

Junior League
president
Nancy Dockerty



hometown heroes

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF BOCA RATON

The all-female volunteer organization celebrates 40 years of philanthropic service in Boca. Here are a few of the statistics that have come to define our local Junior League.

recently became the 39th different woman to serve as president (LeAnne Burns and Catherine Toomey each served two terms). Past presidents have included Lisa Mulhall, Debbie Abrams, Cynthia Krebsbach and Kristin Calder.



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PLOTS: The city has loaned the Junior League one and a half acres of land just north of downtown that will be used this fall as a community garden. Plots are being leased to local gardeners, who will cultivate their areas and plant fruit and vegetables. As part of the agreement, gardeners must donate 10 percent of their bounty to Boca Helping Hands.



500+

NONPROFITS SERVED: Since its opening in 2004, the Grant Library at the Vegco Community Resource Center has assisted more than 500 nonprofits in their search for funding. Information on a half-million awarded grants can be investigated via the library's Foundation Directory database and other research tools. In addition, the library hosts dozens of training seminars, including workshops on how to write a grant.



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NATIONAL AWARD: The Association of Junior Leagues International honored the Boca chapter with the prestigious Community Impact award for

continued service to In the Pines. For the past two decades, JRBR has assisted the organization that provides housing for low-income farm workers. Last year, in addition to helping to coordinate a variety of educational and vocational workshops, the league spearheaded a program to replace 20 of the more dilapidated residences with LEED-certified structures. Along the way, JRBR helped to finance 75 percent of the new home construction by accessing grant dollars from the Federal Emergency Management Fund.

LUCKY 13:

The current JRBR board of 13 accomplished women brings a combined 97 years of Junior League experience and nearly 40 years of serving on other nonprofit boards. "We're like the Navy SEALs," Dockerty says. "We hear about an issue, and we attack it."

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FOUNDING MEMBERS: Joan Mosely and LeAnne Burns, along with 25 other volunteers, formed the original Junior Service League in 1971. The organization completed the application process and officially joined the Association of Junior Leagues in 1983.



25,000

HOURS: The Boca chapter—one of 292 Junior Leagues

throughout the U.S., Canada, Mexico and England—has more than 700 active members and sustainers. In 2010, the Boca contingent volunteered more than 25,000 combined hours and raised some \$320,000 for various community projects.



\$2,500

GRANTS: The league's Community Support Fund awards more than 20 annual grants to various nonprofits. Organizations that recently have received Junior League grants of \$2,500 include:

Cameras for Kids Foundation, Horses for the Handicapped of South Florida and Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County.



40,000+

BOOKS SOLD: Sales of *Savor the Moment*, the league's cookbook that has been honored with a James Beard Foundation award, have raised more than \$500,000.

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PRESIDENTS: Nancy Dockerty