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For Directors of the  
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# Seasonal Newsletter

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## Connect with us!



## Word from the President

The 2014 Convention is approaching and I would like to personally extend an invitation to you. We have many exciting and new ideas that we are looking forward to sharing with you! This will be an opportune experience to connect personally with our staff and other directors from all across the country. We will especially be focused on honoring our 10+ year directors. You are the core of our company! I look forward to seeing you!

Charles A. Winters  
President, NLJC

A handwritten signature of Charles A. Winters.

## Announcements:

- **Convention plans are underway! Please send in your registration form if you haven't done so.**  
Charlotte, NC, SouthPark Marriott, June 20th - 22nd
- **Check out latest NLJC Approved Top Hit Music**
- **Next New Director Training is scheduled for August 2014**
- **Connect with us on different forms of social media today!**



## New Directors



*Laura Walsh  
Allen, Texas*

Laura Walsh received a Bachelor of Science degree In International Business (Finance/French) from Auburn University, where she was a member of Kappa Delta Sorority. Her hometown is St. Louis, Missouri where she was a St. Louis Charitable Foundation debutante. Laura's prior work experience has been in Human Resources with the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta –Birmingham Branch and WTVR-TV (CBS Affiliate) in Richmond, Virginia. Her most recent career position was First Grade Teacher within the Frisco Independent School District. Laura and her husband, Brad, have resided in Frisco with their three daughters since 2000. She is active in her church where she has served as a Vestry member, Search Committee Chair, Honduras Mission Trip Team Leader and Eucharistic Lay Minister. Laura currently serves as Vice President of the West Point Parents' Club of North Texas and is an active member of Daughters of the American Revolution.



*Kathleen Geneva  
Prince William, Virginia*

A military brat, Kathleen Geneva grew up all over the world where her parents always instilled honor and dignity. Her father, a West Point graduate and her mother, an educator always stressed the importance of family and respect. Kathleen graduated with a BA in Communications from Randolph—Macon Women's College. Her Junior year she traveled abroad where she attended Reading University. Kathleen also attended Oxford, where she studied at St. Anne's College. Upon graduation, Kathleen had a career in the Human Resource field and worked in the DC area for over 16 years. She was also involved in the Junior League of Washington, DC for several years. Presently, Kathleen and her husband Dr. Edward Geneva, reside in Haymarket, Virginia and are raising their two beautiful children, ages, 8 and 11. Kathleen currently is a stay at home mother and is active in volunteering at school and in the community.



## *New Directors*



*Cammi Owens*  
*Gwinnett, Georgia*

Cammi Owens serves as the Student Counselor at Hebron Christian Academy, for grades K-12. She received a Master of Arts degree in Christian Education and a Master of Arts degree in Marriage and Family Counseling from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. She has an undergrad degree from the University of Georgia, in Child and Family Development. Cammi has been an active member of the Dacula/Hebron community for the last 10 years, working with children, teens and families. She is married to Jason Owens.



*Lydia Holland*  
*Gwinnett, Georgia*

Lydia Holland is a long-time Gwinnett resident and has been working with middle and high school students for seven years. She currently serves as the Administrative Assistant to the High School ministry at Hebron Baptist Church in Dacula, Georgia, and is studying Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management at Gwinnett Technical College. She also worked as a nanny and care-giver for multiple families in Birmingham, Alabama during 2010-2011 while studying at Samford University.



## *New Directors*



*Valerie Althoff*  
*Beaufort, South Carolina*

Valerie Althoff was born in Charlotte, NC and grew up in Lewisburg, WV. She attended Radford University in Radford, VA and received a Bachelor's degree in Marketing. She spent many years working in the resort tourism industry in Hilton Head Island, SC and moved to Richmond, VA to pursue her career in Marketing as a Corporate Advertising Manager at Circuit City Stores, Inc. She and her husband, Jeff and their son Blake, now live in Beaufort, SC where she is the Member Services Manager for the Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce and an active member of her church, Praise Assembly of God.

