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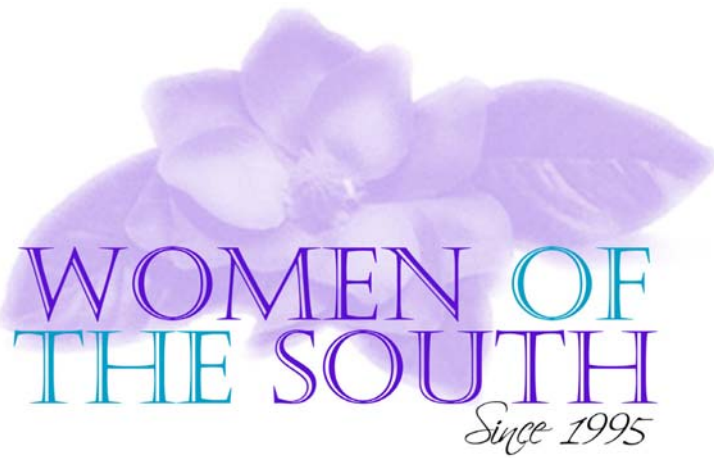
**2009-2010  
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15th Annual Southern Gala

*Thank You All Ball*

Saturday, May 8, 2010  
6:30 p.m.

Petroleum Club  
100 North Broadway  
Oklahoma City

Membership Recruitment and Christmas Party  
... A great time was had by all!!



"Promoting educational, cultural and civic opportunities in the South Oklahoma City area."



Established on April 1, 1995



**2009 - 2010  
BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS**

**HISTORIAN**

Elaine Lyons - Angie O'Keefe

**ARTS FESTIVAL**

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Patricia A. Berryhill

**UNDERWRITING**

Cindy Sparkman

Nancy Wallace - Debbie Self

# Gala News

From now until May we will be working toward the Gala. This is our main source of income other than the golf tournament. There are individuals in our community who depend on the membership of WOS to attend college and better themselves.

In fact, one of the recipients of a scholarship will speak at our next meeting, thanks to Pati Thurman. This is the reason we work so diligently to provide this necessary benefit to individuals.

It is time, once again, for WOS membership to band together and work for this cause. Included in your dues was a \$30.00 amount to buy auction items at market. We will use this \$30.00 on the Gala but, this year we would like for the membership to provide the auction items. This year, because we are celebrating our 15th year, we are cutting back on the amount of auction items. We are celebrating the membership and sponsors who have supported and worked many hours to make WOS successful. But, we need your help more than ever this year by your donation of auction items. The packages will be larger this year and we hope everyone will bid high. Please purchase a nice item for us to use in the auction!

If you cannot attend the meeting, call us and we will pick up the item.

We have members who are already working hard on obtaining items. Pati Thurman is working on OSU items, Linda Neimann is working on OU and Mathis Brothers, Connie has several items she is working on, Sherry Howell is working on a golf package with 7 different golf courses and has a fantastic surprise for the men, Joyce Mauldin has art and jewelry, Beth is working on large trees for your yard, and Londa is working on some amazing travel opportunities. These are just a few of the main Big Board items. If you have a Big Board item to donate call Nancy or Carol and let us know what your are donating.

Recipients of Women of the South scholarships will be speaking at upcoming meetings, thanks to Pati Thurman. This is the reason we work so diligently to provide this necessary benefit to individuals.

Donation forms will be available at upcoming monthly meetings.

**Think Gala! Gala! Gala!**

Carol McDonald and Nancy Wallace,  
2009-2010 Gala Chairs

## A Word From Your 2009 - 2010 President



*Shauna J. Smith*

Think GALA! GALA! GALA!

Let's get on board and help our Gala Chairs, Carol McDonald and Nancy Wallace! If you think of a cool item or need them to contact someone for a donation, please let them know.

If you know of someone you think would be a good lead for Underwriting PLEASE call or email Cindy Sparkman, Chair, or Debbie Self, Vice Chair.

Let's be forever mindful of those around us. If you know someone who needs our prayers, support or encouragement, PLEASE let Benevolence Chair Millie Tibbits and Vice Chair Dottie Klepper know. Email or call them...don't just assume someone else will.

