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# letter from the president



## **DEAR READERS,**

So as I write this letter for the Fall Issue of The Bridge, it is really the summertime when traditionally the League quiets down. Many members are on summer vacations, hopefully relaxing and enjoying the break from their regular activities. I, however, am like an excited kid waiting for Christmas to come – how many more days until IT is here, 'IT' being the new League year! But as I look at our calendar, I suddenly realize there's no need to wait; we're in full swing already!

So many great things have happened over the summer... In early July, we hosted the Florida State Public Affairs Committee Summer Conference at the Vegso Community Resource Center. What an impressive group of women! There were 33 attendees from leagues all over Florida; the women worked together to

develop the key issues for children and families in our state and discussed how to be better advocates with our state legislature.

The JLBR's Board of Directors had an amazing retreat in June where we spent time focusing on the strategic plan for our League. As we celebrate 40 years of service in our community, we have to begin to plan for the next 40 years, and the Board worked on setting goals to ensure our League continues the mission of improving our community. The committee chairs have all met with their VP's for their strategy sessions, and I can assure you, they have some great ideas.

Our newest projects, The Community Garden and the Diaper Bank, are in the final planning stages and will be rolled out this fall. For me, these projects exemplify what the League is all about – we identified a need in our community and took action to make improvements. We're able to do that because we have amazing members, we're well trained, and we have 40 years of experience in tackling issues in our community. And of course, the funds we raise thru our many events are an integral part to our success in the community.

Speaking of fundraisers, the WVOY committee has been hard at work preparing for the 24th Annual Woman Volunteer of the Year Luncheon, which is happening Thursday, October 6th.

So thank you to everyone who worked so hard over the summer, planning and strategizing, makes me think of 40 years ago in the summer of 1971 when our 26 founding members did the planning and strategizing to start our wonderful organization. We are so thankful for them and their vision.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy L. Dockerty". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nancy L. Dockerty  
President 2011-2012

# letter from the editor

## DEAR READERS,

Welcome back League members and hello to our new Provisional class! I'm thrilled to be presenting you with the first issue of the 2011-2012 League year.

This year, the Junior League of Boca Raton reaches a milestone as we celebrate the 40th Anniversary since our founding in 1971. The Bridge will take you back in time as we review each decade of the JLBR's impact in the community, interviews with Past Presidents and more. Additionally, be on the lookout for special events being planned throughout the year. As evidenced by our cover photo, the celebrating has already begun...League members new and sustaining came together to capture this wonderful image.

The theme of our Summer Issue easily came together in one word – celebration. The JLBR has a number of accomplishments to celebrate, especially the fact that the JLBR has 5 members who were nominated for Woman Volunteer of the Year by various organizations. Congratulations ladies!

In our reporting on community projects, you will learn about the issues that are being addressed and exactly how our volunteer hours and fundraising dollars translate into fulfilling the needs of the community. This will be a recurring theme throughout the year in an effort to show how our hard work affects those we are helping.

Enjoy Stephanie Miskew's column that will guide you through the wonderful world of entertaining as she helps you navigate the kitchen, prepare for guests and shares standout recipes from our *Savor the Moment* cookbook.

Finally, stay up-to-date with life-happenings in our Member News section, and learn how Junior League's around the world are bettering their communities.

Our editorial staff is looking forward to bringing you interesting stories throughout the year about the Junior League of Boca Raton past, present and future.



Kelli Bloechinger  
Bridge Editor 2011-2012



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CELEBRATING

# 40 Years

OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

*through the Junior Service League  
and the Junior League of Boca Raton*

## The Early Years: 1970s

By Kristin Calder

When the Junior Service League (JSL) of Boca Raton was founded in 1971, its purpose was to provide an ongoing program of education, to train volunteers and encourage leadership in community service.

The JSL of Boca Raton's first president Joan Moseley, who along with the JSL's second president, LeeAnn Burns, was a driving force behind the establishment of the organization. These two ladies - and 24 more dedicated volunteers - became the charter members to help address the needs of our community through

volunteer service. These ladies provided the foundation for the Junior League of Boca Raton as we know it today.

Kathy Dickenson, who was in the second provisional class and later served as JSL President in 1979 remembers, "The early leaders of the League, who were the Founders, were an amazing group of volunteers and oh so capable. We new provisionals admired them so much and looked to these ladies for counsel and wisdom."

In the 1970's, Boca Raton had a population of only 30,000. According to Mrs. Moseley, few people were willing to see that the community would face many needs in the future. It wasn't well understood then that it would grow at all!

The JSL focused on a couple of projects early on including the establishment and organization of the Boca Raton Historical Society (BRHS). The JSL sponsored it, staffed it and funded it until it was ready to stand on its own and in 1976, the JSL gave it to the community. Mrs. Dickenson remembers, "I was BRHS President then and remember the transition and being let go well. It was not a negative experience just a scary one."

Restoring, preserving and opening the Singing Pines handmade house (circa 1912) as a historical museum, which is today known as the Boca Raton Children's Museum, was also a major focus of the JSL in the early days.

Mrs. Dickenson remembers, "We set up a committee and raised all the money to move and restore the historic house. It was our first big community project and many rallied around us to help, including the Jaycees, *The Boca Raton News*, the City of Boca Raton and many, many donors in the city. Initially we asked the city for help in the process and they were unbelievably generous and helpful providing the land and some moving help. Singing Pines sat for some years after it was moved to its current site on borrowed steel girders while we raised the money. The opening was truly a community event and so much fun. This was the first historic preservation project in the city."

In Singing Pines, JSL members were given opportunities for a complete volunteer museum experience by working on exhibitions, docent training, our community outreach programs including Treasure Trunks, Puppets and Activity Days, and in-house programs, public relations and administration.

Our talented group also lent our artistry to the community through the painting of a Storybook Character Mural at the children's wing of the public library led by Kenny Lunsford and assisted by many League members.

The JSL also created and developed the structure of our organization and focused on issues related to education, children, alcohol awareness, abused and neglected teenagers and children and adults with disabilities.

JSL activities in the 70's included the Puppet Program, Plant Fiesta, Next To New Sale, Front Porch Consignment Shop, Tennis Tournament and Spring Fiesta and additional projects included Birthline, Alcohol Awareness, Haven for Girls, Planned Parenthood, Society for the Performing Arts, Visiting Homemakers, Morikami, Girl Scouts of America, Turning Point, State Historic Preservation Commission, Children's Home Society, American Field Service, Advent Gardens, Career Development Instructor and Administrator, Habilitation Center for the Handicapped, Horizons, Legal Aid Society, Debbie Rand Memorial Service League, Boca Middle School & Boca High Clinic, Bethesda Hospital Auxiliary, St. Joan of Arc teaching



special classes, Delray Chamber of Commerce, St. Gregory's Altar Guild, Junior Assembly and the YMCA Delray-Boynton.

As the end of the decade approached, officials from The Association of Junior Leagues, Inc. visited JSL to talk about membership in the national organization. JSL proudly reported 97 actives and 80 sustainers. Although short of the necessary number to submit a formal application to join the organization, the JSL remained dedicated to grow its membership to meet the AJL's requirements.

Thanks to the many leaders who made an impact in our organization and in our community in the 1970s including JSL Presidents Joan Moseley, LeAnne Burns, Jeanne Baur, Kenny Lunsford, Jan Waldner, Marcia Dobbin, Christine Critchfield and Katharine Dickenson. Many thanks also to Mrs. Dickenson who shared memorabilia and press clippings for this piece.

The next issue of The Bridge will take a look at our projects and impact of service in the 1980's as well as the JSL's transition to the Junior League of Boca Raton.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

As I conclude my term, the most vivid memory which remains is my recollection of the talent, the time and the energy you have contributed to significant community service. It matters not whether a president personally had a good year - the bottom line is the extent to which this organization, as a whole, did all not dwell in furtherance of its main objectives. Let us There lies before us a myriad of opportunities for meaningful volunteerism. We must see to the completion of the museum restoration and maintain public awareness of our activities.

I thank you for your warm support and implore each of you to go forward so that we may continue to enrich the lives of our fellow citizens.

Christine



Have you seen the museum's new paint? If not, do drive by and see how beautiful it looks.

**The Junior League is excited to celebrate 40 years of community impact through our League and formerly through the Junior Service League. The 40th will be celebrated throughout the year from General Membership meetings and special events to special community service opportunities to an exhibit showcased in the VCRC with capabilities to travel to other community locations.**

**Here's a few events to get involved with – and save the date for:**

*Savor the Grove* will be a fall dinner social Thursday, November 10, that brings together restaurants in the Pineapple Grove area in Delray Beach to showcase the JLBR's "Savor the Moment" cookbook recipes along with their own chef's culinary creations.

The event is open to JLBR members and the community and will be a really exciting event. Tickets and seating are limited.

We'll be 'Having A Ball' participating in the City of Boca's 41st Annual Street Parade with some of our community projects on Wednesday, December 7 at 7:30pm. We're looking for some float builders, creative designers and enthusiastic volunteers to help with this project!

A 40th Anniversary Party will be a springtime celebration culminating our full 40th year and our organization's impact since inception. We hope to have actives, sustainers and past members a part of the celebration. We're looking for memorabilia.

Thanks to so many of the ladies working on these projects and preserving our history including Kathy Dickenson, Mary Csar, Cristy Fimiani, Nicole Mugavero, Brooke Qualk and Caron Dockerty.

