

The Guilded Lily

President's Message

Taryn Windheim, 2013-2015

As we settle into the New Year, I find myself overwhelmed by all the events and to-do's that fill my 2014 calendar. I've never belonged to a group that does as much 'stuff' as the Thompson Guild, and looking ahead, my calendar is packed with dates for meetings, fundraisers and Associate events. I am grateful to the Guild members who chair these projects and see them through with such success.



President Taryn Windheim

2013 was one of change for the Guild Board of Directors as several long-serving members stepped down. I am deeply thankful for all the years, time and talents given by Bobbe Dannenbrink, Edythe Gansz, Ann Hanley, Marge Long, Gerry North, Suzanne Winslow and Karen Lustick.

I am also excited to welcome four new members to our very enthusiastic board: Louis Loy, Drinda Lofton, Tammara Schiller and Bob Locke. Guild board members do the lion's share of the planning and execution of Guild functions and I am grateful to be surrounded by such a great team.

We accomplished quite a lot during 2013. We continued to support our pledge to Project Excel, took on a new major pledge for something dear to many of us – the new Women's Health and Wellness Center – and we made numerous smaller contributions to the health system.

In addition, the Guild continued to host many events and activities that the community enjoys, such as Springtime in Canandaigua, which saw substantial growth in its second year. We also had a fabulous luncheon at the August Fashion Show, and we remembered and honored our loved ones at the Tree of Lights celebration. We also introduced a new event – Kentucky Derby Day – that featured a sumptuous Southern buffet and, of course, live racing.

2014 will feature an exciting lineup of great events for Associates and the community at-large, and all the major events you've come to expect from the Guild will be back this year bigger and better. We're even bringing back an Associate favorite – the basket raffle – with new board member Bob Locke coordinating the effort.

While the Guild remains strong, we still need your help. Included in this newsletter you will find a listing of upcoming events that could use an extra hand. We'll also continue to e-mail members when needs arise. If you are not on our e-mail list please let us know so we can add you! E-mail us at FTHGuild@gmail.com to join our list and begin receiving occasional updates and volunteer requests.

As always, I am grateful for your support of the Thompson Guild. Here's to a full and very successful 2014!



(From left, sitting) Karen Lustick, Immediate Past Present, Myrna Ortiz, Mina Drake, Taryn Windheim, President, Judy Reader, Marion Fladd. (From left, standing) Bob Locke, Lou Loy, Treasurer, Cindy Hept, Gail O'Brien, Secretary.

What's Coming Up

- **Springtime in Canandaigua**
April 25 – 27
Canandaigua Civic Center
- **Derby Day**
Saturday, May 3, Noon
Finger Lakes Gaming & Racetrack
- **Plant Sale**
Thursday, May 8, 7 am-3 pm
Thompson Conference Center
- **Annual Dinner,**
Wednesday, May 21
5 pm Cocktails, 6pm Dinner
Ferris Hills, Main Dining Room
- **Fashion Show**
Thursday, August 14, 11 am –2 pm
Bristol Harbour Resort

Tree of Lights

Krista Jackson, Chairperson

Spring is right around the corner, but I want to recognize the Tree of Lights, a winter holiday event that is near and dear to our hearts. Remembering our loved ones is what makes the tree lighting ceremony so special and brings joy to so many.

Thompson Guild's annual Tree of Lights event took place on the evening of Monday, December 2nd. This event gives members of the community the opportunity to make donations in memory of or in honor of loved ones. A glowing light is placed on the evergreen tree outside the main entrance of Thompson Health for those who are remembered or honored.

Thompson Health President/CEO Michael F. Stapleton, Jr. commented on the Tree of Lights

tradition and what it means to remember friends and family. Thompson Guild President Taryn Windheim thanked the many contributors, and Chaplain Mark Henson from Thompson Health gathered all in attendance for a prayer to bless the tree. More than 100 members of the community and the M.M. Ewing Continuing Care Center residents attended the ceremony.

Those in attendance were treated to entertainment at a reception in the M.M. Ewing dining room. More than 30 members of the Canandaigua Elementary School 5th Grade Chorus, under the direction of Bill Mehls, sang holiday songs for the crowd. The Thompson Toners, who also are residents of M.M. Ewing, delighted the crowd with holiday music directed by Anitra Kelly. Thompson Bear and Santa helped to round out the evening's festivities.

