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from the editor

DEAR READERS,

It is finally here- the last issue. The Bridge has come so far this year, and I hope it continues to grow more each year towards becoming a go-to resource for our members AS WELL AS our community.

The JLBR trains and develops its volunteers by giving every chair the opportunity to build upon the successes of previous years and at the same time, giving her the freedom to bring her own new and exciting ideas to the table.

THANK YOU to the leaders in the League, who stood by me, trusted my editorial judgment and supported my tough decisions. Giving me the freedom to fulfill my vision for this committee is the best mentorship you could have ever given me. **Your encouragement inspired confidence and was instrumental in helping me to become a better person and editor.**

THANK YOU to my committee and other numerous contributors, advertisers, and patrons. **Without your support, The Bridge would not have been able to achieve our goal to be fun yet poignant, self-sufficient and collaborative.**

THIS YEAR OUR GOAL WAS TO MAKE THE BRIDGE PROFITABLE FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER. After also serving on the WVOY committee this year, the thought of our hard-earned fundraising dollars paying for a publication was not an option. The goal was not just to spend less than the committee's allotted budget, or simply gross a lot of money, but to **be profitable! It is a big difference.** This year, the income had to exceed the expenses in order for The Bridge to cease being an additional operating expense of the JLBR.

WE DID IT WITH YOUR HELP. For the first year, The Bridge made more money than it spent and actually raised over \$3,000 towards fulfilling our mission. That is something to be proud of. Thank you for your readership, your contributions and your support.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING THE BRIDGE YOUR MAGAZINE!



Barbara Trevino Chester
2010-2011 Editor, bridge@jlbr.org



from the president-elect

DEAR READERS,

Our League has a tradition of allowing the President-Elect to write an article for an issue of The Bridge. How exciting -my first article, so here it goes.

I recently attended the AJLI Conference for President-Elects and President-Elect-Elects with Jackie Reeves in New Orleans. True to our mission statement of "...improving the community through the effective action and

leadership of trained volunteers," this conference had some amazing sessions on leadership. One in particular that stood out to me was on Servant Leadership, facilitated by Vicki Clark. Robert Greenleaf coined the term servant leadership in his 1970 essay, titled "The Servant as Leader," where he describes the servant leader as one who leads by serving others. I thought, "YES that's it, that's exactly what a Junior League President does and it's exactly why I'm thrilled to be the incoming President. I can do that; I can serve our membership by empowering them to use their talents to accomplish the League's goals." People often ask why I want to be a League President and it always seems hard to explain. I'm not a coach, or a cheerleader, or a motivator, but when I learned more about servant leadership, I realized, yep that's my personality, encouraging others to bring out their best, and when we do that together as volunteers in the League it has a tremendous impact on our community.

The leadership team for the League next year was recently slated and announced at our February Cottage Meetings, and when I looked at the list of names, I was so impressed and inspired. I think so many of these women have that same skill set; to motivate, encourage and foster a sense of community spirit. As Oprah would say, I had that "aha" moment; that moment when I realized our mission statement isn't just something pretty hanging on the wall, it's an attitude that our members embrace fully and the results are in fact that we are "women building a better community." And we're doing it by serving the members of our community. I recently read a quote by Gandhi, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." I love it, and I think it simplifies what we do as League members, thru volunteerism: "building a better community," we're building a better self, and that seems like a win-win to me.



Nancy Dockerty
2011-2012 JLBR President



contributors

This month, we asked our contributors: "How are you growing this year?"



Barbara T. Chester,
Editor

I am growing physically and emotionally. I'm happier now than I have ever been in my life as I prepare for the birth of our first child this summer! It is very exciting and very daunting at the same time.



Jessica Wulkan

I am growing stamina as I prepare to run my first race.

Joanna Drowos

I am growing into my role as a new mom. It is the best job I could ever hope to have!



Kelly Carson

I am growing as I learn to adapt to my young adult children and guide them as they grow into adults. If ever there was a more humbling growth experience than motherhood I know I would be able to face it with confidence. The JLBR has provided me with the opportunity to meet many women with different backgrounds and experiences. This has allowed me to grow as a mother, businesswoman and friend.



Nichole Kalil

I am growing professionally this year by leaps and bounds. Due to staffing deficits, the need to learn new and different skills has become essential. Part of my professional growth is embracing the latest technology and methods of PR.

Lou Ann Such

Unfortunately, I have not grown; I have shrunk, almost 3/4 of an inch, in the last year or so. So take my word for it: Ladies, do not get old!!!



Jackie Reeves

I am very excited for my leadership role with the JLBR as PE and look forward to working more closely with Nancy. I also just began my role as chair of Leadership Boca and I am thrilled and scared to be dancing in the Boca Ballroom Battle this August. Please send me positive thoughts to get on that dance floor!



Marianne Levy
JLBR Photographer

I am growing in my responsibilities as a mom. I just had my second child and am learning to balance the needs of an infant and a three-year-old while also trying to find time for myself.



Denise O'Sullivan

This year I hope to grow by increasing my knowledge of technology. I want to acquire an e-reader, and get more savvy with my iPod and my son's DSi.

Gina Griffin
JLBR Photographer

I am growing older but trying not to grow up too much.



Cristy Stewart-Harfmann

I am growing my strength and balance with my new favorite workout - Pure Barre. I'm on the path to finding balance and am excited to have a workout that brings me peace and helps me put my health as a top priority.

Kristin Calder

My love of life and all it offers is growing as I watch my children discover and experience the world.



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Mary Lavalle-President 1980- During my presidency, the membership worked so hard to take our League from a Junior Service League to a Junior League. We all learned how to work as a team, bring our project ideas to the table, find the financing to fund the projects, help them run for at least three years and then turn them over to the community. At a time when the majority of the membership did not work outside the home, the League introduced a Volunteer Career Development program, enabling women to go out into the work force with resumes built on their volunteer activities. Once the JSL reached the requirement of 100 members and 7 years of operation we began the application process with the Association of Junior Leagues and eventually became a Junior League in 1984. This association attracted transfers and more members. The rest is history.

Judy Hilsmier-President 1987- When I was President the membership was roughly 1/3 the size of today's JLBR. The majority of the members lived in East Boca (today members travel from as far as Wellington and Palm Beach Gardens), and I would personally visit women interested in joining the League so that sponsors could be arranged. We were just beginning to learn the power of a community alliance when we joined other non-profits in the Coalition for Mizner Park. We had not yet adopted the consent agenda. Our major fundraiser was the Gala Grand Opening of Marriott Crocker Center featuring up-and-comer Jay Leno. Some of the money raised allowed us to purchase the JLBR's first computer.



Past Presidents Reflect Upon...



Susan Saxton-President 1991- The League has always taken on the tough challenges, responding to needs in the community. In the 20 years since I was president, the League has certainly been able to increase the amount of money raised to support their projects. The League agreed to take on the Woman Volunteer of the Year Luncheon during my year as president and it has certainly been an enduring fundraiser and community event. And of course, the League continues to be a fertile training ground for community volunteers.

Pattie Damron-President 1992- It has been interesting to see the sustainer membership grow and it is so nice to see sustainers involved with volunteering and supporting the active members as well as with other nonprofits throughout the Boca Raton community. Our community service and outreach has expanded and diversified. Our permanent "home" at the VCRC allows the JLBR to generously share our space and resources with other nonprofits in our community. The budget has also increased with very successful fundraising. Last but not least, we are extremely fortunate to have an Endowment Fund that allows the VCRC building to be a legacy not a liability!



Barbara Hill- President 1993- The Boca community as a whole has changed since I was President. In the early 90's, the JLBR identified the need for a shelter to care for the abused, neglected, and abandoned children in our area. While I was president, we undertook a major fundraising effort and subsequently purchased property to establish The Children's Place at Home Safe. Since then, hundreds of at-risk children have been given guidance and support. Done-in-a-Day (DIAD) was introduced after I attended a National Meeting and got the idea from another League. The JLBR was cutting back on projects, but still wanted opportunities for hands-on volunteering in the community. It warms my heart to see that DIAD is a part of the JLBR culture, and that it allows us to support other wonderful organizations in the community.