Come one, and come all. This is a celebration for us all. Contact Kristin Calder at [kriscalders@aol.com](mailto:kriscalders@aol.com) to join the committees of any of these events or to share your JSL or JLBR memories or memorabilia from a decade – or two - gone by!



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**So join your local Junior League. It's a wonderful recipe for improving the world, one community at a time.**

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**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF  
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Women building better communities



# JLBR's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Classic

By Kimberly Mrachek

The 3rd Annual Junior League Golf Classic was held on Friday, April 15th at Royal Palm Yacht and Country Club. The league hosted a total of 65 golfers at the prestigious Jack Nicklaus Signature design, 18 hole championship golf course, raising a total of \$25,000 for the projects of the Junior League. Playing in scramble format, golfers started their day with a putting contest sponsored by North Broward Preparatory School and enjoyed several contests around the course, including a longest drive contest and a few chances for hole-in-one prizes, including a motorcycle sponsored by Bruce Rossmeyer's Harley-Davidson and a Ferrari sponsored by Ferrari-Maserati of Fort Lauderdale. Boxed lunches were generously sponsored by LaCroix, golf t-shirts were sponsored by Boca Deli, and golf cart use was sponsored by Muir-Yeonas Homes.



From top: Golf Classic Silent Auction items; Golf Committee Members, Krista Flowers, Whitney Terry, Danielle Delucca; Hole-in-One Sponsor Bruce Rossmeyer's Harley Davidson, Heather Eastham, Whitney Terry, and Vanessa Diaz; Hole-in-One Contest Provided by Ferrari Maserati of Fort Lauderdale

Immediately following the tournament, golfers and their dinner guests savored a country style dinner reception at the Royal Palm Yacht Club where \$6,000 was raised through raffle basket ticket sales and silent auctions.



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From top left: \_\_\_\_\_, Chris Hamler, Adam Balkan, Jason Dozcard; Homestyle cooking by Royal Palm Yacht Club; Robert Muir, Bobby D., J.P. Dimisa, Franz Koch; Joseph VonStetten, Natalie Geddes, Tim Lewis, Brandon McLeod, Kelli Bloechinger, Alejandra and Bill Lippolis; Julie Buser, Rita Head, Boca Raton Mayor Susan Wheelchel, Beth Osbourne; Carol Aguirre, Crystal Osborne, Whitney Terry, Krista Flowers, Toni Gianfortuno; JLB 2010-2011 President Samantha Vassallo, Chris Hamler, Heather Eastham, Adam Balkan, Jason Dozcard, Jenny Wicker; Greg Kwederis and Heather Eastham.

# GALLERY



## JLBR May Dinner Meeting, 5/10/11

### Awards Presented:

- Outstanding Sustainer Award: Mary Lavalle*
- Outstanding Service Award: Jackie Reeves*
- Starburst Award: Kristine Kuntz*
- Founders Award: Melissa Whelchel and Andrea Garcia*
- Torch Award: Schuyler Thompson*

1. Samantha Vassallo, Melissa Whelchel, Andrea Garcia, Kathy Potts
2. Schuyler Thompson, Andrea Garcia
3. Stacey Berger, Lee Ann Ryan, Jackie Reeves, Marya Gill
4. Emily McMullin, Reagan Such, Caroline Angstadt
5. Linda Gunn, Brooke Qualk, Lynn Holcomb, Joyce DeVita
6. Samantha Vassallo, Mary Lavalle, Kathy Potts
7. Laura Stoltz, Maggie Dickenson
8. Kristine Kuntz, Kim Angelmyer, Mary Glynn Cullinan

## Ann Taylor Event, 05/25/2011

9. Samantha Vassallo, Melissa Whelchel, Jennifer Rosemurgy
10. Allison Lane and Kelly Vorst



## Legislative Event, 05/26/2011

- 11. Mayor Woodie McDuffie, Senator Ellyn Setnor, Jessica Bogdanof
- 12. Beth Patterson, Ann Marie Pilling, Tereina Stidd

## Spirit of Giving Back to School Bash, 8/13/2011

**Donated to Children:**  
Haircuts - 138  
Medical Screens-130  
Volunteers - 327

- 13. Linda Gunn, Karen Krumholtz and volunteers
- 14. Linda Gunn, Karen Krumholtz and volunteers

## JLBR Governance Council, 8/27/11

- 15. The 2011-2012 JLBR Governance Council at the VCRC



## JUNIOR LEAGUE OF BOCA RATON

*"Women building better communities"*

### WHO WE ARE

A group of women committed to improving the lives of children and families in Boca Raton since 1971.

### WHAT WE DO

Provide trained volunteers and funding for community agencies and partners.

### HOW WE DO IT

Proceeds from fundraising events and grants are given back to the community.

### OUR IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY

Total membership of more than 670 women. This year the Junior League of Boca Raton's members will provide more than 35,000 volunteer hours and have goals to raise more than \$250,000 to support our mission and to help thousands of women, children and families in South Palm Beach County through our placements and collaborations.

### OUR VISION

The Junior League of Boca Raton will provide resources, knowledge and funding to the community through the training, education and voluntarism of its members. The JLBR will 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.



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## JLBR Diaper Bank

*2,800 diapers were distributed to our four partner organizations: Caridad Center, Family Promise, Florence Fuller Child Development Centers, and Milagro Center.*

1. Kokie Dinnan of Family Promise; Dee Lewis; Harlee Samuels; Gina Griffin; Sarah Flynn; Nancy Dockerty, President of the Junior League of Boca Raton; Gina Genovese of Milagro Center; Marjorie Hollman; Cathy DeMatto of Caridad Center; and Doug Paton

## JLBR Provisional Graduation Party @ The Falcon House

2. The 2010-2011 JLBR Provisional Class
3. David Meehan, Holly Meehan, Barbara Trevino Chester, Jennifer Edwards and Kimberly Jurich
4. Alli Lazarus, Kaleigh Walsh, Katie Petronio
5. Jennifer Bai Rossi, Michelle Silverstone, Stacy McPherson

## JLBR Board Retreat

6. The 2011-2012 JLBR Board
7. 2011-2012 JLBR President Nancy Dockerty, Luis Mago, and President-Elect Jackie Reeves
8. Cristy Stewart-Harfmann, Sara Ritzler, Kristen Ross, and Melinda Dehoff
9. President Nancy Dockerty, Maggie Dickenson, Kirsten Stanley, and Reagan Such



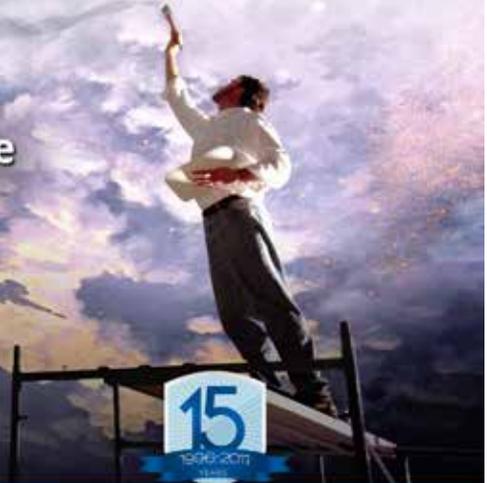
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The 2011

# Woman Volunteer of the Year

Luncheon

By Carolyn North

The Junior League of Boca Raton's 24th Annual Woman Volunteer of the Year luncheon will be held on Thursday, October 6, 2011 at the Boca Raton Resort and Club. The Junior League will celebrate our community's women and their pledge to outstanding volunteerism. This year we are honoring 22 women representing their non-profit organizations in Palm Beach County. In 2010, The Woman Volunteer of the Year's Luncheon raised \$162,000 to support The Junior League of Boca Raton's mission to improve the community.

This year the prestigious luncheon is Co-Chaired by Marya Gill and Allison Lane, with Honorary Chair, Sylvie Godin. For the third consecutive year, the Junior League of Boca Raton is proud to have The Boca Raton Regional Hospital Foundation as an Award Sponsor and Saks Fifth Avenue as the Luncheon's Fashion Show Sponsor.

"We're delighted that this year's event will honor women in our community for their hard work and dedication to local non-profit organizations," said Nancy Dockerty, JLBR President. "As the Junior League celebrates 40 years of service to our community this year, its women such as these nominees who inspire us to continue our mission of women building better communities."

## The 1971 Society

To honor the Junior League of Boca Raton's 40th year, The 1971 Society has been established to recognize the members who support our event. The 1971 Society will limit its' membership to 40 women. Show your support by making your donation and becoming one of 40 women inducted into this exclusive group. Membership opportunities are going fast, when the spots are filled, membership in the 1971 Society will no longer be available.

In addition to having the distinction of being the first members of this inaugural society, the benefits to joining the 1971 Society include:

- Exclusive fashion reception at Saks Fifth Avenue prior to the event.
- Pre-event Champagne Tasting on October 6, 2011
- VIP Valet Parking for the Woman Volunteer of the Year Luncheon
- Fulfillment of \$100 Financial Commitment

The 1971 Society Membership is available for an annual contribution of \$500.00

## The Chandelier Table

Win a special raffle and be upgraded to The Chandelier Table! What is The Chandelier Table and how do you win this? The Chandelier Table is available to one lucky winner, just purchase a special \$20 raffle ticket at the event. The winner and their tablemates are moved to the exclusive, well appointed, phenomenal view table. The winner also receives the lovely chandelier above the table donated by Capitol lighting. All those who are seated at the chandelier table will receive an exclusive swag bag valued at \$1000 with wonderful gifts from Henri Bendel, Tory Burch and Lilly Pulitzer.