Bring a guest to a Membership Meeting. If each of us could bring on a new member that would DOUBLE our membership.

Blessings,

*Shauna*



# 2009 - 2010 CALENDAR

## JANUARY

- 11th 6:30 p.m. *Board Meeting - Excell Homecare & Hospice  
1200 S.W. 104th, Suite D*
- 18th 6:30 p.m. *Membership Meeting - Earlywine YMCA  
Select Nominating Committee*
- 21st *South OKC Chamber Banquet*
- 26th *OCCC Cultural Arts Series  
Edgar Cruz and Shannon Calderon*

## FEBRUARY

- 8th 6:30 p.m. *Board Meeting - Excell Homecare & Hospice  
1200 S.W. 104th, Suite D*
- 9th OCCC *Cultural Arts Series - Hot Club of San Francisco*
- 15th 6:30 p.m. *Membership Meeting - Earlywine YMCA*

## MARCH

- 2nd OCCC *Cultural Arts Series - Valery Kuleshov*
- 8th 6:30 p.m. *Board Meeting - Excell Homecare & Hospice  
1200 S.W. 104th, Suite D*
- 15th 6:30 p.m. *Membership Meeting  
Nominating Committee To Present Slate Of Officers*

## APRIL

- 12th 6:30 p.m. *Board Meeting - Excell Homecare & Hospice  
1200 S.W. 104th, Suite D*
- 13th OCCC *Cultural Arts Series - Rowan*
- 16th *Joint Blood Drive  
WOS - Junior League - Edmond Womens Club*
- 19th 6:30 p.m. *Membership Meeting*

## MAY

- 8th 6:30 p.m. *"Thank You All Ball" (15th Annual Southern Gala)*
- 9th *Mother's Day*
- 10th 6:30 p.m. *Joint Board - Excell Homecare & Hospice  
1200 S.W. 104th, Suite D*
- 17th 6:30 p.m. *Membership Party & Drive Kickoff*

## JUNE

- 14th 6:30 p.m. *Board Meeting - Excell Homecare & Hospice  
1200 S.W. 104th, Suite D*
- 20th *Father's Day*
- 21st 6:30 p.m. *Membership Meeting*

# WOS Family UPDATES

**WELCOME** to Breelyn Lee McGuire. Born November 20, 2009, at 6:00 a.m., 6 lbs. 5 oz. and 20" long. Proud parents are Michael and Tricia McGuire. "She is perfect...a true blessing!"

## PRAYERS

Mary Blankenship Pointer's mother is having some health issues.

Peggy Lambert had surgery over the holidays and is doing better.

Peggy Matlock's son is in remission and is doing well.

Rachel Odom-Slusher recently had surgery and is doing well.

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to the family of Kathy and John Williams for the loss of John's Dad.

Linda Carr recently had surgery and is recovering.

PLEASE let the Benevolence

Committee, Millie Tibbits and Dottie Klepper, know of any member needs.



Jennifer Laughlin (second from left), a recipient of a YMCA Scholarship through the Strong Kids Campaign, spoke at the January Membership Meeting. Pictured with Jennifer is her daughter and husband. Pati Thurman (far right) introduced Jennifer.



## "Best Seat in the House"

For more information call OCCC Foundation 682-7591 or contact WOS member Pat Berryhill at [pberryhill@occc.edu](mailto:pberryhill@occc.edu)

## RESEARCH & RECOMMENDATION

All community service project ideas and donation requests.

Contact  
Connie Mashburn  
691.0123



NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE  
20th of each month

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1999 - 2000 Joyce Mauldin  
2000 - 2001 Kyle Dahlem  
2001 - 2002 Kathy L. Williams  
2002 - 2003 Susie Bradshaw Kalivoda  
2003 - 2004 Mary Hornbuckle  
2004 - 2005 Dianne Krob  
2005 - 2006 Dr. Linda Miner  
2006 - 2007 Beth Odom  
2007 - 2008 Vickie Munsey  
2008 - 2009 Mary Blankenship Pointer

• • • *Save The Date* • • •

*Women of the South*

*Southern Gala*

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**Mark Your Calendar!**