Lisa Mulhall- President 1997- Picture the olden days--our only means of communication was the phone or U.S. mail and only a handful of the leaders of the JLBR had email in 1997. It took twice as long to do many simple tasks. *Savor The Moment* was the first real committee that operated by email and it was a huge step forward for the JLBR. We didn't wish each other happy birthday on Facebook--we actually sent cards in the mail!



I'm amazed at how the skill, talent and dedication of our active members continues to grow and expand, allowing the JLBR to address bigger and more complex problems. At committee, council and board meetings our members show incredible confidence to tackle difficult issues. I believe that our history of successful projects over the past 40 years has laid a strong foundation for our membership to feel this way. It is a safe environment to allow our members to take risks, grow in experience and keep learning.



Michelle Rubin- President 1998- The biggest change I have seen since I was president is in the number of presidents who have careers outside the home. When I was president we had very few past presidents who were "career" women. It's great to see the support the presidents have now with the VCRC, great office staff and the ability to communicate with email and cell phones. These women are amazing and wonderful for our League.

Growth in Our 40 Years of Service



by Denise O'Sullivan

Debbie Abrams- President 1999-The League started out with the office in the trunk of the president's car. Presidents would carry around a League file box with them. We had no office space. Later, we had offices in different locations around town. Having the fabulous VCRC is one of the ways that the League has really changed. Another positive change for the League was when we stopped requiring provisionals to be sponsored by an active or sustainer and when we got rid of age limits on membership. This allowed the League to become much more diverse, with working women and women of all ages.



Elizabeth Pankey-Warren- President 2002- My first GMM as President was September 11, 2001. We didn't know what to do after the shock of what took place that morning. After numerous phone calls, the Board decided to cancel the September GMM. Nominating/Placement advisors were called and asked to contact everyone that they could (remember that was before texting and email were so common). A lot has changed in the world since then.



The Capital Campaign to build the VCRC raised \$1.3 million that year. We spent a lot of time in planning meetings that revolved around the design and construction of the VCRC. It makes me proud to see that the VCRC is a valued resource in the community, and that the JLBR owns a place for our members to grow. Having an Office Manager also allows for better communication and coordination of events throughout the year. Another way the League has grown that impresses me is how the money invested into technology allows members to pay fees, purchase tickets, and sign up for DIAD's and Fundraisers online.

The President's Retrospective

by Samantha Vassallo

Wow! It's so hard to believe that we are almost through the League year! I continue to be amazed by the passion and dedication of our members, both to our League and our community.

Every member has a role to play in the continued success of the JLBR. The League is sustained by our collective efforts. Edith Wharton once said "there are two ways of spreading light – to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it." I love the idea that each person can have a role to play in the great works that we as a League all accomplish together.

As a result of our efforts and collaborations this year:

- Over 4,000 children received school supplies and gifts through the Spirit of Giving Network's annual Back to School Bash and Holiday Gift Drive.
- Over 2,000 diapers were collected and we began the research and development phase of starting a local diaper bank.
- We worked with Boca Helping Hands to distribute 400 SHARE bags of discounted, quality food.
- The Boca Raton Community Garden committee designed the garden, created a garden handbook, cleared the ground, and has planned a groundbreaking ceremony on Earth Day this year.
- Kids in the Kitchen reached over 100 children through their healthy eating and exercise programs.
- Florence Fuller and In the Pines have continued their work improving literacy and fighting childhood obesity.
- The Community Support Fund has provided grants to more than 19 nonprofit organizations.
- Done-in-a-Day has coordinated thousands of hours of volunteer time in the community, and has continuously found ways to add new and interesting volunteer shifts.
- The Public Issues and Advocacy

Committee continues to focus on three very important legislative issues: booster seats, cyber crimes and foster care.

We are a unique organization: one that is important to both our community and our members. We have continued our nonprofit programming and incorporated Leadership University into our Governance trainings so we can continue to build our training and skills while making a significant community impact.

We continue to provide much needed financial resources by planning successful fundraisers, despite our challenging economy. Our WVOY, Cookbook, Small Fundraisers, Chocolate Decadence, Golf and Community Partners committees worked harder than ever to exceed their goals. This funding provides critical resources to our projects, training and community support fund grants.

We have greatly improved our communication through social media such as Facebook, Twitter, and our newly launched blog. We also continue to make technological advances through the use of text messaging and held our first-ever virtual cottage meeting in February.

We ensured our future success through the nominating process and the selection of next year's leadership and recruited and welcomed new active members to carry on in our place.

I am saddened as my term comes to an end, and although we have accomplished so much, I am excited to think of the achievements that are yet to

come. As we close this League year, I want to thank each and every member, for your contribution to the League and our community. It is your involvement and dedication that makes the JLBR the great organization that it is today. I look forward to the next 40 years!

Yours truly,

Samantha



2010-2011 JLBR Board

Celebrating 40 Years in our Community

by Kristin Calder

Historian David Thelen wrote that the challenge of history is to recover the past and introduce it to the present.

Why is this a challenge? Sure, we have hundreds of women with great memories of how it all began and how they helped each year. We even record a summary of these accomplishments and impact in our membership directory and handbook each year. Throughout the past four decades, the JLBR has helped thousands of families in need through our volunteer service while raising millions of dollars to support our mission to build a better community. Have you ever wondered what an impact we have actually made?

I can't wait to find out. The "challenge" to research and recover our history is really an opportunity for our League and members of the 40th

Anniversary Task Force to capture the details of the Junior League of Boca Raton (JLBR) (1984 – present) and, before that, the Junior Service League (JSL) of Boca Raton (1971-1983). We won't simply look at the projects and events themselves, we will reflect upon the contribution we've made in South Florida since our inception. This project is a giant step towards a half-century of community service, which will be here before we know it.



The Junior League of Boca Raton's first logo.

We are fortunate to have JLBR members from every decade on the task force, and they are eagerly planning a celebration of our impact in the community. We are developing a way to recognize our past and current projects. We are planning events to raise awareness about our accomplishments while promoting our ongoing efforts to help our community. We've created ideas to secure support for the League and our endowment and we've determined that a recorded history of the JSL and the JLBR will be important for us to share with the League and the community.

Watch for more details about the 40th celebration and our commemoration of our impact in the community.

Junior Service League Third President Jeanne Baur (1973-74), JLBR 2010-11 President Samantha Vassallo, Junior Service League First President Joan Moseley (1971) and JLBR 2007-2008 President Kristin Calder along with 20 more Past Presidents discussed ideas and goals for "Celebrating 40 Years of Community Impact" at this year's Past President's Luncheon.



March General Membership Meeting Provisional Project



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Over 225 JL members attended the first-class Sex and the City-themed March GMM, held March 8th at the Loft on Congress. The GMM was planned by the Internal PR Provisional GMM Committee, headed by Co-Chairs Tracey Donaghue and Shawn Sherlock. The committee worked diligently on this exciting event for months and was able to work with the community in getting fabulous donations from nearly 14 vendors, totaling over \$9,500.

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2. Laura Coleman and Carolyn North
3. Brooke Pickett, Nancy Rich and Jennifer Assante
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Chocolate Decadence Mix & Melt Provisonal Project



Over 20 local amateur bakers participated in The 2nd Annual Mix and Melt Bake-Off and competed in three categories: Best Overall, Best Presentation and Best Taste. Judges were Frank Cerabino of the Sun Sentinel, Jan Norris, food blogger and Jackie Reeves, 2011-2012 JLBR President-Elect. Leftover cakes and non-perishable baked goods were donated to Boca Helping Hands the following day. Over \$450 dollars was raised through the Bake Sale and Bake-Off event and the committee budget of \$650 remained unused. The committee raised over \$1000 in in-kind donations.