## Exciting Silent Auction and Raffle Prizes!

There are also many other raffle and silent auction prizes that will be awarded at the luncheon. Last year these prizes included:

- 2 Night stay at The Cloister, Sea Island, GA
- 2 Round trip tickets on Southwest Airlines
- 60 minute massage, 5 prenatal yoga classes and
- 12 Week Total Body Make Over ~ Rod Squad

Opposite page: 2011 Woman Volunteer of the Year Luncheon committee. Top right: Luncheon Co-chair Allison Lane, Honorary Chairwoman Sylvie Godin, 2011-2012 JLBR President Nancy Dockerty, Jan Savarick, Luncheon Co-chair Marya Gill. Bottom right: Victoria Jones, Marya Gill, Jennifer Barner, Allison Lane, Jennifer Brackett.



- Botox cosmetics and series of treatments with light therapy, anti-aging treatment regime.
- BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S
- 2011 "TONY AWARDS" at Radio City Music Hall.

## Five Junior League of Boca Raton members will be honored!

This year we are thrilled to announce that five members of The Junior League of Boca Raton have been honored for their efforts within the community. Here's what our members had to say about their nomination:

*"Joining the Junior League was a major turning point for me. Over the years, I have gained hundreds of friends, helped make an impact in the community and developed a passion for living in Boca Raton. Being nominated by an organization that is focused on volunteering is such an honor!"*

**Robin Deyo, Nominee for JLBR**

*"I'm thrilled to be nominated by The Spirit of Giving – it's an incredible organization and a spin-off from the Junior League! The fact that five of our members have been nominated for WVOY shows the depth of our volunteers. We train our Junior League members to move forward in other volunteer roles within the community"*

**Linda Gunn, Nominee for Spirit of Giving**



*I am honored to be a nominee and even more proud to be representing one of the newest organizations at the Woman Volunteer of the Year Luncheon, Treasures4Charity. My first experience as a volunteer began with the Junior League in Miami and continued with my transfer to the Boca League in 1993. The 25 years of experience I gained and the wonderful friendships that I made helped to form the Treasures4Charity organization. What started as a "month-long garage sale" that Brooke Qualk and I ran 3 days a week to raise money for the Gulf Stream School & the Junior League, has turned into a full-time not-for-profit resale boutique, with 75 volunteers a month raising tens of thousands of dollars for local charities (currently 25!) annually. I am so proud to know and to work with all these incredible woman on a daily basis and I am convinced there couldn't be a better way to describe our organization than "it takes village". Thank you from the bottom of my heart!*

*P.S. Donations accepted daily!! :)*

**Caron Dockerty, Nominee for Treasures4Charity**

*I am so honored to be nominated by the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce. In true Junior League fashion, I was introduced to the GBRC by a past Chamber leader who was giving a presentation at the Junior League of Boca Raton. I was so inspired by this individual that I introduced myself afterward. And that as they say, started me on my path to learning more about my chamber, my city, my county and many of its key participants.*

*Here is one of my favorite quotes: "Volunteers are not paid—not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless!"*

*~Author unknown*

**Jackie Reeves, (President-Elect of JLBR), Nominee for The Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce**

*It is such an honor to be chosen as Boca Ballet Theatre's nominee for this year's WVOY award. The strength of a non-profit organization is through its volunteers, and BBT has a 20 year history in this community that can only be attributed to the efforts of a first rate group of volunteers that have done everything from raising money to sewing costumes. As a JLBR member, it is wonderful to be part of a group of dedicated women all striving to help our community. When you look at all the women that are being honored this year, it*

*is a testimonial to the power of women to achieve and make a difference through volunteerism.*

**Anne Henderson, Nominee for Boca Ballet Theatre**

## Ticketing!

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# new president PROFILE

By Stephanie Miskew

**What inspired you to become President of the Junior League of Boca Raton (JLBR)?** I remember the exact moment I was inspired (which was many years before I decided I could actually handle the job!) I had just ended my provisional year and was at the Annual Dinner meeting. I think this was May 2001; Elizabeth Pankey Warren was being installed as the next JLBR President, and her speech was so amazing! I was really inspired and thought secretly to myself, maybe some day...

**How did you approach achieving this position and what placements did you select to best prepare you?**

There was definitely a plan. I was very fortunate to have a nominating advisor (Melinda DeHoff) who said you have to get experience on all the councils if you really want to do this (at the time, I was coming off of Membership Development and so it had been a few years since I had served on Community Council; I had been DIAD Chair years before.) She suggested Project Development Chair; it was community while at the same time a board position, so I was gaining that experience as well. I would suggest to every member (not just someone interested in being President) to "council hop." I think it's beneficial to the JLBR, because a member who knows how hard it is to raise money can really appreciate spending it on meaningful projects. I also think everyone should serve on Membership Development at some point - what better way to help the future of JLBR than recruiting and training wonderful new members.

**What have been some of your most rewarding accomplishments in the League so far?** Has anyone ever heard the words JLBR Flip Flops? Just kidding. I've had several rewarding experiences. The top two would be co-chairing Membership Development with Emily McMullin, when we recruited and trained 100 provisionals, which had been the largest class in many years (and so many of those provisional members have served in leadership positions since then). Also, the year that I chaired Fund Development we raised tons of money and had so many fun events. We started the JLBR Boutique and, of course, sold 250 pairs of JLBR Flip Flops. Actually, interesting point, both of those experiences earned me JLBR awards (Outstanding Service Award and the Torch Award), so see hard work does pay off!

**How have you seen the League evolve over the course of your membership?** The members have evolved. We have so many professional women joining the JLBR every year, and they're coming not just with business experience, but with plenty of non-profit experience that helps in so many ways. And, of course, our impact on the community has evolved greatly through our amazing Vegso Community Resource Center



(VCRC). I'm so proud of the many programs that the VCRC offers to local non-profits, not to mention our Newman-Craske Grant Library, which is open to the public free of charge.

**What have you been most surprised by in preparing for your role as President?** I have been pleasantly surprised at the amount of training the JLBR has provided over the years. By the time my year as president ends, I will have attended a total of 8 national AJLI training conferences and learned so many amazing things about leadership, non-profit management, fund development, strategic planning and community impact.

**It's the 40th Anniversary of the JLBR, what does that mean to you to be President during this year and what is being done to commemorate this anniversary?** How about I pretend I'm turning 40 this year also haha. It's quite an honor to serve as the president of any organization, but to follow in the footsteps of 39 prestigious women is inspiring. If you review the names of our past presidents, you'll recognize the names from their many contributions to so many organizations and recognize the real legacy they have left not only on JLBR, but on our community. Adding my name to that list is one of my proudest accomplishments.

**What are your other visions for the year?** I have 3 questions that I want our leadership to have on their minds this year:

- 1) Is what you're working on PDI? (Promoting Volunteerism, Developing the Potential of Women and Improving the community, our mission in simple terms)
- 2) Is it good for the future of JLBR?
- 3) Is it enjoyable? After all, we're a volunteer organization and there are plenty of organizations that need volunteers, so we need to make sure our members are making an impact, but also enjoying what they're doing.

**What advice would you give to someone considering a leadership role in the League?** DO IT!!!! The League is a great place to expand your skill set, provides plenty of training and you'll work with the most amazing women in town!

**NAME:** Nancy Dockerty

**POSITION:** President

**AGE:** 43

**OCCUPATION:** Commercial real estate mortgage financing

**ABOUT THE FAMILY:** Its just me with the best dog in the world, Hercules a 10 lb Maltese

**WHAT BOOK ARE YOU CURRENTLY READING?** Born Round by Frank Bruni – he's the NY Times food critic and its about his life long love of food

**TELL US ABOUT YOUR MOST TOUCHING MOMENT IN THE LEAGUE:** The first time I did a DIAD shift with the Literacy Coalition and worked with Adults that were learning to read, I was inspired by their courage and determination

**WHAT'S THE #1 PLAYED SONG IN YOUR IPOD?** Some type of rap

**IF YOU COULD CHOSE TO STAY A CERTAIN AGE FOREVER, WHAT WOULD IT BE?** 30, you're still young, but old enough to know what you want in life

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE VACATION SPOT AND WHY?** Nantucket – it's so cute and I always have a blast with the Dockerty's



**NAME:** Melissa Whelchel

**POSITION:** VP of Fund Development

**AGE:** 35

**OCCUPATION:** Corporate Health & Wellness @ Boca Raton Region Hospital

**ABOUT THE FAMILY:** Married to Jay, little ones Jack & Vivian, & The Chocolate Lab Brandy

**WHAT BOOK ARE YOU CURRENTLY READING?** Cutting for Stone- fabulous topic for upcoming Book Club discussion!

**TELL US ABOUT YOUR MOST TOUCHING MOMENT IN THE LEAGUE:** Most touching Moment-the food train when my son was sick. People I had never seen were dropping off dishes to a total stranger. That was when I knew these women & JLBR would be a part of my life for years to come

**WHAT'S THE #1 PLAYED SONG IN YOUR IPOD?** Jolene (my 2 year old loves it)



# meet the BOARD PART ONE

By Kimberly Mrachek

**IF YOU COULD CHOSE TO STAY A CERTAIN AGE FOREVER, WHAT WOULD IT BE?** Years ago I'd say 21 as life was free, but 35 because I wouldn't trade my kiddies for anything! Even youth

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE VACATION SPOT AND WHY?** Top Sail Island

**NAME:** Maggie Dickenson

**POSITION:** Nominating/Placement Chair

**AGE:** 37

**OCCUPATION:** Banking Vice President, U.S. Bank

**ABOUT THE FAMILY:** I have been married for 9 years to John-David Dickenson. We have a gregarious 7 year old daughter Sophia and an active 4 year old son, Henry David. We also have a lunatic, cocoanut loving 90 pound yellow lab, aptly named Tank.