In all, more than 500 people were recognized at this event, either in memory or in honor. Those recognized will have their name added to the Tree of Lights commemorative book. The Tree of Lights event raised more than \$5,500 this year. The Thompson Guild will use the funds to fulfill its mission of helping Thompson Health purchase needed equipment throughout the year.

Thompson Guild would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to this special annual event.



Poinsettia and Wreath Sale

Karen Lustick, Chairperson

Last year's sale was so well received by Thompson Associates we decided to repeat it. The 2013 version was held in the Continuing Care Center lobby on November 26. With Miller Nurseries out of business, Chase's Greenhouse in Rush stepped up to provide poinsettias, cyclamens and Christmas cactuses at cost. A special thanks to John Miller for donating the supplies used to assemble the wreaths, and to Terry Miller, who prepared them for us. They were spectacular! And thanks to all those volunteers and Thompson Associates who helped set up and run the sale. We raised close to \$2,000.

Bake Sale

Mina Drake, Chairperson

The Guild's annual bake sale was one sweet day, raising almost \$2,000. Once again, the event was held in conjunction with the Continuing Care Center Bazaar. Chairperson Mina Drake and her committee asked Guild members to bake cakes, pies, cookies, muffins, breads or other sweet treats to sell during the Bazaar, and more than 100 baked goods were delivered.

A grateful Mina sends her thanks to the bakers and donors. Sales were brisk and judging by the smiles on the faces of customers who purchased baked goods, they did not leave disappointed.



Fashion Show update

Judy Reader, Chairperson

Fellow Thompson Guild members presented Karen Lustick and Sue Winslow with the Deb Hawks Award at the Guild's annual Fashion Show and Luncheon held in August. With the spectacular view from Bristol Harbour Resort as our backdrop, 245 guests also enjoyed a delicious luncheon while Dixon Schwabl CEO Lauren Dixon narrated a presentation on the new Women's Health and Wellness Center.



Ten vendors were on hand before and after the show to entice attendees to browse and perhaps purchase from a wide variety of fashions and accessories.

"This is not an award we give out every year," said Guild President Taryn Windheim, who made the presentations. "We only award it when someone really special comes along. This year we had two nominations, and since it's only given out to women who are truly amazing and have put in countless hours to further the mission of the Thompson Guild and the health system, we decided we had to honor both women!"

Karen's nomination came in the form of a book of tributes written by fellow board members and the staff at Thompson Health. A few of the things written about the Guild's most recent past president and one of its most devoted volunteers included "she's a force of nature," "Karen inspires others to give as freely of themselves as she has," "gracious, generous, and amazing," "leadership and respect for others in every project undertaken" "she's willing to try new activities and follow up with the work needed to accomplish the event or project."

Sue is a force of nature in her own right. Her volunteer activities include work on the Springtime in Canandaigua committee, numerous bake sales, plant sales, and the Tree of Lights event. She also chaired a variety of board committees including membership, and served as historian and secretary, the latter for eight years. And she has worked close to 1,800 volunteer hours in the gift shop (that's 75 days, or two-and-a-half months!).

The Fashion Show Committee extends its sincere gratitude to all FF Thompson Guild members for their show of support at the 2013 Fashion Show.

We were honored to have Jane Morgan's Little House Ltd. return to a packed house anxious to see the shop's beautiful fashions. The show was a fun-filled hour of wonderful models showing off gorgeous casual and formal wear. All of the "ooohs and aahhs" did not go unnoticed!

The shopping continued before and after the show with 10 vendors on hand to entice attendees to browse and purchase from a vast line of artistic jewelry, clothing and gifts.

So, stay tuned and mark your calendars for our 2014 annual Guild Fashion Show on Thursday, August 14. We look forward to seeing you there!

The Deb Hawks Award was established to honor an individual who has gone above and beyond the expectations of others for the benefit of the Guild and Thompson Health, and is given in honor of Deb Hawks, a long-time Thompson Guild member and past president who lost her battle with cancer in April of 2007.