“Best Overall” - Paulette Jeanotte’s “To Die For Chocolate Cake.” She received an upgrade to VIP and gift certificate for Dr. Lubetkin laser treatment valued at \$500.

“Best Presentation” - Wendy Viau’s “Strawberry Tart.” She received an

upgrade to VIP and gift certificate for Holly Meehan Photography valued at \$400.

“Best Taste” - Christine Stephenson’s “Mousse Sophistication.” As a minor, Christine donated her ticket back to Chocolate Decadence and received a basket from Absolute Total Scents valued at \$100.

CONGRATULATIONS to Yvette Drucker- 2011 Mix and Melt Chair, **Spring-Eve Rosado-** Assistant Chair and the committee: **Prochi Sheth, Margi Cross, Dana Lubowitz, Jennifer Shesser, Jennifer Rodriguez, Holly Meehan, Katelyn Pearson, Brooke Spinelli, Suezette DiSpigna, Victoria Bradley, Judith Coppala, Megan Miller, Susan Cottingham, and Andrea Isser.**



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Community Partner Profile Whole Foods Market and The Boca Raton Community Garden: A Natural Fit

by Nichole Kalil

Whole Foods Market was founded in 1980 in Austin, Texas, when four local businesspeople decided the natural foods industry was ready for a supermarket format. The original Whole Foods Market opened with a staff of just 19 people and it was an immediate success. At the time, there were less than half a dozen natural food supermarkets in the United States. Today, Whole Foods Market is the world's leader in natural and organic foods, with over 300 stores in North America and the United Kingdom.

The Boca Raton store will be celebrating their ten-year anniversary this June. **“Ten years of serving the Boca community is a very proud accomplishment for us and we have made many lasting relationships and partnerships in this community especially with Gumbo Limbo Park, Boca Helping Hands and now the JLBR,”** says Marketing & Community Relations Specialist, Kristin Bagonis.

Whole Foods Market has served as an integral part in supporting and promoting The Boca Raton Community Garden (BRCG). The mission of the Boca Raton Community Garden is to cultivate the spirit of community and enhance quality of life by creating and sustaining an organic garden of vegetables, flowers, plants, and trees. The garden will foster environmental sustainability and stewardship, advance horticultural and nutritional education, provide a beautiful and natural retreat, and produce a healthy supplemental food source for its gardeners and the hungry.

This past January, the market partnered with the JLBR for a one-of-a-kind “Helping Happy Hour and Kids Mini-Gardening Class”. For one day, Whole Foods Market generously donated 5% of store sales to the BRCG via a

“shopping day” which was held in conjunction with the happy hour. **“We had a very successful 5% Day with the JLBR, donating over \$8000 to help fund the garden and we plan to be an active member of the garden process by providing cooking demonstrations for kids and adults using garden-grown produce and herbs and supporting the League in whatever needs they have. We are also pleased to provide the groundbreaking breakfast at the garden April 22nd,”**

says Kristin.



Community Garden committee chair Schuyler Thompson and co-chair Kate Weissing with Kristin Bagonis from Whole Foods.

Whole Foods and the JLBR believe that gardens are a wonderful way to teach our children where our food comes from and how to enjoy it. Gardens bring communities together, teach citizens about sustainability and promote a healthy environment. Whole Foods Market has been assisting local gardens across the country with funds, volunteers, and resources for many years. A partnership with the Boca Raton Community garden was truly a natural fit.

Their community partnership with the JLBR is just one example of how Whole Foods **“Cares about our Communities and our Environment”**, one of the seven company core values, which Whole Foods believes are the “soul of the company.” Through active

participation in their local communities, Whole Foods stores pledge to give a minimum of 5% of their profits every year to a wide variety of community and non-profit organizations. The JLBR is proud to be one of them.

Please visit <http://www.wholefoodsmarket.com/values> to learn more about Whole Foods Market’s commitment to their community and www.bocaratoncommunitygarden.com to learn more about The Boca Raton Community Garden.

Dr. Kerri White (League Member), Heidi Bjorklund and Audra Brownfeld of White Smiles of Boca for donating an entire day for children from In The Pines to have cleanings and additional dental work at the ITP Dental Day.

All Star Cupcakes for donating 20% of sales to the Boca Community Garden on February 8, 2011.

Chipotle for donating food to the Florence Fuller Family Reading nights this spring.

Lifetime Fitness Club (Bryan Sussman) for sponsoring a February Cottage Meeting.

Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce (Troy McLellan)

for meeting with Boca Raton Community Garden to help encourage community involvement and boost publicity.

The JLBR would like to thank the following handsome red carpet ushers for their participation in the March GMM: **Dr. Jordan Zabriskie** of Hope Health and Wellness, **Emanuele Somma** of Delray Fitness, **Kevin Dunnigan** of Collaborated Credit Restoration LLC, **Mark McGinley** and **Branden Shiralli**.

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Those who became Patrons when paying 2011-2012 dues are 2011-2012 Patrons and will be featured in all four issues next year.

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The JLBR: Growing Community Impact

by Barbara Chester and Alana Latiolais

JLBR Members engage in a variety of volunteer activities: fundraising, volunteering, launching new committees and nurturing the growth and self-sufficiency of local nonprofits.

Each year, the JLBR membership votes on which community projects the League will adopt.

This past year, the JLBR had 12 community projects. Some have been projects for many years and some are brand new projects. Some projects are considered "internal", focusing on granting money to other nonprofits, training JLBR members and the nonprofit community, advocacy, and organizational management.

Community Project	Project Focus	# of Years as a project	# of Committee Members per year	Total \$ Given 2010-2011	Noteworthy Facts
Boca Helping Hands	Hunger, Literacy, Childhood Obesity	1	10	\$15,000	400 bags of quality, discounted food were handed out during the months of September-December 2010.
Boca Raton Community Garden	Environmental Sustainability, Hunger	1	7	\$5,000	The land has been cleared and the official groundbreaking ceremony is on Earth Day, April 22nd.
Florence Fuller	Literacy, Childhood Obesity	4	7	\$15,000	Over \$81,154 given since the project was adopted.
In the Pines	Low Income Housing, Childhood Obesity	19	10	\$15,000	Over \$137,604 given over the last seven years.
Kids in the Kitchen	Childhood Obesity	2	8	\$1,050	Second year as an official project with a committee. Before that, it was a small one-time event. Over \$8,550 has been given over the past two years.
Small Community Projects	Diapers, Domestic Violence, Foster Care	1	10	\$10,000	2,000+ diapers have been collected so far this year.
Spirit of Giving Network (SOGN)	Women, Children, Families	3	11	\$13,000	Third year as an official JLBR project. Before that, it was a DIAD project. Over \$31,128 has been given to SOGN over the past three years
Community Support Fund	Various	Internal	1	\$15,050	Provided 19 grants so far this year totaling \$14,050.
Done-in-a-Day (DIAD)	Various	Internal	12	\$500	The JLBR has completed 1,340 hours through December 2010.
Project Development	Various	Internal	5	\$500	
Public Issue & Advocacy	Booster Seats, Cyber Crimes, Foster Care	Internal	6	\$6,564	Focus issues for the 2010-2011 year are Booster Seats, Cyber Crimes, and Foster Care.
Vegso Community Resource Center (VCRC)- JLBR Headquarters	Nonprofit Training and Development	Signature	8	\$12,500	71 nonprofits have received training at the VCRC so far this year.

Help Us Grow and Grow as a Leader: **Become a Member!**

The Junior League is an active group of women working on various committees to support both itself and lend support to the community at large. Because the Junior League is such a dynamic organization, members first engage in a Provisional period of training to prepare them for effective community involvement and active membership. The JLBR year runs from September–May.



New members enjoy a St. Patty's Day theme at their March League Education Session.



Members teach kids about the food pyramid and how to make healthy eating choices at the Florence Fuller Child Development Center, Feb 17, 2011.