**WHAT BOOK ARE YOU CURRENTLY READING?** Right now I am reading tons of travel books on London and Paris, we are traveling there this year. Anyone have any suggestions?

**TELL US ABOUT YOUR MOST TOUCHING MOMENT IN THE LEAGUE:** I love the Done In A Day shifts I have completed at the Literacy Coalition's East Delray Beach children's literacy program. At the end of the night, there is nothing better than getting 30 hugs in a row from very appreciate children! It makes me proud to be a part of JLBR.

**WHAT'S THE #1 PLAYED SONG IN YOUR IPOD?** I love the Plain White T's 'Rhythm of Love'. It makes me smile!



**IF YOU COULD CHOSE TO STAY A CERTAIN AGE FOREVER, WHAT WOULD IT BE?** Stay a certain age? Nope, I would not choose that.

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE VACATION SPOT AND WHY?** Favorite vacation spot? The Beachouse Lodge in Pine Island, FL. People say that Pine Island is like the Keys was 50 years ago- super laid back! I love seeing dolphins all day long and my kids and husband are in heaven there with all the fishing!

**NAME:** Sara Ritzler

**POSITION:** PR/Marketing Chair

**AGE:** 28

**OCCUPATION:** Account Coordinator at the Gab Group

**ABOUT THE FAMILY:** Single. Anyone have any good looking brothers?

**WHAT BOOK ARE YOU CURRENTLY READING?** Bossypants by Tina Fey. Tina is smart, talented and extremely funny.

**TELL US ABOUT YOUR MOST TOUCHING MOMENT IN THE LEAGUE:** My most touching moment would have to be when I volunteered at the Back to School Bash. I will never forget a little boy who told me he was so excited for school, because he was going back to his regular school after being placed in a foster family.

**WHAT'S THE #1 PLAYED SONG IN YOUR IPOD?** I'm really loving Adele lately.

**IF YOU COULD CHOSE TO STAY A CERTAIN AGE FOREVER, WHAT WOULD IT BE?** I'm not sure I've gotten there yet. Although there are some years I would like to do over.

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE VACATION SPOT AND WHY?** My favorite vacation spot would be New York City. I love everything about. It may be cheesy but it really is the "concrete jungle where dream are made of, there's nothing you can't do...,these streets will make you feel brand new, Big lights will inspire you..."

**NAME:** Cristy Stewart-Harfmann

**POSITION:** VP of Communications

**AGE:** 31

**OCCUPATION:** Marketing Manager

**ABOUT THE FAMILY:** Hubby Kurt and our puppy, McKenzie.



**WHAT BOOK ARE YOU CURRENTLY READING?** I am generally in the middle of two books all the time. Currently, I am reading "The Help", I am fascinated by Southern culture and "Social Boom - How to Master Business Social Media." I love learning and with social media there is always something new to learn.

**TELL US ABOUT YOUR MOST TOUCHING MOMENT IN THE LEAGUE:** My favorite volunteer experience is Back to School Bash. Back to school shopping was my favorite time of the year and there is nothing like the excitement of helping kids get ready for school. There were a couple of kids this year whose stories really melted me. It is inspiring what Spirit of Giving is able to accomplish through the power of partnerships and volunteers.

**WHAT'S THE #1 PLAYED SONG IN YOUR IPOD?** Toes in the Water by Zac Brown Band

**IF YOU COULD CHOSE TO STAY A CERTAIN AGE FOREVER, WHAT WOULD IT BE?** So far each year seems to be better than the last. If I could go back to one time and bring Kurt I would want to go back to college the year I took a trip around the world. It is on our bucket list to do it together.

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE VACATION SPOT AND WHY?** Kurt and I are passionate about travel and make it a priority. Some of our favorites include: The Abacos, Costa Rica, California and Ocean Reef for weekend getaways. Our next adventure – Capetown, Durban and a safari in the Zulu Nyalala preserve in South Africa.

**NAME:** Kirsten Stanley

**POSITION:** VP of Planning

**AGE:** 35

**OCCUPATION:** Member of the management team at a commercial electrical contracting company (Meisner Electric)

**ABOUT THE FAMILY:** Married to Tom Stanley

**WHAT BOOK ARE YOU CURRENTLY READING?** Cutting for Stone



Left: JLBR board members at the Board Retreat. Right: 2011-2012 JLBR President-Elect Jackie Reeves and President Nancy Dockerty.



**TELL US ABOUT YOUR MOST TOUCHING MOMENT IN THE LEAGUE:** Last October, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. I have been touched by how many members of the league reached out to me this past year. Whether it was during my surgery, radiation or chemotherapy, there was always someone from the league who had just the right thing to say when I needed support.

**WHAT'S THE #1 PLAYED SONG IN YOUR IPOD?** Mix of Bob Marley songs

**IF YOU COULD CHOSE TO STAY A CERTAIN AGE FOREVER, WHAT WOULD IT BE?** This year has taught me to truly celebrate life and appreciate the strength of my body (as well as its many flaws). I would have to say I am enjoying my current age!

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE VACATION SPOT AND WHY?** I don't have one specific spot, but I just returned from an amazing two week trip to Hawaii.

**NAME:** Reagan Such

**POSITION:** VP of Finance

**AGE:** 37

**OCCUPATION:** Client Services Manager for Cendyn

**ABOUT THE FAMILY:** I am single with a shih-tzu/poodle mix named Lucy.

**WHAT BOOK ARE YOU CURRENTLY READING?** I love to read anything my Book Club suggests.

**TELL US ABOUT YOUR MOST TOUCHING MOMENT IN THE LEAGUE:** After Hurricane Katrina hit in 2005 I headed a group of local organization's called Boca United Relief that was formed by JLBR. We helped people from New Orleans and the Gulf Coas twho had lost everything, and we provided free housing, furniture, clothing, food, medical care, counseling, you name it! The families were so appreciative, and we still get a Christmas card each year from some of them.

**WHAT'S THE #1 PLAYED SONG IN YOUR IPOD?** My Killer's Playlist

**IF YOU COULD CHOSE TO STAY A CERTAIN AGE FOREVER, WHAT WOULD IT BE?** I would be 7 or 8 years old forever so that I could worry about nothing but playing all day!

**NAME:** Andrea Garcia

**POSITION:** VP of Personnel

**AGE:** 33

**OCCUPATION:** Senior Sales Consultant for Oasis Outsourcing

**ABOUT THE FAMILY:** I have been happily married to my Husband, Rich, for over 6 years. Rich was a Chef for 12 years at many local restaurants and he is now in outside sales selling pneumatic & hydraulic supplies. He left the restaurant industry to have a more normal life with his family. He is still an AMAZING chef and cooks a lot at home. Lucky me!!! Rich and I have a 15 month old son named Ryler, who is the light of our lives. Motherhood is such a gift that I absolutely treasure. Our son Ryler loves to cuddle with our 2 Boxers, Duke & Daisy, while our 2 cats, Leelu and Sulli look on. We have quite the animal house but we love it!!!

**WHAT BOOK ARE YOU CURRENTLY READING?** Knockout – Interviews with Doctors Who are Curing Cancer and How to Prevent Getting it in the First Place By Suzanne Summers. I have always been very interested in alternative medicines or eastern medicine. I believe it comes from my parents who raised me in a very healthy home. We took our vitamins everyday and always lived a healthy lifestyle. My parents are now in their early 70's and they do NOT take any pills at all. They are some of the healthiest people I know. Like everyone, I have lost relatives and friends to Cancer, and I wanted to learn more about what



can be done to prevent it or even cure it. This book was absolutely amazing! There are doctors in this book that are treating patients that have gone through Chemo and the Chemo didn't help. These patients have tried everything and then they got treatment with some of the doctors in this book. They are all cancer free and feeling great!

**TELL US ABOUT YOUR MOST TOUCHING MOMENT IN THE LEAGUE:** I would say that my most touching moment would have to be this whole past JL year. I can't pick just one. I was one of the Co-Chairs of Membership Development and it was by far my most rewarding and touching experiences to date. I truly got so much enjoyment out of watching my Provisionals enjoy the year and experience the league for the first time. I am so proud of all of them and I know they will all continue to touch my life throughout my JL career.

**WHAT'S THE #1 PLAYED SONG IN YOUR IPOD?** Lionel Ritchie – "All Night Long" – This is just one of my feel good, gettcha going, pump me up songs! It always puts me in the best mood and it makes me want to dance. When I listen to it in my car, I open my windows and just jam out!!!! Yes, I am one of those people you see singing in the car next to you. Look out!!!

**IF YOU COULD CHOSE TO STAY A CERTAIN AGE FOREVER, WHAT WOULD IT BE?** I like the age I am now but I would not want to stay a certain age forever. If I did, I would miss out on all the joys that life has to offer.