*We welcome you to the  
NLJC Family!*



# What Junior Cotillion Means to Me



Essay Contest Winner for 2014

*Robby*

Orange County Chapter  
Director: Arlene Wroblicky

What does Junior Cotillion mean to me? My answer is “More than...” It is more than a manners class. It is more than learning how to be respectful, how to tie a tie or what fork to use at the dinner table. It is more than learning how to dance or meeting kids from other schools. It is more than learning how to dress properly for dinners and dances. And it is more than just the lessons in the Student Booklet.

I joined Junior Cotillion in the seventh grade at my mother’s insistence. I refused to go in the sixth grade because I assumed any manners type class would be pure torture. After all, I had taken manners class at Park Maitland 5th and 6th grade. How much more manners did I need? I lost the battle in the seventh grade.

To my surprise, I felt relaxed and comfortable in the class. Our instructor, Arlene Wroblicky, is warm and welcoming. She immediately puts the kids at ease and plays music we all like. It is not just the cookies she bring to class. She interacts with us and shows us what she teaches. I am learning how to dance and I am even teaching my parents the steps. Who would have thought?

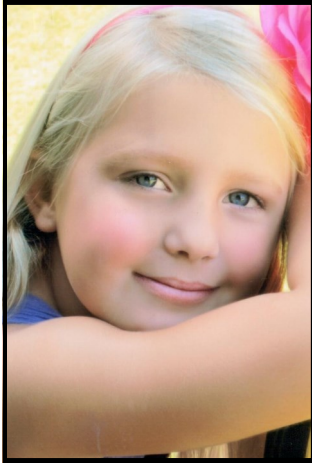
Junior Cotillion teaches more than manners. I actually like the dancing. I also don’t mind getting dressed up and I like picking cool shoes and ties to wear. Junior Cotillion is not just a manners class. It is definitely “more than...” for me.





# What Junior Cotillion Means to Me

## Finalist



*Courtney*

**Coweta County Chapter  
Director: Rosalyn Boyd**

When I started attending the Junior cotillion events, I was unsure of what I was getting into. In my mind anything with the word “Cotillion” was meant for another generation...my mother’s. Visions of gloved girls in white dresses

attending boring parties waltzed through my mind. While we did wear gloves, and searched (and searched) for that perfect, white dress, Junior Cotillion has meant more to me than I would have ever imagined.

Junior Cotillion has given me the confidence to feel comfortable in situations that I would have once shied away from. The lessons taught by my teacher, Mrs. Rosalyn Boyd, will be ones that I will remember throughout my life. Giving a firm handshake, using good eye contact and what fork to use and when, are just a few of the important topics Mrs. Boyd shared with our class. Most importantly, she and Junior Cotillion, taught me that etiquette is

important because it helps everyone feel more comfortable, to know what to expect in this ever changing world. I envision myself remembering Mrs. Boyd’s instructions as I go on college interviews, travel to distant lands, and pursue my dreams. I leave this cotillion season as a different girl than the one who reluctantly entered that class in September. Thanks to Junior Cotillion and Mrs. Rosalyn Boyd, I am a confident, young, lady ready to pursue my dreams.



*Olivia*

**Faulkner County Chapter  
Director: Susan Humphries**

Let’s do this! Those exact words kept crossing my mind as I entered the Brewer Hegemann center for my first cotillion class. I wasn’t nervous for a couple of reasons. First my sister Grace,

had done cotillion before and told me all about her experience. Second my dad is an Arkansas state senator, so I get to attend lots of dinners and conventions. Exciting right!?

I knew the “simple” manners that everyone probably knows about. For example—no elbows on the table, and chew your food with your mouth closed. Well at the “National League of Junior Cotillions” I learned much more. I learned everything from dance positions, knowing when to rise, and we can’t forget about greeting people and shaking hands!

I think cotillion is a great way to show kids all around the country how to present themselves if they are at a dinner or a wedding. Cotillion, to me, is also great for manners at

home. Did you know, that if a woman is married she is to be called by Mrs., her husband’s first name, and then her husband’s last name?! I already knew to say Mrs. And her husband’s last name, but I had no clue that you needed to say her husband’s first name also! That was very interesting to me.