A member works on crafts with a child at IN THE PINES, INC.



If you are interested in becoming a member of the Junior League of Boca Raton, please visit www.jlbr.org/join and join us for our open house **April 14, 2011!**

Meeting Commitments

- Attend monthly League Education Sessions held the 3rd Tuesday of each month
- Attend monthly General Membership Meetings held the 2nd Tuesday of each month
- Participate in Super Saturday – Visit past and present community projects with Provisional Class one Saturday in October.

Annual Volunteer Commitments

- Volunteer a minimum of 6 hours with our Community Projects.
- Volunteer a minimum of 4 hours to a JLBR Fundraiser.
- Participate in hands-on Provisional Project throughout new member year.

Financial Commitments for Provisional Members

- Application Fee: \$50
- Annual Dues: \$159
- Financial Commitment to a JLBR Fundraiser: \$100

Growing our Social Media

by Cristy Stewart-Harfmann

JLBR's Communication Council would like to thank everyone who has engaged with us on Facebook, Twitter, Flickr and our Blog: JLBR in Action, as we continue to develop our social media plan. We have been overwhelmed by your feedback

and even more excited with the results. "Listen, Engage, Modify and Repeat" best describes our approach to our 2011 goal: Embrace Social Media.

Social Media has become the ideal place to:	One way how:
Share our impact with our members and the community	View and upload photos on www.flickr.com/jlbr . 
Remind Leaguers and their friends about upcoming events and how to get involved	Connect with us on Twitter, www.twitter.com/JLBocaRaton . 
Share and celebrate League memories	Members share in our JLBR in Action blog at www.jlbrinaction.blogspot.com 
Publish immediate needs for volunteers or to help an organization/someone in need.	Jen Minton, a member, reached out with a request from Boca Helping Hands for baby supplies for an infant who was just placed into foster care. Our Facebook fans came through quickly and delivered supplies to the VCRC. Visit www.facebook.com/JuniorLeagueofBocaRaton . 

Do you ever wonder who is behind all the posts?

We can all thank Nancy Griffin for keeping our Facebook and Twitter updated, and Florence Kizza for the JLBR in Action Blog. Luckily, both ladies have volunteered to do it again next year.



Above: JLBR blogger Florence Kizza; left: Nancy Griffin, who updates the JLBR Facebook and Twitter accounts

Facebook Stats

- Our page has had over 75,000 views
- 550 people have posted feedback
- We have an average of 300 monthly active users
- Most "impressions" in March - Photos from the Provisional-hosted GMM
- 400 people have gone to www.jlbr.org from Facebook to learn more about us.
- 122 have gone to our "Join JLBR" Facebook tab

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IN THE PINES Dental Day:

The Kids Were All

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by Denise O'Sullivan

Nervousness and excitement filled the air on March 18, 2011, as JLBR active member Dr. Kerri White and the JLBR IN THE PINES committee hosted the annual IN THE PINES Dental Day. For most of the children at IN THE PINES (ITP), this was the first time they have ever been to a dentist because they do not have insurance and their parents don't have the funds for dental care. Many of the children did not know what to expect. Dr. White and her staff offered warmth, support, and a great education about oral hygiene.

Dr. White said, "The main reason I do this is because I love kids and want to make sure they are getting the top quality care that they deserve. I have worked in public health care settings and know that a lot of things can slip through the cracks due to the mass numbers and need. At least I know that the day these kids are in my office, they are getting the best possible care and we are educating them about proper oral hygiene and nutrition."

Heidi Bjorklund and Audra Brownfeld, registered dental hygienists volunteering with Dr. White, say: "We are dedicated to making sure children and adults everywhere have healthy smiles!" The children left their appointments with smiles on their faces. Hopefully they will use what they

learned, and continue to take proper care of their teeth.



Donna Goray, a volunteer director at ITP, was thrilled to share, "Those who participated were (literally) tickled pink with the cleaning paste. Without the kindness of Dr. White and her staff, the involvement of the JLBR members and the organization and transportation of the Farmworkers Children's Council staff, the underserved children at In the Pines would not have this annual checkup. The parents are so very thankful."



Dental Day was truly a memorable event. All of the ITP's committee members would like to thank Dr. White, Heidi, and Audra, for their hard work. Their wonderful personalities, support, and talent made something that could be frightening, educational, fun and exciting. You are all angels.

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Golf for Your Community

at the JLBR's 3rd Annual Golf Classic!

By Kelly Carson

Take the day off and enjoy some of the best golf that South Florida has to offer while supporting your community and the JLBR!

Since 2009, the JLBR Annual Golf Classic has drawn over 200 participants and has raised over \$48,000 to support JLBR's community organizations and programs including: social services and literacy initiatives, childhood fitness and nutrition education, and food and assistance for economically disadvantaged families.

Golf the prestigious Jack Nicklaus Signature designed 18-hole championship golf course at the **Royal Palm Yacht and Country Club**. At 5,000- 7,050 yards, this course is playable for every level of golfer. "I can't wait for our golfers to experience what Royal Palm has to offer. The course is gorgeous and dinner at the Palm Room in the elegant clubhouse will be a treat for everyone to enjoy," says co-chair Heather Eastham.

Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. with a 1:00 pm shotgun start. Tickets are \$250 per person or \$900 per foursome. Individual dinner tickets can be purchased for \$55 for non-golfers. Registration is available online at www.jlbr.org/golf.

Co-chair Jenny Wicker says "We want our golfers to have a great time while they play so we've included some unusual Mulligans to add some twists to the scramble format."

- Hole in One Contest to win a Harley Davidson motorcycle at the **Bruce Rossmeyer's Harley Davidson of Ft. Lauderdale** sponsored tee.
- Hole in One Contest to win a Maserati at the **Ferrari Maserati of Fort Lauderdale** sponsored tee.

- Buy a Mulligan Basket for \$50- Includes the usual Mulligans and some unusual ones: a sand bag for a free shot out of a bunker, a rubber ducky for a free shot out of a water hazard and a length of string for a lead on a putt.
- Putting Contest sponsored by **North Broward Preparatory School**
- Men and Ladies' Longest Drive Contest
- **Check out www.jlbr.org/golf for the list of raffle items.**

As the fun on the course comes to an end, enjoy a cocktail hour of hors d'oeuvres and an open bar at the exclusive clubhouse overlooking the 18th hole. A display of silent auction items and raffle baskets overflowing with products generously donated by local businesses will be available for all to choose their raffle prizes in our Chinese-style raffle. Cocktail hour will be followed by a fabulous buffet-style dinner and awards ceremony where tournament winners will be announced.

Financial commitments can be made by acquiring gift-in-kind donations (\$250 value or higher), tee sponsors, or by pledging your \$100 financial commitment to the tournament.

For additional information about the Golf Classic, or sponsorship opportunities please visit www.jlbr.org/golf , email golf@jlbr.org or call 561-620-4778, #2.



Above: 2011 Golf Classic Co-Chairs Heather Eastham and Jenny Wicker. Left: Golf clubs lined up at the JLBR Golf Classic.



JLBR Junior Golf Clinic

by Kelly Carson



The smile on the face of a child is priceless. If you've ever played miniature golf and seen a child's joy at getting the ball into the hole, then you'll appreciate the impact of teaching golfing fundamentals to children in our community.

Learning the fundamentals of golf at an early age is essential to cultivating an appreciation for the sport. Children get a sense of pride at what they can accomplish individually when playing a round of golf, practicing on the driving range or putting on the practice green. With proper instruction, they learn to love the game and gain confidence in their own abilities.

The JLBR proudly sponsored the JLBR Junior Golf Clinic as part of the 3rd Annual JLBR Golf Classic (www.jlbr.org/golf). The clinic was held Friday, March 18, 2010 at Osprey Point at the South County Regional Park.