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE VACATION SPOT AND WHY?** Maas-tricht, The Netherlands – Maastricht is on the border of Belgium and it is very close to Germany. My family lives in a small village called Eijsden on the Maas River. I spent every summer in Holland since I was 3 months old to 14. It was a beautiful place to grow up. I would visit my grandparents, aunt, uncle, and cousins. Once my grandparents passed away in 1992, we now make it over every 2 years or so for a couple of weeks at a time. I can't wait to bring my son to Holland next summer. I want to continue the tradition, let him experience the culture, and learn about his Dutch heritage.

Maastricht is my favorite vacation spot, because I love being with my family, working on my Dutch, and eating some fabulous cuisine.

**NAME:** Crystal McMillin

**POSITION:** VP of Community

**AGE:** Do I really have to tell? :)

**OCCUPATION:** Senior Manager – Audit/CPA with Grant Thornton, LLP

**ABOUT THE FAMILY:** I have been married to Scott for 7 years. We have a 4 1/2 year old pug named Rocky..

**WHAT BOOK ARE YOU CURRENTLY READING?** I am reading "Nice Girls Don't Get the Corner Office: 101 Unconscious Mistakes Women Make That Sabotage Their Careers. I champion the Women at Grant Thornton initiative for my office which encourages the promotion and retention of clingent serving women. I enjoy reading it because it's part of a book club for women's leadership/business books that I'm leading for the women in my office. I enjoy mentoring the younger women in my office.

**TELL US ABOUT YOUR MOST TOUCHING MOMENT IN THE LEAGUE:** Volunteering at the Milagro Sports Day with my husband and the entire Lynn University men's basketball team where he coaches. The kids were so excited and appreciative to have us there.

**WHAT'S THE #1 PLAYED SONG IN YOUR IPOD?** Anything Lady Gaga

**IF YOU COULD CHOSE TO STAY A CERTAIN AGE FOREVER, WHAT WOULD IT BE?** 27, seemed like a good age, not too young and not too old!

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE VACATION SPOT AND WHY?** Key West, I love that it's within driving distance, the laid back vibe of Key West and the amazing sunsets!





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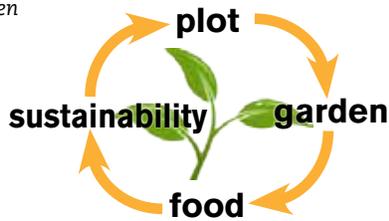
By Kelli Bloechinger

This year, Community Council and Fund Development Council have partnered to educate our League on how dollars raised translate into diapers, meals, and more for the community. At each GMM, they will focus on specific issues and how our League is addressing those issues.

## Issue Addressed: Hunger

### Boca Raton Community Garden

This past spring was the groundbreaking for the The Boca Raton Community Garden, which is a partnership between The Junior League of Boca Raton (JLBR) and The City of Boca Raton. The Community Garden will be a beautiful, park-like space, where individuals or organizations can lease plots of land to grow fruits, vegetables, and flowers.



45 plots of various sizes in the Boca Raton Community Garden will open on October 1st, 2011. Individuals, schools, companies, and non-profit organizations signed a one year lease and paid a nominal fee, agreeing to care for their plot and agreeing to donate at least

10% of their year's harvest to Boca Helping Hands. This year, the main area of the garden will open, and the committee will continue to plan and fund for development of the sensory garden and educational area.

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## Issue Addressed: Hunger

### DIAD: Sandwich Day

Several years ago, the Caring Kitchen was asked to provide after school snacks for children in the Parks and Recreation after school program in Delray Beach because of discipline problems.



Barbara Sagemen, Carrie Monier, Yvette Drucker, Alana Latiolais, Kimberly Anglemyer, Renee Lorberbaum, Jessie Flannery, Margi Cross, Kathy Potts

Due to school crowding, children start eating lunch as early as 10:30 a.m., they would then go to an afternoon school program and are picked up by their care giver as late as 6 p.m. The children are hungry in the afternoon and neither the children nor the after school programs have funds for food.

As a result of the Caring Kitchen sandwich program, the discipline problems have decreased and the children are no longer hungry. The Caring Kitchen is now providing after school snacks each school day to over 150 children from families with low incomes in the Delray Beach area.

JLBR DIAD will continue to assist the Caring Kitchen's sandwich program by making sandwiches on the first Thursday of every month beginning in September. We hope to expand our assistance this year to twice a month.



In 2010, Boca Helping Hands served over 28,000 hot meals to those in need. And, they are projected to serve over 42,000 meals this year! Also the Pantry Food program has grown from 6,600 bags in 2010 to a pace of 12,000+ for 2011.



From the Children's Services Council 2008 Economic Indicator Report:

- 1 in 3 households earning up to \$35,000 year run out of food before having money to buy more
- 79,486 students receive free or reduced lunch (45.6% of 173,640 total school district enrollment)
- 31% of kindergarten students received free or reduced lunch
- Groceries: most expensive in the state

## Issue Addressed: Domestic Violence & Disabilities Awareness

### Small Community Projects – Twin Palms

The Junior League of Boca Raton volunteered with Twin Palms Centers for the Disabled last year through various DIAD volunteer shifts, and a project through the Small Community Projects committee. Twin Palms Center provides a unique day program for individuals diagnosed with developmental delays by offering social, academic and daily living skills training in a secure learning environment. After speaking to the Twin Palms Director, Wendy Friswell, we discovered there was a need for a gym at the facility. Many of the participants are not able to exercise regularly due to safety and other limitations which lead to obesity problems. Small Community Projects was able to remodel a room in their facility with new paint, flooring and mirrors on the wall. The committee also purchased various kinds of exercise equipment for the participants to use. The participants were so excited to have a space just for them to exercise.

Last year, the Small Community Projects committee collected toiletries from league members such as shampoo, soap, lotion, etc. In October as part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Small Community Projects will be setting up DIAD volunteer shifts to package the toiletries together. The packages will be presented to the new Women in Distress facility in Deerfield Beach to be used by the women and families staying there.



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- Females who are 20-24 years of age are at the greatest risk of nonfatal intimate partner violence.
- Most cases of domestic violence are never reported to the police.
- Students with Disabilities Enrollment, Ages 6-21, 2009-10

In October 2009, there were 341,632 students ages 6-21 served under IDEA, Part B representing approximately 14% of the total public school membership.

Forty-seven percent of the students with disabilities were identified as specific learning disabled (SLD), 23% were identified as speech or language impaired (SI/LI), 9% were identified as intellectually disabled (IND), 8% were identified as emotional/behavioral disabled (EBD), 7% were identified as other health impaired (OHI), and 4% were identified with autism spectrum disorders and 2% were in other categories.

# Savoring SUMMER

By Stephanie Miskew



“Summertime, and the living is easy,” so the song goes and no matter where you choose to spend it, the flavors of this cherished, carefree time of year are pretty universal. Fresh seafood, ripe tomatoes and vibrant greens are just a few compelling reasons to hit the kitchen and whip up some fabulous Summer fare.

Fortunately, our James Beard Award-Winning cookbook, *Savor the Moment*, provides some excellent opportunities to savor the flavors of Summer. Two of my favorite recipes were the flavorful Grilled Swordfish with Tomato and Arugula Salsa and the refreshing Frozen Lemon Mousse. These easy to prepare dishes truly embody the essence of Summer with their bright, fresh flavors. The succulent swordfish pairs wonderfully with juicy, ripe tomatoes and peppery arugula; while the lemony, creamy mousse is a refreshing treat after a long day at the beach. Combining these two fabulous dishes makes for a perfect al fresco meal your friends and family are sure to enjoy.

If you happen to be in the mood for wine, pair the grilled Swordfish with a chilled Sauvignon Blanc like a Sancerre from France’s Loire Valley. This crisp, refreshing white wine is perfect for Summer sipping and its racy acidity and lively citrus notes pair beautifully with the flavors in this dish.

I hope you enjoy these delicious dishes from *Savor the Moment* that are perfect for savoring Summer all year long. Cheers!

## Grilled Swordfish with Tomato and Arugula Salsa

### Tomato and Arugula Salsa:

1 pound plum tomatoes, seeded, cut into 1/4-inch pieces  
3/4 cup chopped arugula  
1 shallot, finely chopped  
1/4 cup olive oil  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
4 1/2 teaspoons capers  
salt and pepper to taste

### Swordfish:

4 or 5 (6 ounce) swordfish steaks  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
salt and pepper to taste

For the salsa: combine the tomatoes, arugula, shallot, olive oil, lemon juice, capers, salt and pepper in a bowl and mix well. Chill in the refrigerator for 2 hours.

For the swordfish: brush both sides of the steaks with the olive oil; sprinkle with salt and pepper. Grill over medium-high heat for 4 minutes on each side or until the fish flakes easily. Serve topped with the salsa. Serves four or five.



## Wine Pairing Tip:

### Frozen Lemon Mousse

4 egg yolks  
1/2 cup fresh lemon juice  
1/4 cup sugar  
1 1/2 tablespoons lemon zest  
4 egg whites  
1/8 teaspoon cream of tartar  
1/8 teaspoon salt  
3/4 cup sugar  
1 1/2 cups whipping cream

### Garnish

Fresh raspberries or blueberries  
Sprigs of fresh mint

Combine the egg yolks, lemon juice, 1/4 cup sugar and lemon zest in a large bowl and mix well.

