Party. It will be a time to enjoy friendship with Fillies at the most wonderful time of the year.

Fillies, get ready for business and pleasure this year and remember "Just Do It!"

Respectfully,

Patsy Allen

Quote: "Nearly all men/women can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's/woman's character, give him/her power." - Abraham Lincoln

Fillies Derby Ball

Ladies, it is the start of a new year again. I have great plans for The Fillies Ball and I hope that you will love them as much as I do. I have good help and I know they will do a good job as I also plan to give it my best.

My plans are to focus on the Ladies that made this organization what it is today and hope that all members will attend the Ball this up coming year. We need you because you are the foundation that made this event what it is today.

I have a few more spots to fill. If you are interested, please give me a call and tell me where you would like to help.

Ball Committee Vice -Chair

Corporate Tables Vice-chair - Chris Whelan, Chair

Reservations Chair

Set-Up Committee Chair

Tear Down Committee Chair

Hope to see you at the September Meeting, I will give more details about the theme and the decor at that time.

*Thank you,
Jo Graves,
Ball Chair
502-817-7667
jo.graves@yahoo.com*



Fillies Spring Fashion Show

Our Spring Fashion Show will be held on Saturday, March 17, 2012 at Hurstbourne Country Club. This year's show will be a New York style fashion show! Mark your calendars for an afternoon viewing of the latest fashions for spring. The committee is working very hard to bring new retailers into our show. We will also have many vendors selling merchandise. So begin saving your money now! More details coming.

*Suzann Thompson, Chair
Jude Elkins, Asst. Chair*

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

The September General Meeting will be held at Audubon Country Club (3265 Robin Road 40213) on Thursday, September 15, 2011. Come at 5:30 PM to socialize with other Fillie members.

The business meeting will begin at 6:00 PM with dinner served at 7:00 PM.

MENU

- ☛ *Kentucky Bourbon Chicken*
- ☛ *Herbed Wild Rice Blend*
- ☛ *Fresh Asparagus*
- ☛ *Warm Rolls and Butter*
- ☛ *Coffee and Tea*
- ☛ *Derby Pie with Whipped Cream*

**The cost will be \$23
(the same as last year).**

Please make your reservation by sending a check payable to The Fillies, Inc. by Thursday, September 8, 2011 to:

Shirley Payne
201 Coralberry Road
Louisville, KY 40207

If you wish to make a "meeting only" reservation, please e-mail Shirley Payne spayneofsdf@bellsouth.net or leave a message at H-899-9246.

Thank you – Lynn Jones
Arrangements Committee Chair

Thunder Over Louisville Tent

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 21, 2012 for a day atop Witherspoon Garage to view Kentucky Derby Festival's air show and have your own front row seat for Thunder over Louisville. I will be taking reservations at our September meeting. Seats are reserved on a first come first serve basis.

The price of the ticket is \$110.00 per person. This includes parking in the Witherspoon Garage, hors d'oeuvres, dinner and an open bar. Payment for tickets is due March 1, 2012. Come join the fun!

*Suzann Thompson, Chair
Lisa Quiggins-Pittman, Asst. Chair*



Thank you, Susan Moore and Cindy Ogden, for the wonderful job you did on the 2011 Children's Tea. You are a tough act to follow!

Victoria Snelling has agreed to be my Vice-Chair this year. She's a new member and I thought I'd introduce her to our organization by putting her to work right away. We have decided to have the Tea at the Seelbach Hotel again in 2012, with a date change to APRIL 29. Working committees are being formed to handle various activities and I appreciate the willingness of our membership to pitch in when there is work to be done. We'll have a committee meeting sometime in October.

This year, we hope to offer the young princesses time to be creative and to be beautified, as well as to enjoy the company of Derby Princesses. More detail will come in future newsletters. Be on the lookout! And put the date on your calendars: April 29, 2012, to treat your daughters and granddaughters at the Fillies' Children's Tea..

*Lorena Peter
Chairperson*



NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Welcome Back! I hope all Fillies had a good summer. If you have been an active member in good standing for two years, please consider running for an office this year. We will be having informational meetings for those interested in November and January, date and time to be announced.

*Sincerely,
Terri Saunders
Chairman, Nomination and Elections*

Princess Committee

The application forms are now on line for interested young women who wish to apply for the position of Kentucky Derby Festival Princess. Preliminary judging will be held October 29th, 2011 and November 5, 2011. The judges will include two community leaders, two past presidents of the Fillies and a representative from the Derby Festival office.

We are making a concerted effort to encourage young women from different ethnic groups to make application for the Princess positions. I would ask that each of the members help in this endeavor by sharing information about this program with young women you think would represent our organization and community in a positive manner.