Approximately 30 boys and girls, ages 8 - 12, from the **Florence Fuller Child Development Center** received instruction from the professional staff of the **Don Law Golf Improvement Center**. PGA and LPGA professionals donated their expertise to provide these children with the basic skills to start their golf careers. The kids were treated to lessons, lunch and a lot of fun.

"The event was a great success" said co-chairs Heather Eastham and Jenny Wicker. Event coordinator Michelle Ruff added, "We are so pleased that the Don Law Golf Academy has generously agreed to partner with the JLBR for the third year in a row, and introduce golf to the children of Florence Fuller. We hope to build upon last year's success."

For information on junior golf programs at the Don Law Golf Improvement Center, please visit their website at www.donlawgolfcenter.com.



STATE PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (SPAC) *Spring Conference*

by Jessica Osman

On February 15th and 16th members of the Junior Leagues of Florida State Public Affairs Committee gathered in Tallahassee for their annual Spring Conference. During this time they met with state legislators to gain support on the Leagues' issues.

The focus issues this year are all about "Protecting Florida's Children" and are Foster Care, Cybercrimes and Booster Seats.

Booster Seat legislation has already begun moving through the Senate and will hopefully be in House committees soon.

Traveling to Tallahassee was a great opportunity to sit down with our lawmakers and discuss issues that were important to the Junior League as well as find out

what's important to the legislators that may fit into the Junior League mission.

Even if you are not a part of the State Public Affairs Committee you can still play an active role in ensuring our lawmakers help

protect Florida's children. Florida has 24 Junior Leagues with a combined membership of over 11,000 women. Add in spouses, adult children and other family and that's a lot of voting power! Our state legislators have local offices so that if you can't make it to Tallahassee you can sit down and talk with them right here! Even easier, you can write them a letter or email stating that you are a member of the Junior League of Boca Raton and encourage them to support our issues and vote through the appropriate legislation. **For more information, contact Chair, Harlee Samuels at harlee@knights.ucf.edu.**



Jessica Osman, Senate President Mike Haridopolos, Kirsten Stephenson, and Karen Krumholtz

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Be part of "In The News Feed", the new social media feature in The Bridge! Share your League experiences and you may be featured in The Bridge! Our first "In The Newsfeed" question is: WHY DID YOU JOIN JLBR? Come on... join in!



Natalie Vizy-Warren

I joined to make positive impact in my community. Being part of something bigger than just me has made a positive impact IN me!



Meredith Durinski

I joined to get involved with the community while meeting other like-minded women!



Brooke Spinelli

To volunteer in the community!



Shelley Mitchell

I joined Junior League for the friendships and girl-power, all while doing something great for the community.



Heather Eastham

to feel a connection to the community!



Sara Ritzler

I joined to volunteer in a variety of community projects, work with a diverse group of women and make lasting friendships!



Alana Kay Latiolais

I joined because I moved here and knew no one! My first Provisional event was 3 days after I arrived in South Florida. Pretty sure I didn't have all my boxes unpacked yet! Best decision I could have made.



Bridget Boyd Langford

I joined because I wanted to make a difference in the community.



Nancy Dockerty

I joined the JL of Boca Raton when I moved here from Texas. My sister-in-law (sustainer Caron Dockerty) said this is the most amazing group of women, you will love it, and look, 11 yrs later and I'm President-Elect, I guess she was right! It is the best place to volunteer!

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JLBR Celebrates Our Volunteers for National Volunteer Week

by Jessica Wulkan

National Volunteer Week is April 10th -16th but JLBR members volunteer year-around. During this special week we want to honor two members, Renata de Negri and Renee Lorberbaum who have participated in the most Done In a Day (DIAD) community volunteer shift hours.

Renata de Negri

Renata de Negri was born and raised in Brazil. After graduating from college in Sao Paulo, she moved to Boca Raton in 2000 to pursue her MBA at Lynn University. Renata and her husband Marco reside in Boynton Beach and Renata is a project manager with Farmers Insurance Group. In addition to being a provisional member in the JLBR, Renata has also been involved with the March of Dimes, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and the Rotary Club, Piracicaba. She enjoys traveling, yoga, biking, and spending time with family and friends.



Renata has completed the most DIAD hours of any provisional- 28 hours total! Renata says being a volunteer has really become part of her life and it is one of the most rewarding things she has ever done. As a child, Renata used to participate in a toy drive around the holidays. "For the distribution of the toys, my sisters, my cousins and I would dress up as Santa's helpers and perform our ballet recital at local orphanages. It was the best part of the holidays!"

Her most memorable JLBR volunteer experience was at the Family Health Carnival at the Florence Fuller Child Development Center. **"For me, it is very gratifying to enrich and touch in a positive way, the lives of people that we would most likely never meet. I had a great time with the other volunteers serving food to families that participated on the event."**



Renata (far left) pictured at Florence Fuller Health Carnival.



Renee Lorberbaum

Renee is a second-year active and Membership Development committee member. She is happily married to her husband Mark and just welcomed a new baby girl Brooke in January. She studied Interior Design at the University of Florida, and worked as a designer and in sales. She enjoys traveling, running, reading, and spending time with her family and friends.

Renee has completed 24 DIAD hours this year! "I love volunteering because it's a great way to give back and spend time with wonderful women also dedicated to the community." She has enjoyed all of her volunteer experiences, but especially loves volunteering with kids, particularly helping with the dental screenings for In the Pines, parent's night out for Kids In Distress, and Halloween at the YMCA. "I also love to do small things that make a big difference, such as Sandwich Day."



WAYS YOU CAN "SPRING" INTO ACTION WITH DIAD:

In honor of National Volunteer Week and National Women Build Week April 30th- May 8th, DIAD has many exciting volunteer opportunities. It is a great time to get out and get your hands dirty!

BHH Family Dinner Night- Volunteers assist in the preparation of the dinner, follow the direction of the cook for other kitchen tasks, serve dinner and clean up. **Shifts available on Thursdays- April 14th, 21st and 28th from 2:00-6:00pm.**

BHH Blessings in a Backpack Program- Volunteers needed to count and sort food for backpacks that are given to children at local elementary schools every Friday to make sure they have food for the weekend. **Shifts available on Thursdays- April 14th, 21st and 28th from 5:00-7:00pm.**



OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

In Jacob's Shoes is looking for volunteers to collect new and gently-used shoes, backpacks, school supplies and athletic gear. The mission of In Jacob's Shoes is to provide new and gently used shoes, school supplies and athletic equipment to economically disadvantaged youth. Scholarship grants are also awarded for camp, athletic, education, travel, after school care and extra-curricular programs. **Please visit www.injacobsshoes.org or contact them at info@injacobsshoes.org or (954) 757-9030.**

Habitat for Humanity Build Days- April 16 from 1:00-5:00pm. Habitat for Humanity was the recipient of a \$1,500 grant from the JLBR Community Support Fund. Volunteer for this shift and see our dollars at work!

The Small Community Projects Committee is planning DIAD shifts to renovate the gym at **The Twin Palms Center for the Disabled on April 30th, from 9am-1pm and 1pm-5pm and on May 7th, from 9am-1pm.** Sign up on Closerware. Email Crystal at crystal.mcmillin@yahoo.com for more information.



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“Endowment 101”

by Jackie Reeves

What is an endowment? An endowment is a fund made up of gifts and bequests. In general, the principal is maintained and invested to create a source of income for an organization.

Why is it important for a non-profit to have one? For stability – an endowment insures an organization’s future. Many small and new nonprofits only think about the current fiscal year or the next payroll. An endowment helps diversify an organization’s income and reduces its dependency on fundraising to stay afloat. Having an endowment is comforting for donors too. It tells donors that we plan to be around for a long time. We have been blessed with the foresight of many of our past leaders to have an Endowment Fund for The Junior League of Boca Raton.

What is The Junior League of Boca Raton Endowment Fund? The JLBR Endowment Fund is a separate 501(c)3 and is governed by an Endowment Board currently comprised of 17 JLBR actives/sustainers. The JLBR endowment fund is comprised of donations from our JLBR members as well as philanthropists throughout our community.