I’ve enjoyed the past several months in cotillion. I look forward to using the manners and etiquette skills that I have learned in cotillion. I believe that what I’ve learned in cotillion will be useful throughout my years—whether I’m attending a formal event or a simple backyard barbeque.



# What Junior Cotillion Means to Me

## Finalist



*William*

**Henry County Chapter  
Director: Elaine Poitevint**

I know what I expected as soon as I walked through the door, you probably know what I felt. I expected someone to stand in front of me and point out my every flaw in my manners. In-

stead I walked in and saw my friends waiting for me with some really cute girls! Once I introduced myself and saw my teacher I was bracing for impact, instead she greeted me with an outstretched arm and a warm smile and said her name was Mrs. Poitevint. In that moment, I realized this might not be so bad after all. After that class, I told my mom all about it and told her I would go back as long as I could. Time flew by and I wished I could stop it, and then it was the Winter Ball!!! I was so nervous. My mind was running a million miles an hour. Do I smell bad? What if they don't like me? Is my breath ok?

When I got there, I was surprised when they greeted me like they normally do. I thought, "this might not be bad after all" there were a lot more people there than normal. There was plenty of dancing going on that would last a lifetime. The night was a breeze; there was plenty of laughing, smiling, and fun that went on that night. When I got home I was exhausted, my feet were cramping also. But it was all an exciting time. I've said all that to say that cotillion means a whole lot to me. It is exciting, fun, and you learn a lot, especially about dancing, interviewing for a job, and how to be a guest in someone else's house. I think everyone should do cotillion. It is fun and very educational.



*Olivia*

**Greater Kansas City Chapter  
Director: Jessica Fisher**

Junior Cotillion means coming together as a city. It means learning the necessities of begin an adult. It is important for everyone to learn their manners. Before you go to High School, you

will know many people from other schools from Cotillion. The Directors are always welcoming and it makes you feel like you are at home. I look forward to going to Cotillion every month because we learn new things every time. It's nice to dress up every once and a while. Even though everyone is always complaining about dancing, I enjoy it and the skills will be useful for dances when I am older. Junior Cotillion brings Kansas City together.



# What Junior Cotillion Means to Me Honorable Mentions

*Abigail ..... Sara Seiberling, Director*

*Brier ..... Marie Abee, Director*

*Carson ..... Jessica Fisher, Director*

*Grace ..... Susan Humphries, Director*

*Jerry ..... Ann Achiu, Director*

*Nataneal ..... Ann Achiu, Director*

*Patton ..... Jessica Fisher, Director*

*Sarah ..... Rosalyn Boyd, Director*

*Summer. .... Laurie Coventry-Payne, Director*

*Taylor ..... Jessica Fisher, Director*

## Congratulations!

Judging the essays was thoroughly enjoyable, although somewhat difficult, given the stellar quality of essays submitted. Directors and students: Keep up the good work!





# Convention

Our 2014 Convention will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina at the SouthPark Marriott on June 20-22! Below are some photographs where you will be staying, amenities of the hotel, and some information on interesting sites to see and visit during your stay in Charlotte.



The SouthPark Marriott includes a wonderful assortment of amenities including: a 24-hour weight room for guests, a heated pool, a bar and grill, and even shopping right outside the back doors!



# Local Attractions



One of the Carolinas most visited attractions and one of the top science museums in the nation, Discovery Place just unveiled a complete transformation of its wondrous halls, filling the Museum with all-new interactive exhibitions and amazing activities.

Wander the large, new aquarium, walk the rainforest or have an eye-popping experience in the 3D theatre. The more adventurous can lie on a bed of nails or explore unseen inhabitants of the human body. Or, spend time in one of three hands-on labs where visitors find solutions using real science.



SouthPark Mall is where you'll find more of what you're looking for at the Carolina's premier shopping destination with over 150+ stores, serving the communities of Charlotte. Among the 150+ stores, SouthPark features Apple, Burberry, Lilly Pulitzer, Louis Vuitton, Neiman Marcus, Nordstrom, Tiffany & Co. and much more. SouthPark, a wonderful climate controlled indoor mall, has many exciting dining options from sit down restaurants such as Cheesecake Factory to grab and go choices such as Chipotle. SouthPark has shopping ranging from jewelry to women's apparel to sporting goods and more. SouthPark is conveniently located on the corner of Sharon & Fairview Roads in Charlotte, NC.