Karen and Sue join Gerry North, Ann Hanley and Diane Sickmond as the only recipients of the Deb Hawks Award since its inception eight years ago.





Guild Fall Luncheon

Gail O'Brien & Jean Seager, Co-Chairpersons



Guild President Taryn Windheim presents Thompson Health President/CEO Michael Stapleton Jr. with a check for \$25,000 that will be used to help fund Thompson's new Women's Health and Wellness Center scheduled to open later this year.

Thompson Guild's annual Fall Luncheon had many memorable moments, but none as meaningful as when Guild President Taryn Windheim presented Thompson Health President/CEO Michael Stapleton, Jr. with a \$25,000 check for the new Women's Health and Wellness Center.

More than 80 Guild members and their guests attended the October luncheon held, once again, in the main dining room at Ferris Hills. We can't rave enough about the food, the wait staff or the managerial team that out-did itself to make the occasion a festive fall event.

Mr. Stapleton was the guest speaker and focused his talk on healthcare reform preparation and Thompson Health updates. Each time Mike makes a presentation we are in awe of his exceptional ability. We realize how fortunate we are to have him as the system team leader. The pride he exudes about the health system and how, under his watch, we have come to better understand what a valuable resource residents of the greater Canandaigua area have right here in the "Chosen Spot."

Next-to-New Sale

Karen Lustick, Chairperson

The Guild once again held its "Next-to-New" Sale, an event that supports Thompson Associates who need help spreading holiday cheer to their loved ones. Local merchants donated a wide variety of toys, as well as household and holiday items, jewelry, cosmetics, etc. The Guild priced the new gift items at no more than \$5 and raised more than \$2,000 for the health system.

The event was held on December 7 in the Thompson Conference Center, and several shoppers were overheard saying, "This is better than Black Friday!" In fact, we may rename it the "Better than Black Friday Sale."

Thank you to all of the contributors and volunteers. The event's success can be measured by the fact that we sold hundreds of items that, in turn, assured happy, smiling faces and hugs on Christmas morning.

Volunteers Wanted!



Many hands make lighter work.

Volunteers are needed to help the Guild Board with the following events:

- Springtime in Canandaigua
- Spring Plant Sale
- Kentucky Derby Day
- Spring Annual Dinner.

If you are interested in any of these events please e-mail us at FFTHGuild@gmail.com.

Welcome To Our Newest Members of the Board

Bob Locke is well known to the Canandaigua and Thompson Health communities. With his educational background in pharmacy, information technology and management, Bob was a cornerstone of the Thompson leadership team for 30 years.

Throughout his tenure he led Pharmacy Services at Thompson, but took on a variety of other leadership roles as well. He also has a distinguished history of volunteer service to the Canandaigua community. We are thrilled to have him as a member of the Guild board. Bob will head up the Basket Raffle this year.

Drinda Lofton joined us in December. After 20 years as the Media Specialist for the Canandaigua Primary School she retired in 2009, and has been working part time at Wood Library. Drinda has lived in Canandaigua for 38 years, and has a rich history of volunteer activities. She served on the Ontario Children's Foundation Board of Managers for 16 years, the Arts at the Gardens committee for 11 years, and the Springtime in Canandaigua committee for two years. We are excited and pleased that she's chosen to direct her time, energy and skills to the Guild Board.

Tammara Schiller, branch manager at Reliant Trust in Canandaigua, is the board's newest member. Louis Loy worked 35 years for the Canandaigua Department of Public Works.



New Guild board members Bob Locke, Drinda Lofton and Tammara Schiller

Guild Gallery Gift Shop

Diane Sickmond, Committee Chair

The holiday season is long gone and the Gift Shop Committee is already working hard to make 2014 another great year. The trade shows began in January so we set off looking for new and exciting merchandise to bring back to the Guild Gallery.

This past fall we saw the completion of the kiosk that was generously donated to the Guild by Nancy Bryan Role and her company, Ikoniq. It is now open for business in the lobby of the Constellation Center.

In September, the Guild's gift shop committee hosted a gathering of regional gift shop managers and buyers to discuss volunteer recruitment, trade shows, purchasing and merchandising displays and more. Fourteen people attended from as far away as Elmira Arnot Ogden Hospital. We spent several hours talking about what works and what doesn't. I believe we all came away feeling that it was a day well spent. At the end of the session we took a tour of our gift shops and everyone agreed that our shops are quite impressive. We hope to make this an annual event in the future.