How much money is in our endowment? We are currently managing almost a million dollars.

Where does the money in our endowment go? The Endowment Fund donates approximately \$35,000 per year to the JLBR. The Endowment Fund takes care of expenses to maintain Junior League’s Headquarters, The Vegso Community Resource Center (VCRC) so that is never a financial burden on our League. The Endowment Fund has also provided financial support for the VCRC programming and resources that help other non-profits enhance their missions and meet their goals.

Our goal for the future- Why double the Endowment Fund? This Endowment Board would like to be able to gift larger annual donations to the JLBR due to the increasing costs of maintaining an aging building as well as to cover the expenses of educating and training to our community through VCRC and its grant library.

Celebrating 40 years of Service! Growing our Endowment Fund enables us to fulfill our commitment to the JLBR and to maintain our level of service to the community. The JLBR has established itself among the preeminent volunteer organizations in our community and we need your continued support to maintain that standard. Please keep the Junior League Endowment Fund in mind as you and your families give, celebrate birthdays, recognize milestones and achievements, and honor or remember loved ones. Our cumulative donation wall of honor is prominently displayed in the lobby of the Vegso Community Resource Center. Gifts to the Endowment are invested to grow the Fund and provide long-term financial security and protect the viability of the JLBR.

How can I give to the endowment? Visit <http://www.jlbr.org/endowment> for more information or www.jlbr.org/donate to donate. Every dollar contributed will continue to make a difference for the JLBR and our community.


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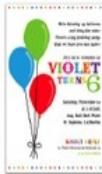
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Mary Csar
by NICHOLE KALIL



Mary Csar served as JLBR President from 1990-1991 and she is currently the Executive Director of the Boca Raton Historical Society. She enjoys her work because she feels she builds a better Boca every day. She also serves on the Boca Raton Advisory Board which works hard to maintain an exciting and vibrant Downtown.

Mary stays in the loop on League activities by attending past presidents meetings, sustainer events, the May dinner meeting (one of her favorite events) and of course by reading *The Bridge!* She is married to Frank and has three grown children, Trey, Catherine and Lauren.

What motivated you to join the JLBR? I grew up in a small town called Monticello in North Florida and my parents were very involved in the community. We didn't have a League, but my aunt was president of the Junior League of Orlando, and I always admired what she did as a League member to make a difference in her community. When I moved to Boca Raton in 1978, it was called the Junior Service League (JSL) and you had to be invited to join. So I first joined the Historical Society and later the JSL in 1982. At the Historical Society, I was surrounded by JSL members, so I couldn't wait to join! I have been a member for 29 years now.

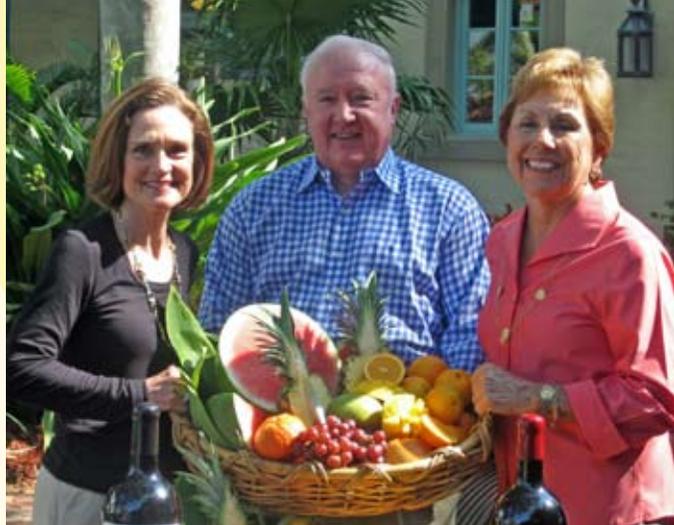
What motivates you to stay active with JLBR? The League is an amazing organization. I think it is the most empowering organization a woman can belong to. I have seen new JL members grow into fabulous leaders - the tools are there for members who take advantage of what the League offers.

What are some of your best memories with the JLBR? I loved the meetings - both General Membership Meetings and board meetings. One of my best memories is the time (I was a brand new member then) when we went through the process to become a Junior League. Some of



Mary Csar and 1991-1992 President Susan Saxton at JLBR Past President's Luncheon.

our members were having a really hard time accepting some of the new requirements - it was really interesting to see how the leadership handled it. I was very impressed - through those few years, the JSL leadership worked very hard and devoted many hours to this transition. Once we became a Junior League, the training that was made available to us gave us the tools to govern ourselves and grow into a fabulous League.



Mary Csar with Boca Bacchanal chair Ted Toomey and PR sponsor Carla Marsh

What would you like to see the League accomplish within the near future? I think the League is currently doing some amazing things in the community. For example, the Spirit of Giving Network has done a great job of coordinating local social service agencies - the League is the perfect organization to do this. The Boca Raton Community Garden will be a great project as well. However, one day a really big opportunity will arise that will require the actives, sustainers, and the whole community to work together to solve. We need to be ready and we need to always be looking for the next big project.

Who is your Wonder Woman, and why? My "Wonder Woman" is Jamie Snyder, who led Downtown redevelopment and the campaign for Mizner Park in the late 1980s. Jamie gave hundreds of volunteer hours and she was the driving force that made this happen. She credited her skills to having been a member of the Junior League. I think that's when I realized what you could do with League training.

by Barbara Chester

Welcome Little Leaguers

Congratulations to Robert and **Stacy McPherson** on the birth of their baby boy, Nicholas Cameron McPherson, born January 5, 2011, weighing 8 pounds, 4 ounces.



Congratulations to Jay and **Melissa Whelchel**, who had a little girl, Vivian Rose on January 28, 2011, weighing 8 pounds, 8 ounces and 20 inches. Vivian joins big brother, Jack.

Congratulations to Mark and **Renee Lorberbaum**, who welcomed daughter Brooke Alexandra on January 26, 2011, weighing 6 pounds, 11 ounces and 18 inches.



Congratulations to Manny and **Colleen Occhiogrosso**, who welcomed Luca Tiberio Occhiogrosso, born March 16, 2011, weighing 11 pounds.

Congratulations to Ron and **Marianne Levy**, who welcomed a baby girl, Maia Julianne Levy on January 24, 2011. Maia joins big brother Eric. Maia weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19.5 inches long.



Congratulations to Vincent and **Marion Godin**, on the birth of their baby boy, Patrick Jeffrey Godin, born on March 13, 2011, weighing 7 pounds, 3 ounces and 20 ½ inches. Patrick joins big brother Christian.

Weddings & Engagements

Brooke Pickett on her engagement to Mike Lavelle. He proposed on January 1, 2011 at their home in Lighthouse Point. The wedding will be November 12, 2011 at Romora Bay in Harbour Island, Bahamas.



Gina Graves and Patrick Griffin on their February 19th wedding, at the Sundry House in Delray Beach. The happy couple honeymooned in Playa Guiones, Costa Rica.

Members on the Mend

Get well soon **Kelly Martin!** Kelly is a Membership Development committee member who recently had extensive foot surgery and is now at home recovering.



Member of the Month (MOM)

January Member of the Month

Christine Stiller for taking the lead to prepare a proposal to link VCRC's Leadership University to MSAT and Nominating/Placement as a way to improve member satisfaction and develop "bench strength" for League leadership. Christine used the AJLI web site to find in-house resources and leveraged her professional skills as a life coach to develop a program that is tailored to the JLBR. Great work!



February Members of the Month

Amy Scolaro, Andrea Drasites & Christine Rothenberg are tireless members of the Chocolate Decadence committee.

Amy Scolaro showed leadership in all areas including: raffle documentation, raffle pushes, encouraging the committee members and all with a kind disposition!

Amy attended every meeting and responds quickly to each email and call. She planned raffle solicitation, organized the effort and chips in when no one else can.