Beat the egg whites in a medium mixing bowl until foamy. Add the cream of tartar and salt and beat until soft peaks form. Add 3/4 cup sugar gradually and beat until stiff and glossy. Whip the cream in a bowl until stiff. Fold the egg whites and whipped cream gently into the egg yolk mixture. Spoon into a bowl. Freeze, covered with foil, for 8 hours or longer.

Let the mousse stand in the refrigerator for 1 to 2 hours before serving. Spoon into 12 dessert dishes and garnish with fresh raspberries or blueberries and a spring of mint. Serves twelve.



**Summer Playlist:**

1. Summer Wind – Michael Buble
2. Summertime – Renee Olstead
3. S'Wonderful – Diana Krall
4. Seven Days in Sunny June – Jamiroquai
5. Fever – Peggy Lee
6. Summer Breeze – Jason Mraz
7. Summer Samba (So Nice) – Astrud Gilberto
8. The Girl from Ipanema – Stan Getz
9. The Boys of Summer – Don Henley
10. Cruel Summer – Bananarama

**The Great Outdoors:**

*A Few Outdoor Entertaining Tips from Savor the Moment*

Create a special room with your outdoor setting. Bring fun collections outdoors. Browse thrift shops for vintage tablecloths, stemware, and flatware. Use pitchers for flowers, to hold utensils or for wine, water or lemonade. Consider double-sided tape to attach linens to your tables in case of high winds. Use live flowers and herbs for accents and plant them in your plant beds after the party.

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# ENDOWMENT

## Driving Directions to a Wonderful League Career

By Jackie Reeves



### Join Provisional Class

Learn. Attend League Education Sessions and participate in community projects and fundraisers



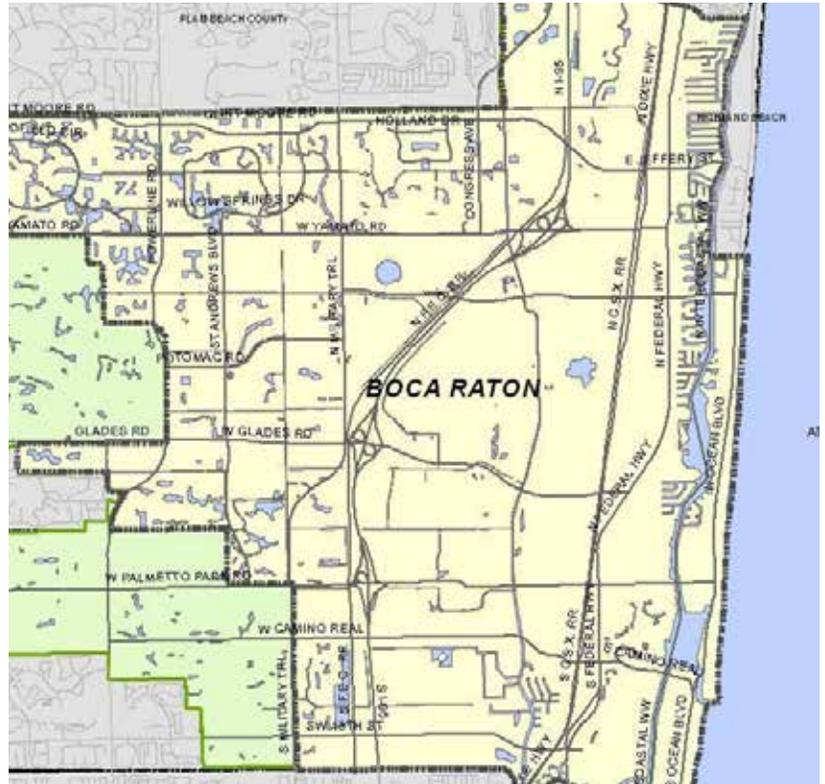
### Active Years

Train. Support community projects, work on fundraisers, advocate for SPAC, develop your leadership skills and take leadership roles



### Sustaining Years

Take the skills you've learned and share them with the community. Support other non-profit organizations in the community by sitting on boards, share your best practices, provide JL-style leadership and act as a mentor to those following your route



**I**n thinking of the upcoming 40th anniversary of the Junior League of Boca Raton, Inc. my first reaction was – has it really been that long! The answer, of course, is absolutely yes! Forty years of provisional classes, forty years of placements, forty years of rewarding fundraisers and forty years of projects that have benefitted both Boca Raton and nearby communities.

The early days, as a Service League, were busy as we tried to establish ourselves as a force in the community. Raising money was a necessity in order to fund projects, just as it is today. One fundraiser was The Front Porch, a gift and consignment shop on East Palmetto Road. Perhaps, we set our sights a bit too high, as the shop lasted only a couple of years! We were inexperienced, but were always willing to work hard.

**Our efforts, all within the parameters of the National Association, finally paid off. In 1984, we became a member of the National Association of Junior Leagues!**

Membership in the Junior League can be a blessing for so many different reasons. The friendships formed are often life-long. Learning about the needs of the larger community informs the choices of projects. I think back to the establishment of both the Historical Society and Singing Pines Museum. Early on, Junior League members were instrumental in providing leadership for both organizations. The restoration of the FER Railway Station in the late 1980's was accomplished by both Junior League members and other volunteers, all from the Historical Society.

After many years of renting office space, the Junior League of Boca Raton decided to build the Vegso Community Resource Center (VCRC). The VCRC houses meeting rooms, offices and a superb grant library! And it is available for use by other organizations in the community. Maintaining the VCRC costs money. With this in mind, an Endowment Fund was created and is overseen and monitored by the Endowment Fund Board of Directors. Income from the Endowment Fund is used to support all costs of owning a building and land above and beyond that which it would have been to continue renting space. Today, all non-profits need healthy endowments to survive and grow.

**We are striving to grow the Endowment Fund to cover all of the programing costs of the VCRC grant library, which means doubling its size!**

With an eye to the future, the growth of the Endowment Fund is vital to the health of the Junior League of Boca Raton. We hope that members will donate to the Endowment Fund on a regular basis. The size of the donation is not as important as forming a habit of giving. Strengthening our Endowment will ensure the ability of the Junior League of Boca Raton to fund projects far into the future.

**And the vision of a group of women 40 years ago will continue to have life!**

# JLBR connected

By Cristy Stewart-Harfmann



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## MASTER CALENDAR

Send committee meeting times and dates and all approved events.

**Contact:** JLBR Office Manager

**Lead time:** 3 days

## JLBR WEBSITE UPDATES

The JLBR website is one of our most important marketing tools for internal and external communication. To update the JLBR website, send the link to the page to be updated and the details that need to be changed to the VP of Communication.

**Contact:** VP of Communication

**Lead time:** 1 week

## LEAGUE-WIDE EMAILS AND INTERNAL EMAIL CAMPAIGNS

Junior League emails are sent out the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month. Council may also approve a special email campaign for your event. Send message and any graphics.

**Contact:** Internet Media Chair ([emails@jlbr.org](mailto:emails@jlbr.org)) and CC your VP

**Lead for LWE:** Friday before the campaign

**Lead Time for Special Emails:** 1 week

## JUNIOR LEAGUE SOCIAL MEDIA

Visit our official JLBR Facebook page : <http://www.facebook.com/JuniorLeagueBocaRaton>. The Communications Council has a master calendar for social media content that is scheduled one month in advance.

- Facebook or Twitter Post- Send content and graphic/picture.
- Create a Custom Facebook Fan Page or Twitter Account for your Committee- Internet Media's committee will set up the Facebook page for you. Committee will be responsible for customization and maintenance of event specific pages/account.

**Contact:** Internet Media Chair and CC your VP

**Lead time:** 1 week

## PRESS RELEASES

All press releases must be approved and distributed by the PR Chair. Committees need to use the JLBR templates to draft a release and then forward them onto the PR Chair for necessary approvals. Anything with the JLBR logo including, but not limited to invitations, flyers and printed material need to go through the same approval process. Upload your press release for approval into Base Camp or send press release.

**Contact:** PR Chair and cc: the President and the VP of Communications.

**Lead time:** 3 days for approval and distribution.

## THE BRIDGE

- BRAG A LITTLE- If you know of a member who is doing something exciting in our community or has an interesting story to tell, we want to know!
- SUBMIT THANK YOUs- Sponsors, supporters of the League and other non-members who have gone above and beyond to help the JLBR.
- UPLOAD YOUR PHOTOS- Take photos of JLBR members helping out in the community, at JLBR social events, at your committee events or at DIADs and upload your photos to Flickr!

**Contact:** Publications Chair.

**Lead Time:**

- July 30th for Summer Issue
- September 30th for Fall issue
- December 30th for Winter issue
- February 28th for April issue

## PHOTOGRAPHER

The JLBR has two photographers. The Communications Council has a master calendar to ensure your event has photos. If you require a photographer at your event, send your date, time, location and shot list (essential photos if necessary).

**Contact:** Publications Chair

**Lead time:** 2 weeks in advance

## SEND IN YOUR PHOTOS

The JLBR has a group Flickr account and photos will be used in The Bridge, website and press releases. Visit [www.flickr.com/photos/jlbr](http://www.flickr.com/photos/jlbr) to see our collection of League photos from this year.

