**The Paramount Theater Volunteer Newsletter**  
**February 2016**

**VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH PROGRAM:**
This program acknowledges the volunteer[s] with the most volunteer hours each month who will receive a personalized Paramount Volunteer name badge. While a person may only be the “Volunteer of the Month” once per year, he or she may receive an alternate recognition gift for subsequent months with leading hours. In this situation, the volunteer with the 2nd most hours will be named “Volunteer of the Month.”

**VOLUNTEER INCENTIVE PROGRAM:**
For every 100 volunteer hours completed by an individual volunteer in a six-month period, the volunteer will receive two tickets to the show of their choice.  
(Limited restrictions may apply.)

The Paramount Theater’s mission - to educate, enchant, enrich and enlighten - is rooted in our commitment to present a wide variety of arts, education, and entertainment opportunities for all to enjoy.

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**Congratulations!**

**2015 Volunteers of the Month**

As a non-profit theater, there is no truer statement than to say that we could not do it without you! You help us strive for our mission of operating a newly-restored and adapted historic Paramount Theater for the artistic, educational, and charitable benefit of our community and the entire Central Virginia region, without each and every volunteer that generously donates his or her time. In 2015 we hosted events from Motown great Diana Ross, to the classically trained great Renée Fleming, to country star Josh Turner, and our first-ever sold out National Theatre Live in HD broadcast of Benedict Cumberbatch in *Hamlet*. And the list goes on. We thank each of you for the hours upon hours you graciously and generously gave to help us achieve our mission this year!

Thank you to the twelve individuals who were recognized each month of 2015 for their total hours of service to our community at the theater. Three cheers to your dedication and enthusiasm for The Paramount Theater!

**January 2015:** Bonnie Samuel  
**February 2015:** Bob & Bobbie Fulton  
**March 2015:** Honnor Dorsey  
**April 2015:** Barbara Boyd  
**May 2015:** Delores Herring  
**June 2015:** Judy Schultz  
**July 2015:** Jenn Dungan  
**August 2015:** Mercy Baranowski  
**September 2015:** Linda Lester  
**October 2015:** Mary Ann Dawson  
**November 2015:** Bunny Sheppard  
**December 2015:** Carolyn Marckel

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**In Recognition of Our Volunteers of the Year**

In September, we were thrilled to host our annual Board, Donor and Volunteer Recognition Reception. Each year we look forward to celebrating this group of individuals and the goals we have achieved together during the fiscal year of July 1 to June 30 for the Theater!

During this celebration, we were honored to announce our fiscal year 2014-2015 Volunteer of the Year: Linda Lester. Congratulations Linda! Thank you for the time and devotion you have shown The Paramount during this past year. Previous Volunteers of the Year include Pamela Bartlett (2011), Judy Schultz (2011), Evelyn Haney (2012), Gene Haney (2012), and Debbie Howe (2013).

The Volunteer of the Year award is presented each year to a volunteer that goes above and beyond in the donation of their time and efforts to The Paramount. These individuals devote an outstanding number of volunteer hours, assist with events throughout the year, and exhibit leadership and dedication to the Theater through their willingness to assist with any task necessary to ensure the success of The Paramount Theater.

If you have not already, take a look at the new plaque located just inside the main doors of the Lobby, which lists our Volunteers of the Year. We are happy to have the opportunity to recognize the volunteers of The Paramount in this way – it is the first thing patrons see as they walk through our doors!

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**Upcoming Events at The Paramount Theater:**

**February 13 at 4:30PM:** NCAA Men’s Basketball - UVA vs. Duke  
**February 14 at 8PM:** Starr Hill presents - Dr. John & the Nite Trippers with Red & the Romantics  
**February 16 at 10:30AM & 12:30PM:** EDUCATION “Walk On - The Story of Rosa Parks”  
**February 17 at 8AM:** Piedmont Landscape Association 2016  
**February 18 at 10:30AM & 12:30PM:** EDUCATION “Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood LIVE!”  
**February 18 at 6PM:** Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood LIVE!  
**February 19 at 8PM:** Stop Making Sense [NR]  
**February 20 at 8PM:** Live Nation presents - David Cross “Making America Great Again!”  
**February 21 at 2PM:** Pride and Prejudice [PG]  
**February 26 at 8PM:** Six Pack Songwriter Series: An Evening of Central Virginia Songwriting  
**February 28 at 2PM:** Best of Enemies [R]  
**February 28 at 7PM:** National Theatre Live presents - As You Like It
Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time recently for all of the late additions to our Winter event schedule. While these months are normally a quieter time at The Paramount, we have been able to fill many dates on relatively short notice. None of these events would be possible without the willingness of our wonderful volunteers to jump in at moment’s notice and make them happen!

A special thank you to the volunteers who were able to brave the recent snowstorm in January to assist with the events we had during that weekend!

“Never underestimate your ability to make someone else’s life better - even if you never know it!” - Greg Louganis

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**Meet & Greet Paramount Staff Member:**

**Luisa Rothwell - Director of Community Development**

Luisa has been with The Paramount Theater since February 2015. She holds a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Marketing from Radford University. Luisa previously served as Executive Assistant to the President of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation (Monticello) and as Regional Communications Coordinator and Regional Executive Assistant at Learning Ally (formerly Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic). She is a native of Virginia. Luisa resides in Palmyra with her husband, Roger, and their two children.

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**Welcome New Paramount Volunteers!**

We are thrilled to welcome the newest volunteers to our Paramount family! Nancy Hall, Carolyn Brauner, Trent Coleman, Sydney Geyer, Sue Miles, Julia Moore, Jillian McCollum, Lisa Alvarez, Adele Roof, Patty Myatt, Betty Joyce Nash and Howard Baker. We look forward to working with you!

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**Cast and Crew 2015**

In late October, as part of our 10th Year Anniversary celebration, we hosted a “Cast and Crew” event where we invited individuals back to the theater who had been involved in the reopening ten years prior. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped that evening - it was a night of wonderful surprises that our guests raved about! Everything from a dance party on the stage to signing the wall backstage; the night was a proud one for our theater to remember. Below are just a few photographs of our volunteers in action that evening.

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**Do You Know Who Created Our Bring Back The Blade Fundraising Gage?**

If you set foot in the theater anytime between October and December, you were sure to have seen the amazing “Bring Back the Blade” fundraising gage that found its home in the lobby for all Paramount events. Some of our volunteers even had the amazing task of standing with our gage to inform patrons of our quest to “Bring Back the Blade,” which we successfully did on December 15, 2015! But do you know who created this awesome 3D example?

Ryan Peacher, our Systems Technician, created this replica of our blade sign! Ryan’s craftsmanship of this fun piece for our campaign gave our patrons a visual of the vertical sign we were raising $175,000 to re-instate.

On December 15, with our community, our volunteers, our donors, and our staff we successfully turned on our new blade sign!

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**Congratulations to Our Volunteer Incentive Winners!**

Congratulations to Evelyn Haney, Gene Haney, Delores Herring and John Lockney!

These four individuals volunteered 100 or more hours during the Spring (March 2015) through the Summer (August 2015) seasons here at The Paramount. Thank you so much for all of your hard work! Enjoy two tickets to The Paramount show of your choice!