



**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF  
BOCA RATON**

*Women building better communities*

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**New Board of Directors announced for Junior League of Boca Raton:  
Lynn First Lady Kristen Ross to serve as 2008-2009 President**

**Boca Raton** – The Junior League of Boca Raton, Inc., (JLBR) recently announced the new Board of Directors for the 2008-2009 League year. Leading the Board is President Kristen Ross, a member of the Junior League of Boca Raton since 2000. Prior to accepting the Presidency, Ross served on the Board of Directors as President-Elect, VP Planning and VP Community. She has volunteered in additional leadership positions as two-time co-chair and founder of JLBR C.A.R.E.S., co-chair of Chocolate Decadence and co-chair of Membership Satisfaction and Training.

A Hershey, Pennsylvania native, Ross is a graduate of Colgate University with a B.A. in Philosophy and a minor in French. Ross has been a South Florida resident since 1999 and is married to Kevin Ross, the current President of Lynn University. They have two children, Ainsley, age six, and Graham, age four. Her professional work includes positions in the public relations industry in Boston and Washington, D.C. Ross is currently a co-owner in a clothing business and is active on campus and in the community for Lynn University.

Ross stated, “It is a privilege and an honor to serve as president of such an amazing organization of women making an impact in the community. What I love about the Junior League of Boca Raton is that in the process of building a better community, we train each other and develop our own potential as leaders. I believe this is what distinguishes the Junior League from every other volunteer opportunity.”

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Fellow members of the 2008-2009 Board of Directors are: President-Elect Linda Gunn, Vice President Community Jami Guttenberg, Vice President Finance Crystal McMillin, Vice President Planning Jan Kucera, Vice President Communications Reagan Such, Vice President Personnel Melinda DeHoff, Project Development Chair Michele Toomey, Fund Development Chair Nancy Dockerty, Public Relations/Marketing Chair Victoria Jones, Nominating Placement Chair DeLynn Trivison, Sustaining Advisor Lisa Mulhall and Recording Secretary Cindy Krebsbach. Presidential assistants are Elysa Elk and Michelle Duffy.

During her presidential acceptance speech, Ross spoke about how her personal League experiences have shaped her vision for the JLBR this year. She encouraged members to focus on three core sentiments: passion, purpose and pride, suggesting that these “are the essence of League membership.” She also emphasized that the Junior League gives hope to the women, children and families it serves, stating, “The Junior League does more than build buildings and playgrounds, hold life skills seminars and donate toys. We bring hope—hope that change can happen and hope that life can be better. The Junior League delivers the promise that the cycles that hold people down—economic disadvantage, lack of education, abuse, neglect, abandonment—can be broken.”

Community projects of the Junior League of Boca Raton for the 2008-2009 include: Florence Fuller, Hometown Histories, In the Pines, Kids In Distress, Milagro Center and Horses for the Handicapped. The Junior League of Boca Raton will continue to be proactive in developing collaborative partnerships to address significant issues in South Florida and will improve the overall quality of life through a legacy of trained volunteers.

All women interested in becoming a member of the Junior League of Boca Raton are encouraged to attend one of two Candidate Education Sessions (CES) offered this summer at the Vegso Community Resource Center (JLBR office) at 261 NW 13th Street, Boca Raton, FL 33432. The next two sessions will be held on Tuesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7:00 pm. To RSVP or to receive additional information,

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please contact the JLBR office at 561-620-2553, or visit [www.JLBR.org](http://www.JLBR.org).

The Junior League of Boca Raton (JLBR) is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving our community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. Since 1971, the JLBR has been an integral part of our community. The Junior League of Boca Raton is part of the Association of Junior Leagues International, which is comprised of 293 Junior Leagues across the United States and in four countries. This year, JLBR members will contribute more than 35,000 volunteer hours and donate more than \$250,000 to support our mission in the South Florida community. For more information about the JLBR, visit the website [www.JLBR.org](http://www.JLBR.org) or call the JLBR office at 561-620-2553.

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