Sandy Allen, Chair

Princess Judging

The Princess Committee is in need of Past Presidents of The Fillies for the preliminary judging process. The preliminary judging panel is to have two Past Presidents who have not served during last year's judging and must be available for both screening days. The dates are October 29 and November 5. The committee is requesting interested Past Presidents to submit their name to Mary Miller @ marymiller1053@hotmail.com or call 637-9920.

Judging is being held at Goldberg Simpson law firm in Norton Commons and will run from approximately 8am to 5pm on both days. A random drawing of submitted names will be held at the September 15 Fillies meeting.

BY LAW CHANGE PROPOSALS

*The By Law Committee and the Board of Directors
DOES NOT recommend the following proposal.*

ARTICLE VI. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS SECTION 2 Election (Fillies Yearbook, Page 9)

EXISTING BY LAW READS:

A. Election. The election of officers and chairmen of designated committees shall be held at the March meeting. It shall be under the direction of the nomination committee. The president shall appoint additional tellers if the need arises. Board members shall not serve as tellers. The election shall be by ballot and a majority vote shall elect. Officers and chairmen shall assume their duties at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

A. Election. The election of officers and chairmen of designated committees shall be held at the June meeting. It shall be under the direction of the of the nomination committee. The president shall appoint additional tellers if the need arises. Board members shall not serve as tellers. The election shall be by ballot and a majority vote shall elect. Officers and chairmen shall assume their duties at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected.

RATIONALE FOR CHANGE: Many of the officers on the board of directors will be running for office, yet will not have completed their positions by the March election. The membership votes without having the full information on how well someone has performed her job. There is also an issue with having duplicate offices for two or three months. Finally, the March meeting is the fashion show in which guests and vendors are in attendance. This creates logistical and privacy issues for members.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The committee recommends no action on this proposal. This is a recently established change and we haven't had enough experience with its function to know if it merits a reversal at this time. Additionally, people who are in consideration for election will most likely have performed other jobs for the organization, so voters will be aware of their skills and abilities. And there is not so much

confusion regarding the "double slotting" of offices in the three-month period between the March and June meetings to require a change. The additional months give the newly elected person time to shadow and learn from the serving officer or Chair. In addition, the election takes place during the business portion of the meeting and visitors should not be in attendance at that time.

*The By Law Committee and the Board of Directors
DOES recommend this proposal.*

ARTICLE VIII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS SECTION 1. Composition

EXISTING BY LAW READS:

A. The members of the Board of Directors shall be the officers and the chairmen of the following standing committees: Arrangements, Bylaws, Computer Information Technologist, Fillies Derby Ball, Fillies Official Kentucky Derby Festival Program, Float, Historical, Membership, Newsletter/Printing, Nominations and Elections, Publicity, and Ways and Means.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

A. The members of the Board of Directors shall be the officers and the chairmen of the following standing committees: Arrangements, Bylaws, Children's Tea, Computer Information Technologist, Fillies Derby Ball, Fillies Official Kentucky Derby Festival Program, Float, Historical, Membership, Newsletter/Printing, Nominations and Elections, Publicity, and Ways and Means.

RATIONALE FOR CHANGE: The Children's Tea has grown and has proven that it is and will be a successful event for the Fillies. The amount of time that is invested in preparing this event is almost as much as for the Chairperson of the Fillies Derby Ball.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The committee recommends this proposal for passage. It was agreed that the Chairperson of the Children's Tea should sit on the Board of Directors, as that event has become a large and successful one for the Fillies and requires a great deal of responsibility in coordination and planning.

DATES, DATES and More DATES

September 15, 2011
Fillies General Meeting
Audubon Country Club

October 28, 2011
Audubon Country Club
BOOFEST!!

November 16, 2011
Fillies General Meeting
Churchill Downs Stakes Room

December 4, 2011
Holiday Party
Joyce & Fred Stephenson's
Home

January 21, 2011
Fillies General Meeting
Louisville Boat Club

March 17, 2012
Fillies General Meeting
Hurstbourne Country Club

April 20, 2012
FILLIES DERBY BALL
Galt House

April 29, 2012
Children's Tea
Seelbach

June 7, 2012
Fillies General Meeting
Wildwood Country Club

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

January 25, 2012
Poster Premiere

March 29, 2012
Spring Fashion Show

April 20, 2012
"They're Off Luncheon"

April 21, 2012
"Thunder Over Louisville"

May 1, 2012
Parade Preview Party

May 2, 2012
Great Steamboat Race

May 3, 2012
Pegasus Parade

Strategic Planning Meetings

August 29, 2011
October 17, 2011
November 14, 2011
January 23, 2012
March 19, 2012
May 21, 2012

Ways & Means Committee
Meeting
September 7th, 6:30 PM

Provisional Meeting
September 20, 2011
5:30 PM - KDF Office

What is a Fillie?

