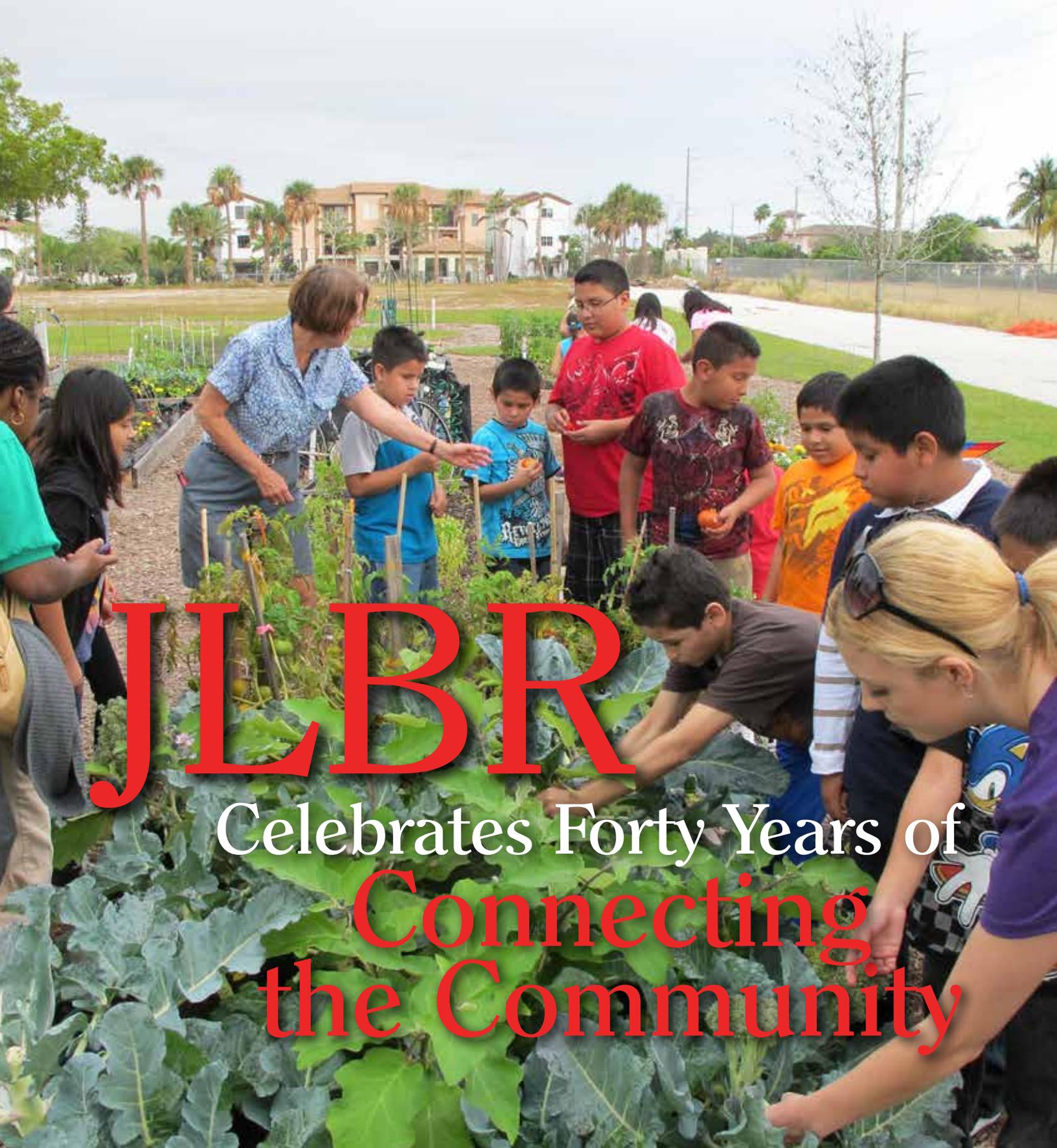


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letter from the president



CONTINUING OUR LEGACY...