**Contact:** Publications Chair

**Lead time:** 1 week

## CLOSERWARE UPDATES

To add DIAD Shifts, Fundraiser shifts, or name changes

**Contact:** JLBR Office Manager [info@jlbr.org](mailto:info@jlbr.org)

**Lead time:** 1 week

# 2010-2011 PROVISIONAL CLASS

By Lise Orr



**The Junior League of Boca Raton's 40th year Provisional Class is a group of 65 women with a great desire to volunteer and get involved in our community.**



Co-chairs Jenny Wicker and Gena Vacha are looking forward to leading the path of training to prepare Provisionals for their involvement with the League!

**Jenny Wicker, Co-Chair:** I absolutely love the League. I am most excited about my committee. We have a wonderful, excited group of ladies and they are all so much fun to be with. My biggest goal is to retain membership, and I'd like to see all of the Provisionals have an undeniably fun time.

**Gena Vacha, Co-chair:** The enthusiasm of the 2010-2011 JLBR Provisional Class inspired me to co-chair Membership Development this year. Their dedication and passion for the League made me want to be part of this awesome committee, which is an integral part of the League. I'm really looking forward to getting to know the Provisionals that are joining this year and taking this journey with them. My number #1 goals are to educate, support and create memories with them!



Over the summer, new Actives and Provisionals came together for a mixer at JB's On The Beach. The women who joined last year shared stories about their Provisional year. Many talked about their training and rewarding volunteer experiences they'd had.

Provisional Niki Wilson commented, "I have the impression that JLBR women are passionate about helping the community AND supporting each other personally and professionally."

President of the 2010-2011 Provisional Class, Barbara Sageman was also introduced and presented an insightful power point presentation about the past year and the projects they had worked on.



## Advice from Actives:

*When it comes to committees, the JLBR offers a menu of choices – try them all!*

-Schuyler Thompson

*Put yourself out there and be open to everything. Meet as many women as you can. The League is full of so many amazing women and the more of them you meet, the more potential there is for you to make a friend, find a mentor, or simply engage in interesting conversation with a new person. Connecting to a community of strong, inspiring women is*

From top: Bethany Patterson, Brenda DeCarlo, Shaun Sherlock, Melissa Persad; Chim Francisco and Allison Wilgus; Jen Sommers and Renee Paige; Erica Reuder, Ashley Malnove, Barbara Sageman, Heather Henderson, Mirya Hollman

a unique opportunity. The relationships you can build through the JLBR is one of the greatest rewards of being a part of this organization and has been one of my favorite aspects of joining the Junior League  
-Marion Godin

Get involved in projects you didn't necessarily think you'd be interested in- you may surprise yourself!  
-Elizabeth Murdoch Titcomb

Take advantage of every opportunity that comes to you through the JLBR - happy hour's, socials before GMM's, meetings, etc.. You meet such great women through the JLBR if you just take advantage of the opportunity to do it.  
-Kate Weissing

Meet as many people as you can, volunteer with a project that inspires you...and don't forget to bring cash for the bar at the GMMs!  
-Morgan Green

From top: Kim Sapache, Emmy Thornbrough, Andrea Garcia, Gena Lotts, Jenny Wicker, Patricia Eastham, Heather Eastham, Liz Lotts; Andrea Garcia and Jenny Wicker; Kelly Sikora, Kim Sapche, Niki Wilson.



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## Welcome Little Leaguers

**Cathy Scheid** and husband Randy welcomed baby Evelyn Mary Scheid on June 10.

**Elizabeth Murdoch Titcomb** and her husband Josh welcomed their son Parker Harrison Titcomb (pictured right) on July 5th at 12:11 AM, 6 lbs 11 oz and 20 inches.



**Barbara Chester** and her husband Bryan welcomed their baby girl, Charlotte Olivia Chester (pictured left), on July 9th, 2011 at 5:04 pm, weighing 9 pounds and measuring 21 inches.

## Passings

**Karin Bice's** mother-in-Law passed away.

## Members on the Mend

Please send your well wishes to **Melissa Williams** and **Debbie Abrams** who each had a surgery this summer.

**Greta Gillis'** daughter Kendall, age 6, is recovering at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital.

## Member News

Announcing the new MemberNews@JLBR.org email! Send all your baby news, anniversaries, announcements, graduations, promotions, engagements and general GOOD NEWS or Kudos to the Member News email. The email goes to Member at Large, **Lisa Miller**, who will send a card on behalf of the league and submit your news to the next issue of The Bridge. Call Lisa at 561-866-0428 or email with questions and news.

## Welcome to Our League, Transfers!

**Laura Johnston** transferred from Atlanta. She completed her provisional year in Atlanta will be a first-year active this year in Boca.



**Melissa Boos** transferred from the Maryland Junior League. She works for Office Depot and spends time rescuing Rottweilers and is an avid fan of Living Social and Groupon. She is placed on Florence Fuller this year.



## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

13

GMM

@ The Addison,  
6pm

17

CPR Class

@ VCRC,  
9am-1pm

21

Tory Burch Event

# MemberNews@jlbr.org

by Brittany Steele

# OCTOBER CALENDAR

6

Woman Volunteer  
of the Year Luncheon  
@ Boca Raton Resort  
& Club

11

Cottage Meetings,  
Sign up online

15

Super Saturday for  
Provisionals

29

MSAT Beach Picnic  
@ South Inlet Park

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# INTERNATIONAL League Watch

The **Junior League of Toronto (JLT)** is happy to continue to expand their **“Kickstart for Health”** project with the goal of helping youth and their families develop healthy lifestyles, so that they are at less risk of suffering from diabetes, obesity and other serious health issues. The program empowers teenage girls and their families to embrace healthy lifestyles by building confidence, developing new skills and inspiring positive life choices. The program offers healthy living workshops that provide adolescent girls with the opportunity to develop and learn age-appropriate skills related to healthy living including cooking and nutrition. In addition, the **“Kickstart Training”** program provides adolescent girls with the opportunity to train for and complete a 5 km walk, 5 km run, or 10 km relay run with JLT members. The JLT looks forward to continuing its support of the St. Alban’s Boys’ & Girls’ Club JLT Kickstart Running Program with the donation or purchase of running gear and volunteers to act as weekly supportive running buddies.

The **Junior League of Mexico City** continues to collaborate with The Secretary of Education, The Secretary of the Environment and Natural Resources and the Limont Foundation to help sponsor a project that encourages middle and high school students from public and private schools throughout all of Mexico to invent innovative science school projects that help benefit the environment. The winning students are rewarded monetarily through the “Premio Amanda Rimoch a la Educacion Ambiental” (The Amanda Rimoch Prize for Environmental Education). The winning projects incorporate sustainable natural resources that will have the maximum impact on the environment. Since its inception 12 years ago, it is estimated that this project has impacted 2.5 million people in Mexico including students, school personnel and citizens of neighboring communities. The Junior League of Mexico City is enthusiastic in its continued work in improving Mexican ecology with the help of its innovative young scientists.

The **Junior League of London’s (JLL)** current community focus continues to be on breaking the cycle of poverty in London. With a staggering 22% of the total population of London living below the poverty level, it is a formidable task. Yet, the JLL has developed a system that will allow them to address this monumental task by focusing on one area of need at a time, with the creation of the **“LENS” network tool – Learning, Empathizing, Networking and Sharing**. The idea behind “LENS” is simple: poverty is broken down into concrete sub-issues, such as employment or literacy, in order to better understand the drivers of and nuances within the issue of poverty. This provides league members with the opportunity to explore poverty through a combination of different mediums, including volunteering opportunities, book club discussions, statistics shared through internal communications, learning what other organizations are doing and real-life experiences of people living in poverty. The JLL looks forward to being able to continue to chip away at poverty throughout London, one area of need at a time.

**S**ustainers get ready for another fabulous year of exciting interest group gatherings, activities and events. Season is starting with several League and sustainer events early in the fall and we're excited to bring you these updates.

Let's begin with a fall luncheon that will definitely sustain you! Come Thursday, September 22 to Maggiano's for a traditional family-style Italian sustainer luncheon at 12:00 noon. The cost is \$29 per person and includes a feast of a meal. It'll be a fabulous time to catch up from summer break and we'll have information about all the events of the fall and interest groups to get involved.

Just around the corner is one of our favorite luncheons of the year – the Woman Volunteer of the Year Luncheon, October 6 at the Boca Raton Resort & Club. Come celebrate and cheer on our League's nominee Robin Deyo, a new sustainer, along with sustainers Caron Dockerty for Treasures 4 Charity, Anne Henderson for the Boca Ballet & Theatre and Linda Gunn representing Spirit of Giving, and active member and JLBR President-Elect Jackie Reeves for the Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce.

As our organization celebrates 40 years of community impact, we sustainers will have a chance to reflect and be a part of this milestone in many ways including a fun night out with Savor the Grove! Mark your calendars for November 10th for "Savor the Grove", presented in honor of the Junior League of Boca Raton and Junior Service League's 40 years of community impact. The evening will bring together fabulous restaurants in the Pineapple Grove area in Delray Beach to showcase the JLBR's "Savor the Moment" cookbook recipes along with their own chef's culinary creations. Caron Dockerty, Brooke Qualk and Kristin Calder are planning this must-attend event. The event is open to all JLBR members, spouses and the community, but we really want a great sustainer group there. Seating will be limited so watch for more details.

Our interest in entertainment continues with the Magazine Club. Jami Guttenberg is coordinating this fun social club in its second year and has dates confirmed for September 8, October 13, November 17 and December 8 all at 6:30 p.m. with the locations TBA.