In October we held our fifth annual Spooktacular Accessories Sale. Once again, it was very well attended and a perfect time to start the holiday shopping season.

Anyone wishing to join our gift shop volunteer team please call Gift Shop Manager Bonnie Dennis at (585) 396-6661.

Membership Matters

Judy Hanley, Chairperson

A few months ago, Myrna Ortiz, the Guild's Membership Committee chairwoman, asked if I would like to assume her responsibilities as membership chair. I happily accepted. Membership really matters!

And my first responsibility? Billing.

2014 Guild annual dues notices were mailed to paying members in December. Brandy Collett from the Corporate Communications Office who serves as our Guild liaison was a huge help with printing and mailing. Thompson Guild currently has a total of 221 members with 31 life members. Lifetime membership is \$500. The annual membership levels are \$100 for Benefactor, \$75 for Patron,

\$50 for Supporting and \$25 for Member.

Please recognize the value of your membership. Dues-paying members form the foundation of the Guild, and without your support it would be next to impossible for the Guild to perform at the high level we've all come to expect.

Membership renewals should be mailed to Thompson Guild, 350 Parrish Street, Canandaigua NY 14424, Attention: Judy Hanley. Please indicate on the application if you are interested in volunteering for one of the many Guild events throughout the year and add your e-mail address. Do not hesitate to call Judy at (585) 472-1772 with any questions.

Springtime in Canandaigua

Marianne Gallagher, Director

**April 25–April 27
2014**



Everyone's invited to what's becoming one of the Guild's most popular events – Springtime in Canandaigua, a three-day fundraiser beginning on Friday, April 25 and continuing through Sunday, April 27. This year's juried art and craft show, the third annual, will once again take place at the Canandaigua Civic Center.

The fundraiser's 2014 beneficiary is Thompson's new Women's Health and Wellness Center. The innovative \$2.5 million facility will create a patient-centered continuum of care currently unavailable in the Finger Lakes Region. The Guild's volunteer efforts will help Thompson offer health care specifically designed around a women's optimal breast health and bone wellness.

We applaud the 100-plus volunteers and Guild board members who donated their time to last year's Springtime event, and truly appreciate the community's tremendous support. Many thanks to our Springtime in Canandaigua Committee members: Dawn Case, Kathy Connor, Edythe Gansz, Judy Hanley, Cindy Hept, Krista Jackson, Drinda Lofton, Karen Lustick, Joe Matus, Lou Loy, Rosemary Park, Lynne Standish, Suzanne Winslow and Taryn Windheim.

With two years of solid attendance – Springtime in Canandaigua attracted more than 7,500 patrons during its first two years – the 2014 numbers are expected to grow. Combined, the 2012 and 2013 events raised \$23,440 for Thompson Health.

More than 60 artisans will return this year and about 30 new and exciting artisans will introduce their talents to our patrons. We've heard from artists from Michigan, Vermont, Maine and surrounding states. Professional speakers will also be invited to explore springtime topics such as landscape architecture, organic gardening and improving your outdoor living space. The forums will be held at the Civic Center and are free to the public.

Our Gold Sponsors include Lyons National Bank, Constellation Brands, Wegmans Markets and Thompson Health. Additional support is also in place from Canandaigua National Bank, Heritage Motors, Case's Liquor, Reliant Credit Union, and Ontario County Work Force.

Please remember this is a volunteer effort involving more than 100 Thompson Guild members, community sponsors and local businesses that all do an excellent job. For each of the last two years, the artists and the 7,500 patrons have rated our volunteers at 10-out-of-10. If you are interested in volunteering for Springtime in Canandaigua, contact Cindy Hept at 657-6756, Judy Hanley at 472-1772 or Marianne Gallagher at 396-9473.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Thompson Guild shall be to provide assistance and support to the Thompson Health System, its patients and its Associates, and to act as a liaison for the community and Thompson Health. The Guild's efforts will focus on public relations, fundraising, health advocacy and related programs beneficial to the Thompson Health System.

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