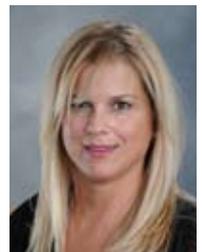


Andrea Drasites is organized self-starting, and an independent committee member. Every Chair's dream! She came on board as the logistics and permitting member.

Andrea does not require supervision because she is a professional who handles her responsibilities without prompting. In addition, she solicited two cash sponsorships!

Christine Rothenberg

has gone above and beyond the call of duty with offers to help with raffles and silent auction. She's never missed a meeting, is easy to contact and responds quickly to requests! Christine is enthusiastic with great ideas! She offered to call each of the previous year's silent auction and raffle donors personally.



Welcome to Our League, Transfers!

Welcome back **Veronica Kraft**. Veronica transferred to the JL of Ft. Lauderdale and is now back in the JLBR as an active member.

Welcome **Helen Arnold**, a new Sustainer, who transferred in from the JL of Pittsburgh, PA.

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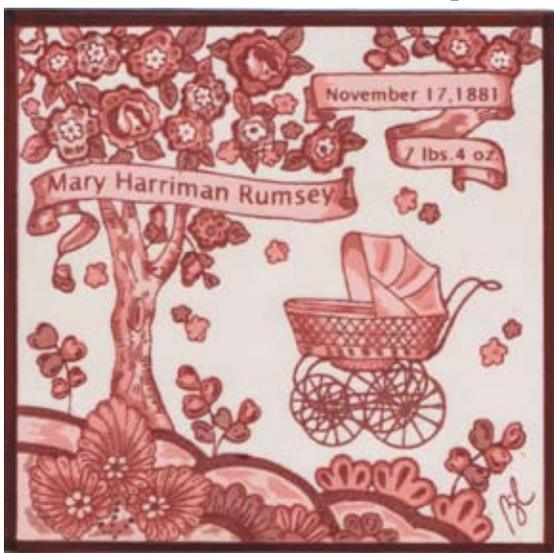
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HOT Dates!

- Tuesday, April 12, 2011**- GMM @ the Wyndham Garden Hotel Boca Raton
- Thursday, April 14, 2011**- JLBR Open House Recruiting Event- VCRC- 6:30pm
- Friday, April 15, 2011**- JLBR 3rd Annual Golf Classic at Royal Palm Golf Club. Registration at 11am.
- Tuesday, April 19, 2011**- Lilly Pulitzer Shopping Event at Boca Town Center
- Wednesday, April 20, 2011**- Provisional Graduation at Falcon House- 6:30pm
- Friday, April 22, 2011**- Boca Raton Community Garden Groundbreaking
- Saturday, April 30, 2011** – Membership Recruitment Day – DIAD with Habitat for Humanity
- Tuesday, May 10, 2011**- May Dinner Meeting at Delray Beach Club



DON'T FORGET!! The Small Community Projects Women in Distress

Summer Drive - Please bring women's hygiene products (razors, deodorant, toothpaste, sanitary napkins, tampons, etc.) as well as travel-size toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, lotion, etc.) from hotel rooms you visit on summer vacation. This campaign will last through the end of the summer. In the fall, through DIAD shifts, members will package the toiletries along with a personal note, so they can be donated to Women in Distress for their new shelter. **Look for future announcements on www.jlbr.org about the project and how you can help or contact Crystal McMillin at crystal.mcmillin@yahoo.com.**



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LILLY PULITZER has signed on as an AJLI Annual Conference sponsor and in honor of this new relationship, Lilly Pulitzer has designed a



Junior League "Murfee" scarf! Visit the Lilly store at Boca Town Center on April 19th for a shopping night fundraiser where 10% of all sales that evening will be donated to the League and members get \$50 off any \$250 purchase. The \$118 scarf is available via the AJLI website, the Lilly Pulitzer website and in Lilly stores and retail outlets in the next few weeks.

AWARD NOMINATIONS Do you know someone this year that has gone above and beyond this year? **Nominate her for an Annual Award!** Personnel Council is currently accepting applications for the JLBR's Annual Awards. The application form and a brief description of each award (Torch, Starburst, Founders, Outstanding Sustainer, Outstanding Service) is listed on the JLBR web site under the "Members Only, Resources" tab. **Applications are due to the VP Personnel, Kathy Potts, by April 10, 2011. Email her at swimkathy1@aol.com.**

APRIL INSTANT PAYBACK

Boca Helping Hands is in desperate need of all types of dry cereals. Brand names, generics, any size, any flavors are greatly appreciated. The drive will continue until we reach our goal of 2,000 boxes!! Bring your boxes to the April GMM or you can drop them off at the VCRC.



Boca Helping Hands committee is developing a **Children's Clothing Closet** at Boca Helping Hands. The clients will be able to come and "shop" for their children's clothes. We need children's clothes (non-uniform) size infant-16. A basket will be in the lobby of the VCRC. Please no under garments or socks (unless they are new/unused). **Contact Jennifer Minton jrm612@gmail.com or Shannon Moriarity, busybocagirl@gmail.com for more info.**

DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND THAT WOULD LOVE TO BE A PART OF THE JLBR? TELL HER ABOUT THE OPEN HOUSE- Thursday, April 14th @ the VCRC- Cocktails - 6:30, Meeting - 7:00. Many members were encouraged to join the League by friends and family members. We hope that you will invite your community-minded friends too. **Send potential members to www.jlbr.org/join for more info.**

OR, BRING HER TO THE JLBR MEMBER RECRUITING DAY AT THE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY DIAD-

April 30th from 8 am-12 pm or 1pm -5pm. The week of April 30th celebrates National Women's Build Week! So, bring a friend- Space is limited to 10 Leaguers and 10 guests. Lunch and massages will be provided from 12-1pm. **Stay tuned for another Recruiting day in August for the Spirit of Giving Back to School Bash!**



The official **Boca Raton Community Garden Groundbreaking Ceremony** will be held onsite on **Earth Day, Friday April 22nd from 9am-noon.**

Whole Foods Market is providing light breakfast and refreshments under our tent. Mayor Susan Whelchel will be in attendance and the garden



design will be on display. Local media will be present to cover the event.

Get Involved with the Boca Raton Community Garden

1. Purchase a personalized brick paver. Leave your imprint on this project with a personalized brick on the Garden path.



- \$100- 4" x 8" Brick (3 lines of text, 18 character max per line)
- \$175- 8" x 8" Brick (6 lines of text, 18 character max per line)
- \$250- 8" x 8" Brick w/ Logo (up to 6 lines of text, 18 character max per line)

2. Help us acquire in-kind services:

- Surveyor
- Construction company for earth work (create berms & move soil)
- Landscaping company for trees, resod perimeter
- Garden furnishings- gate, benches, fountains, gazebos, bridge
- General contractor to create columns and/or

short walls for gate support and to install garden furnishings

- General carpenter to create bridge, trellises, pergola

3. Become a Boca Raton Community Garden Sponsor: Gazebo or Fountain Level \$2,000+

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Personalized Brick Paver \$100 - \$250

- Permanent placement of brick at BRCG entrance
- Recognition on BRCG website

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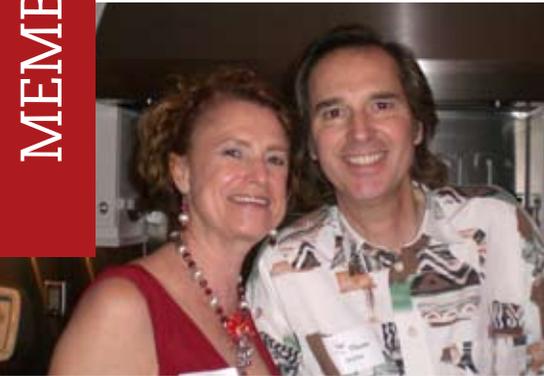
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SUSTAINER SCOOP

by LOU ANN SUCH



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EXCITEMENT!!!!