Let's Go to the Movies! Ann Schauer is checking the reviews and planning dates for us to see some artsy/independent movies at the cool new Living Room Theater at FAU, which combines a European style café and lounge with a relaxing place to see wonderful movies and other area theaters like Cinemark with the great Premier level. Check the JLBR.org website for dates and showtimes for this fun, new group.

Still going strong are our Bridge Groups. The day group, coordinated by Elly Rolfe, meets the first Friday of every month either at the Delray Beach Club or in a sustainer's home with three to four tables in season. Thanks to Jeanne Bauer for hosting the August 5th group and Polly Cochrane for hosting the Sept. 2nd event, both at the Delray Beach Club. The night group, coordinated by Jackie Johnson, has a new day for their gatherings, now being held the third Wednesday of each month (except for December, which will be the 2nd Wednesday) at 7:00 p.m. The first event will be October 19 hosted by Jackie.

# sustainer SCOOP

by Kristin Calder & LouAnn Such



Our book groups remain popular and here's a few updates: Book Group I, previously coordinated by Andrea Kornblue and Lisa Morgan, is now being led by Pat Moloney and Book Group II is organized by Cathy Hanson. These two groups are full, but Book Group III, coordinated by Lucille Gioia, has openings. Contact Lucille at 561-988-0811 if you're interested. The Night Book Group is coordinated by LuAnn Warner-Prokos.

Welcome new sustainers Caroline Angstadt, Courtney Brown, Phoebe Chapman, Robin Deyo, Leala Dickenson, Kim Flittner, Linda Gunn, Jan Kucera, Tracy Murrison, Laura McMullen, Lisa Moss, Jacqueline Nicholson, Heather Preusse, Stacey Hannan Quinn, Molly Rocha, Darcy Sims, Alice Smith and Jamie Veccia.

Please join us in welcoming sustainer transfers – some new for 2011-2012 and some that joined us in the midst of last year: Helen Arnold – Pittsburgh, PA; Sherrill Clement – Charlotte, NC; Judith Fenney – Waterbury, CT; Sarah Foster – Montclair, NJ; Erin Lehman – Morristown, NJ; Heather Redlich – Albany, N.Y. , Linda Rosson – Lincoln, NE; Anne Snodgrass – Washington, DC; and Eleanor Tydings-Reynolds – Washington, DC.

For a complete list of interest groups along with updates and details about all of these events and more, visit the JLBR.org website, go to the Sustainer page.

## Sustainer Calendar At-A-Glance

- Sept. 2: Bridge Group – Day
- Sept. 8: Magazine Club
- Sept. 13: General Membership Meeting
- Sept. 22: Sustainer Fall Luncheon
- Oct. 6: Woman Volunteer of the Year
- Nov. 10: Savor the Grove – A 40th Celebration
- Nov. 17: Magazine Club
- Oct. 13: Magazine Club
- Oct. 19: Bridge Night Group

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PRESENTED BY CATHY SCHEID, VCRC  
LIBRARIAN

September 15, 2011, October 20, 2011,  
November 17, 2011, December 15, 2011

10:00 – 11:30 a.m. No Cost

Learn how to effectively use library materials, including the Foundation Center's Foundation Directory Online database. Research potential funders for your organization by developing targeted lists of foundations that will match your organization's funding needs.

To register or for further information,  
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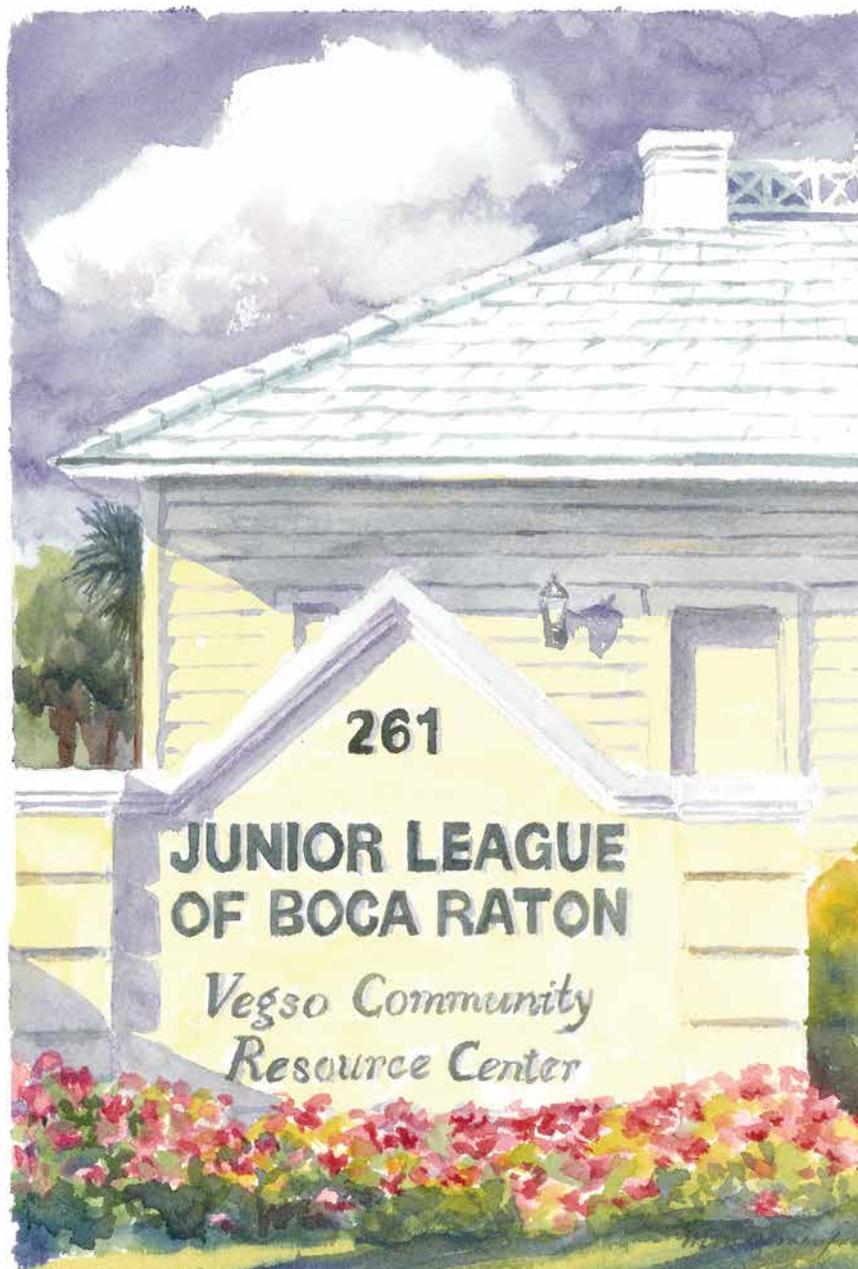
September 22, 2011 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. No  
Cost

Are you either doing it all yourself or micromanaging every detail of work that you've delegated? Whether you formally manage a team or just need to get work done through others, most people struggle with how to delegate effectively. There is a middle ground of delegation where your stress level is reduced, others are motivated, and outcomes are achieved. This practical workshop will help you become a better delegator.

## FINDING COMMON GROUND: USING EVALUATION FRAMEWORKS TO COMMUNICATE WITH FUNDERS AND OTHER KEY STAKEHOLDERS - WEBINAR

PRESENTED BY STEVEN LAFRANCE,  
PRESIDENT AND CEO, LFA GROUP: LEARNING  
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September 28, 2011 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. No  
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Join us as we watch and then discuss this Foundation Center live webinar that aims to increase confidence and inspire action among participants to build their organization's evaluation capacity. The most effective organizations embrace the tools of evaluation for communication, fundraising, and ongoing learning. Evaluation tools and frameworks hold great potential for helping organizations understand their impact while at the same time improving planning, fundraising, and overall effectiveness. Gain knowledge of the latest thinking in evaluation and receive tools and frameworks that can be used to initiate internal evaluation efforts.

### **FINDING RESOURCES FOR YOUR SMALL NOT-FOR-PROFIT**

PRESENTED BY PEGGY CALHOUN, SENIOR PRINCIPAL, MILLER, CALHOUN & COMPANY

October 13, 2011 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. No Cost

Designed for new and emerging not-for-profits, this course will focus on securing the needed resources of time, talent and treasure. Learn the various ways to locate, cultivate and solicit for funds, volunteers, and in-kind gifts.

### **GETTING THE GRANT: THE REAL KEYS TO SUCCESS**

PRESENTED BY LAUREN KANTER MILLER, PRESIDENT, KANTERGRANTS

October 25, 2011 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. No Cost

There is more to a winning grant proposal than quality of writing and completeness of the information. Come and learn about five other factors that influence your organization's likelihood of receiving funding. Learn to analyze what your organization's status is relative to each of those factors and create an action plan to address key areas and improve your chance at funding.

### **THE CYCLE OF NONPROFIT SUSTAINABILITY - WEBINAR**

PRESENTED BY RICHARD BREWSTER, PRESIDENT, NATIONAL CENTER ON NONPROFIT ENTERPRISE

October 27, 2011 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. No Cost, limited seating

Join us as we watch and then discuss this Foundation Center live webinar that teaches the five essential characteristics of effective, sustainable nonprofits and helps you understand how to implement them.

### **THE GRANTSMANSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM: ESSENTIAL SKILLS**

PRESENTED BY THE GRANTSMANSHIP CENTER, INC.

November 9-10, 2011 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Cost: \$445

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