This is our time, the time of year when we are truly visible. It is the season of the ball and the Queen's court and the float proclaiming that we have done something for our community. No one sees the effort it takes for us to present these things to Louisville and her guests from far-away or the hundreds of thousands of people viewing the Derby from all over the nation. Only we will pat each other's backs in acknowledgement of a job well-done.

The Fillies provide fun with a touch of elegance... or is it elegance with a touch of fun? We are not finding a cure for cancer or solving the problems of poverty and pollution in the world. Our goal is to provide a bit of relief from thinking about those problems. And we have an opportunity to show people that we are a group of women intelligent and competent and strong enough to overcome those foibles at which the cartoonists poke fun.

What kind of women are members of this group? We are from diverse backgrounds, rich with experience. My ideal is a woman who can focus on the reasons we have joined together and, keeping that in mind, act to build the strength of our organization. The strongest supports our goals especially when her friend loses the election.

Holding an office in the Fillies is a privilege and an honor, but it is still just helping to run a woman's club. When we nominate a woman for a position and then when we vote, our goal is the good of the organization. And since we decide democratically who should sit at the head table, they represent all of us. When one of us fails, all of us fails. When one of us looks bad, all Fillies look bad.

The ball is not Sylvia's Derby Ball. It is the Fillies' Derby Ball. It is not Sylvia's Queen or Sylvia's official program. The quality of our output reflects on the whole of the organization and that includes every member. My chest swells with pride when I see this group of women pull together against the characterizations of us as a group of small-minded, backstabbing old biddies. Let's show them that we are superlative creatures, beautiful and full of love and support for our community and for all other women who call themselves Fillies.

by Lorena Peter

Membership Committee Report

It is my pleasure to announce that we have 21 Provisionals for this year. They are as follows:

Debbie Beebe-Flowers - proposed by Eileen Muench - Motivational Speaker; appeared on CBS "Survivor" Series.

Paula Bishop - proposed by Becky Fangman - Former teacher at Sacred Heart Academy; computer whiz; business owner.

Ellie Brooks - proposed by Suanne Sanders - KY Derby Festival Princess in 2007; sister of Amy Brooks Hoffman.

Lesa Buckler - proposed by Terra Long - owns "Details" Interior Design; has been on Mint Jubilee Committee.

Jole' Burghy - proposed by Sally Galla - Turf Club Member and a KY Colonel; works at Anthem.

Amy DeRenzo - proposed by Mary Lou Meyer - Active in Church and Schools; Legal Aid Society volunteer.

Kelly Durham - proposed by Terri Saunders - Attorney; State Director of Miss Heart of America Pageant.

Lisa Edwards - proposed by Chris Fulkerson - Admin. and Doctor Assistant; sister of Julie Dorsey.

Ashley Hoffman - proposed by Juliet Bianca - Freelance Events Coordinator; sister of Amy Hoffman.

Elizabeth Jenkins - proposed by Trish Osborn - Owner of Serendipity Boutique; Attorney.

Patti Klika - proposed by Sharon Conlin - Owner of Commonwealth Sign Co., active at St. Patrick's Church.

Karen Lawson - proposed by Carol Powell - Nurse clinician; sings in church choirs at St. Aloysius and St. Agnes.

Kim Maffet - proposed by Nancy Rust - Assistant to Provost at U. of L.; Chairman of the Foundation for Ky. Commission on Women.

Katie Matthews - Sales and Marketing background; MBA Bellarmine Univ.; member YPAL

Cindy Philpott - proposed by Julie Hinson - Executive Consultant; corporate event planner; 2010 Children's Tea Crown Sponsor.

Olivia Powers - proposed by Suzann Thompson - Owner of Olivia & Co. Boutique; active in volunteer work.

Chrissie Richardson - proposed by Patsy Allen - owner of Sunny Daize Boutique; member of Natl. Assoc. of Women Business Owners.

Dana Sanders - proposed by Susan Moore - Teacher; School Board President at Holy Family School.

Barbara Wainwright - proposed by Cindy Homayoun - Homemaker; President of Fox Harbor Neighborhood Assoc.

Jody Watson - proposed by Karen Kirchner - Sales representative; enjoys photography, crafts and especially first grandbaby.

Denise Yates - proposed by Julie Dorsey - Dentist; owner of Family Care Dentistry and Youthful You.

The Membership Committee has planned a lovely Provisional Orientation Dinner to be held on Wednesday, August 24th, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Paula Harshaw. The Provisionals will be formally introduced to the Fillies Board of Directors by their proposers and an informational orientation session will be held immediately after the buffet dinner. Jeff English from KDF will also be on hand to address the group.