We have a new leader! **Kristin Calder** has accepted the position of Chairman of the Sustainers for 2011-2012. We will work closely together next year, and then you will have new, young blood to perk us up (not that we really need any perking). Kristin was JLBR President from 2007-2008, had her second baby during her first week in office and then chaired the WVOY luncheon the following year! Currently, she works full-time for Bethesda Hospital Foundation. Needless to say, this superwoman does not sleep, so she will have plenty of time to take over the Sustainer Chair responsibilities. What a year we will have! (Can you tell I am a little bit excited about this change?)

THANK YOUs

First of all, **Joyce DeVita** single handedly created an amazing "Wine Tasting" at her magnificent home. The gourmet cuisine that we had was enough even without the excellent wine she chose. Thanks to her elegantly created 'wine' raffle basket, we raised \$400. Her husband Thom did the flowers and was a gracious host, too. With over 60 attendees, we raised a total of \$1500 for Boca Helping Hands. **THANK YOU, JOYCE!!**

Thank you **Renee Feder** and **Laura Stoltz** for the stupendous Valentine luncheon at the Gazebo; they even treated us to excellent champagne! Renee and Laura have put this event together for years now, and each time it gets better. Next year it will be at another exciting location, so we shall look forward to that. **THANK YOU RENEE AND LAURA!!!**

Finally, thank you to **Helen Ballerano** and **Michelle Rubin** for hours of research on a High Tea and a Tennis Tournament respectively. For reasons beyond their control, these events did not pan out, but we will eagerly await these events next year. **THANK YOU HELEN AND MICHELLE!!!**

BOCA HELPING HANDS

The Monopoly/Casino night annual fundraiser for our Sustainer Project, Boca Helping Hands, was held at The Country Club at Boca Raton, Saturday, April 2, 2011. It was the first event I have chaired since 1992, so I was a little panicked, but as it always goes, everyone pulled together and made it a huge success. Thanks to all who supported the event.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Spring Fling -Thursday, April 14th
5:30-7:30pm**

DJ Lindsay is hosting our fabulously simple and fun, free get together invented by **LuAnn Warner-Prokos**. All you have to do is bring a bottle of wine or an appetizer, come from work or play, and be ready to have an enjoyable, casual evening. You often see someone you haven't seen in ages. RSVP to DJ Lindsay at 561-417-9981 or bocalindsays@aol.com.

Spring Luncheon- Mariposa at Neiman Marcus- Boca Town Center-Thursday, May 5th, 11:30am

The restaurant is known for its elegant atmosphere and excellent food. RSVP to **Linda Eckelson** at 561-495-8198 or leckelson@bellsouth.net. Send a check for \$45.00 made out to the JLBR to Mrs. Robert Eckelson, 6664 Skyline Drive, Delray Beach, FL 33446. Seating is limited so please RSVP soon.

JLBR May Dinner Meeting- Delray Beach Club- Tuesday, May 10th, 6pm

And so I close this article being your beloved chair for the last time. Oh yes, I will continue to write the Scoop, which means you will continue to be subjected to my humor (although some of you wonder "What humor?") We shall enter this summer with excitement, wonder and enthusiasm. Yes, I tend to exaggerate just a bit, but do have fun, relax a little, and I'll see you next fall. Happy Summer!!!!!!!!!!!!



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With so many things in common, this year's provisional class is developing friendships that will last for years to come.

Six Degrees of Separation

by Joanna Drowos

JLBR's 2010-2011 Provisional Class

During the 2010-2011 year, an enthusiastic group of women began their involvement with the JLBR as provisional members. While they spent time learning about the League, volunteering for the benefit of the community and bonding with one another, this year's provisional class members have a lot of things in common. These bonds will allow for friendships to grow, and to make the JLBR a special organization.

Cooking:
A hobby for
Isabelle McCall,
Amanda Keller and
Yvette Drucker

Florida:
Where
Yvette Drucker,
Molly Mager,
Meredith Durinski and
Jennifer Rodriguez
grew up

"The Help":
Favorite book of
Jennifer Rodriguez,
Julie Lander and
Toni Spain

Dogs:
Dog lovers are Toni
Spain, Sarah Schelling,
Jennifer Yuril, Michelle
Silverstone, and Dawn
Marie Alexander

Reading:
Hobby of Dawn
Marie Alexander,
Jessie Flannery,
Joy Mattingly, and
Brooke Pickett

Modern Family:
Favorite television
show for Brooke
Pickett, Katherine
Osborne and Sally
Poe Hackman

provisional perspectives

Memories from the Year

by Joanna Drowos



As the JLBR year winds down, this year's provisional class will be finishing its training. During the April GMM, the class will be voted in by League members and will transition from being provisional to active members. This is an exciting time for the provisional class, and represents an important milestone in continuing their involvement with the JLBR.

During this year they have bonded with their classmates and have become more informed about how the League operates and what types of needs exist in our community. **At a recent League Education Session, provisional members shared their favorite memories from this past year's activities.**

SUPER SATURDAY- **Brendaliz DeCarlo** said "I loved meeting everyone and seeing all that the League does for the community." **Beth McLain** "loved the 'team' aspect and enjoyed dressing up." **Amanda Keller** also loved the experience, explaining that it brought her closer together with the group she is working with. **Tracey Donaghue** described it best when she said: "this was the first time we could open up and really spend time getting to know each other. The bus ride with my group was the best part!"

MEETING NEW PEOPLE- For **Julie Lander** it was the first two provisional Happy Hour events, "I was greeted with open arms and now have close friends." **Ali Lazarus** loved meeting new people, and **Dana Lubowitz** loved making great friends. For **Meredith Durinski**, it was the Cottage Meetings: "such a great way to interact with active and provisional members in a small, intimate setting."

NEW MEMBER PROJECTS- Both **Megan Miller** and **Jennifer Rodriguez** listed the Chocolate Decadence provisional project "Mix and Melt Bake Off" event as their favorite JLBR memory. As **Spring-Eve Rosado** stated, her favorite memory was simply "completing our provisional project with success!"

MEMORABLE VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES- For **Melissa Roberts** it was delivering Thanksgiving meals. **Lisa Orr** enjoyed working with drills and a table saw while building a Habitat for Humanity home. **Brooke Pickett** described mulching the train depot, "I had a blast working alongside fellow Leaguers and making a noticeable difference in a community gem!" For **Molly Mager** it was wrapping Christmas gifts for children who would otherwise not have received presents.

Congratulations to this year's provisional class for all of their hard work and for the difference they have made. This group has had many special experiences, which will help them develop into stronger Leaguers and leaders.



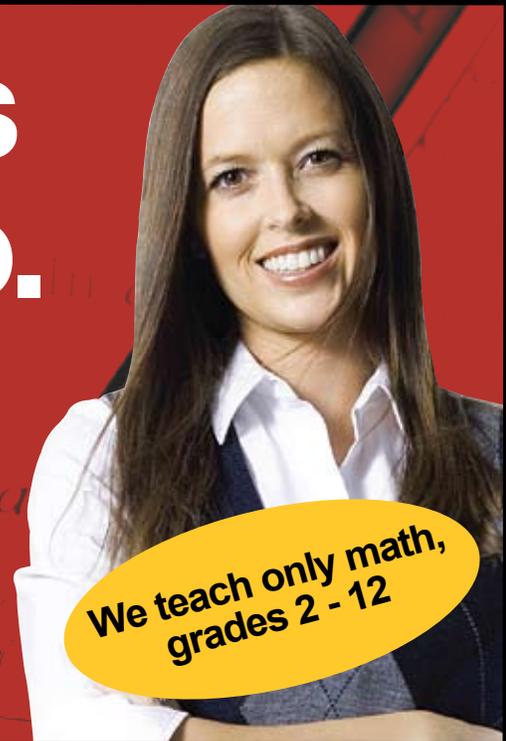
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