Built on the same property as the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, right off of Billy Graham Parkway in Charlotte, N.C., the Library is organized around the themes of "The Man," "The Ministry," "The Message," and "The Mission" with the message being pre-eminent: the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Reminiscent of Billy Graham's upbringing on a dairy farm on the outskirts of Charlotte, the Library building is styled after a dairy barn, and his boyhood home has been restored a short walk from the main Library building. The entrance to the Library is in the shape of a cross, a visual reminder to visitors that it is only through the Cross of Christ that we can be reconciled to God.





## Approved Music

The following songs have recently been added to the approved music list:

<i>Artist</i>	<i>Song</i>	<i>Dance</i>
One Republic	"Counting Stars"	Foxtrot
Luke Bryan	"Play it Again"	Slow Foxtrot
Aloe Blacc	"The Man"	Foxtrot
Demi Lovato	"Neon Lights"	Swing / Shag
Billy Currington	"We Are Tonight"	Refreshments

Continue to check the Directors Only section of the website for more music.

Please note what a difficult challenge it is to find pop music with appropriate lyrics. We desire to have both happy students and happy parents! If you hear a song that is popular among students, please email it to [cotillions@nljc.com](mailto:cotillions@nljc.com) as a song suggestion for review and approval.

## Spring Birthdays

### May

<i>Donna Dille</i>	<i>Salem, VA</i>	<i>5/01</i>
<i>Jill Dykes</i>	<i>Dothan, AL</i>	<i>5/08</i>
<i>Terri Beeson</i>	<i>Monroe, NC</i>	<i>5/13</i>
<i>Tracy Nutt</i>	<i>Moore, SC</i>	<i>5/21</i>
<i>Yvette Shallcross</i>	<i>Cary, NC</i>	<i>5/21</i>
<i>Vivian Welkner</i>	<i>Easley, SC</i>	<i>5/21</i>
<i>Kathleen Geneva</i>	<i>Haymarket, VA</i>	<i>5/22</i>
<i>Gail Hall</i>	<i>Auburn, AL</i>	<i>5/23</i>
<i>Wendie Mackey</i>	<i>Stanley, NC</i>	<i>5/28</i>
<i>Benet Patterson</i>	<i>Huntersville, NC</i>	<i>5/28</i>

### June

<i>Courtney Duncan</i>	<i>Austin, TX</i>	<i>6/07</i>
<i>Sandy Redfern</i>	<i>Little Mountain, SC</i>	<i>6/14</i>
<i>Heather Sexton</i>	<i>Louisville, KY</i>	<i>6/19</i>
<i>Teresa Robinson</i>	<i>Murfreesboro, TN</i>	<i>6/20</i>
<i>Carolyn Valentine</i>	<i>Gray, KY</i>	<i>6/24</i>
<i>Laura Ritch</i>	<i>Decatur, AL</i>	<i>6/25</i>
<i>Reed Horton</i>	<i>Farmville, VA</i>	<i>6/27</i>



# Spring Timeline

## *May (5-Class Schedule)*

- Send May press release to local papers

### **For NLJC Corporate . . .**

- Send Royalty Report and Student Registration lists to Corporate Office
- Mail End of Year Statements by June 1st

### **Prepare Ahead . . .**

- Build classes to capacity by phone-network
- Mail “Sorry We Missed You” letters if needed

## *June (5-Class Schedule)*

- Send June press release to local papers
- Pay quarterly taxes

### **For NLJC Corporate . . .**

- Send Royalty Report and Student Registration lists to Corporate Office, postmarked by 10th of the month

### **Prepare Ahead . . .**

- Build classes to capacity by phone networking; concentrate on getting equal numbers of boys and girls
- Color and tie all dance cards for upcoming season
- Address all Spring Ball envelopes for upcoming season