On September 20th, the Provisionals will meet with Mark Shallcross at the KDF office to receive in-depth training on procuring ads for The Fillies Official Program for the Kentucky Derby Festival. President Patsy Allen, Julie Dorsey (Fillies Program Chair), Robbie Steder (Membership Vice-Chair), Linda Steder and I will also be in attendance to assist the Provisionals. Robbie and Linda were very successful last year in selling ads for the program and they will share their expertise with the new group.

Special thanks to all the proposers and endorsers. We have a very diverse and talented group of Provisionals and I look forward to working with each of them this year. They will be introduced to the Fillies membership at the General Meeting in September. Let's give them a warm welcome!

Carol Powell, Membership Chairman

Fillies Lunch Bunch

Join us - Second Thursday of each month
at 12:30 pm

Thursday, **September 8th**
12:30 pm - The Village Anchor
11507 Park Rd

Thursday, **October 13th**
12:30 pm - Corbetts (Next to Costco)

RSVP by Monday of the Lunch date week
to Ivadavis@bellsouth.net or call Iva Davis 241-9309
or Cindy Davis Homayoun 429-6144

On our list? E Mails go out each month to announce the place.



Fillies Dinner Group

October 8, 2011
7:00 pm

Lois Mathews' Home
3314 Shallow Cove Court
Crestwood, KY

Bring a dish
(I will let you know what we need)
and your choice of beverage.
There will be a small charge for entree.

RSVP by Oct 1st.
241-9765 or mccott759@bellsouth.net

Fillies Boo Bash!!

ATTENTION: Save the Date Oct. 28th

Calling all Fillies,
Who are ready to have fun and be silly;
Save the date October twenty eight,
And be ready to stay up late!

Start getting your costume together
With fabric, leather, fur,
buttons, ribbon or feathers.
There will be a prize
for the best costume...

Will it be you?

The cool DJ will get everyone
in the Halloween mood;
As will the silent auction,
a raffle, drinks and food.

We hope to see you and yours at
the Fillies Boo Bash!!

If you have any questions about the Boo Bash, please call
Shannon Seebert, Ways & Means Chairman at 939-2949

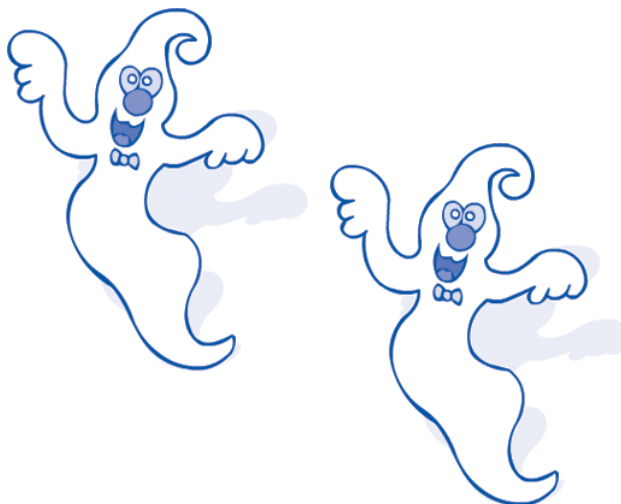
PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Membership, the Publicity Committee is up and running. If your committee wants press/publicity for an event, please notify us at least two (2) months prior to event. Lead time varies by publication/venue.

Please also remember that each of you are members of this committee, if you see articles mentioning the Fillies, Inc. Please clip for us or send me an email so I can obtain a copy.

We appreciate all your help.

*Betty Moberly - Chair,
Valerie Quebbeman - Vice Chair,
Julie Hinson, Joy Thornberry, Linda Steder
and Roberta Steder*



Corresponding Secretary Report

Roses Sent

June

Pat Adkins - loss of Grandson
Shannon Adkins - loss of Son
Anna Potter - loss of Husband
Mollie Smith - loss of Husband
Victoria Snelling - loss of Father

July

Wendy Dotson - loss of Mother

Cards Sent

July

Norma Oberst - loss of Brother-in-law
Jenny Jacob - loss of Aunt
Helen Berry - eye surgery

August

Beth Parks - Birth of Son
Barbara Cox - back surgery

Thank you cards received

Shannon and Scott Adkins
Julie Dorsey
Wendy Dotson
Anna Potter
Mollie Smith



*Beverly Pendleton,
Corresponding Secretary*

Fillies Newsletter Deadlines

For the November NewsletterOctober 18th
January Newsletter December 20th
March Newsletter..... February 17th
June Newsletter..... May 7th

Email your article to Glenda Thome at RDT5@aol.com

Thank You

SAVE THE DATE

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2011
FILLIES GENERAL MEETING
AT CHURCHILL DOWNS**

Please reserve the date and invite your spouse,
friends and neighbors to join you for lunch
and races after the General Meeting.
It should be a fun day and who knows you
might come home a winner!

If anyone is NOT receiving the Fillies update on e-mail, please send your e-mail address to Glenda Thome at RDT5@aol.com

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