As I look back on this very special 40th anniversary League year, I'm so proud to have led this wonderful organization. When you become President, you're handed down a ceremonial gavel from all the past League presidents (I love that tradition), but it really is more like being handed a baton in a relay race; the runners before you have worked hard and done their best, now it's your turn to carry on and do your best until you hand the baton to the next runner. The race we're running is to continue our legacy of improving our community, and I can say that we're winning the race. Thanks to the hard work of so many members this year, we accomplished a lot. I've said before how inspiring it is to watch provisionals, actives and even sustaining members coming up with new ideas, fresh ways to tackle issues, but I have to say it again, that truly the best part of being President of our League is the source of motivation that comes from the entire membership.

There are so many women who played an integral part this year, most importantly the committee chairs. From last June when they had their fresh outlook at their first meeting, throughout the year watching them contribute so much to our mission has been amazing to watch. Our VCRC team, offered many new trainings this year, our Spirit of Giving Network committee distributing over 3,500 holiday gifts, our Diaper Bank adding 3 more local organizations to assist reaching over 125 children, our DIAD committee adding new and interesting shifts and the 40 for 40 contest, our Community Garden, up and running and even having healthy eating events for the children from our projects, our Membership Development team training 80 new provisionals, our fundraiser committees exceeding our goals, the list goes on and on. Every committee chair this year went above and beyond their normal responsibilities and what an impact you ladies had, thank you!

Another group of women who played an important role were our Past Presidents. Another wonderful League tradition is the annual Past Presidents Luncheon. This year, we had a great turnout and what is truly inspiring about this group of women, is not just what they HAVE done for JLBR and our community, but what they CONTINUE to do for JLBR and our community; starting new non-profits, serving on boards, advising JLBR committees, clearly there is nothing "retired" about a JLBR Past President. I have to thank all of them for their steadfast support, guidance, and involvement this year. We do talk about continuing our legacy and the best way to do it, is learning from our past leaders.

And for me personally, the success of this past year is directly tied to the hard work and dedication of the Board of Directors. This group of women really did a wonderful job. Their focus on the future of JLBR, and making decisions that were not only beneficial to this year but to future League years really shows their commitment to our organization and community long term.

So while this year was about celebrating our 40 years of community service, and learning more about our history, it was also about ensuring we continue our legacy, doing our part, laying the ground work for another 40 years and we proudly pass the baton to our next years leaders, who I know will continue to win the race.

Thank you for allowing me this amazing opportunity to serve as the 41st JLBR President.

Best regards,

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,

We are ending the year with as much gusto as when it began – a continuous stream of celebrations, incredible service commitments and important monies raised to further support our community.

With celebration being a theme this year, I think recognition goes hand-in-hand. We wanted to recognize some great achievements, people and also good-deeds being done by JLBR members. Enjoy reading the Top 10 Headlines – a snapshot of the best headlines that were featured in local publications about the JLBR. Our Sustaining Advisors Spotlight interviews some of the incredible Sustainers that have acted as Advisors to various committees this past year. Their invaluable knowledge and experience acts as a guiding force behind many committees. And, take the time to read through some of the “Thank You” letters from several non-profit organizations in the area that the JLBR has helped.

The fundraising train continues! The 11th Annual Chocolate Decadence was a huge hit – we have great photos from the event. And now we are calling all golfers! Mark your calendar for Friday, April 27 and be on the lookout for more details on the event.

As we wrap up the year, it's time to think and plan for how we want to spend the 2012-2013 League Year. Members can take advantage of the Placement Fair at the April GMM to learn about all of the committees. Plus, in this issue you can get some insight from a few members who reflected on their placements this past year.

It has been an exciting year, and I have thoroughly enjoyed working to publish The Bridge. This was an incredible position that while may appear to be behind the scenes, it is very much on the frontlines of all the committees. I would like to thank the wonderful Bridge Staff who worked tirelessly to pull together each issue whether it was advertising, gathering photos or writing articles.

Wishing you a wonderful summer!



Kelli Bloechinger
Bridge Editor 2011-2012



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Junior League of Boca Raton past presidents and other members gather around a ceremonial check on the beach. Photos courtesy of the Junior League of Boca Raton.

40... and growing

Boca Junior League chapter marks four decades

By Ann Meyer

In 1971, a group of 10 young women gathered around a table in the Boca Junior League of Boca Raton and decided they would do it all over again. They had just turned 40 and were looking for a new challenge. They had the talent, the energy and the desire to make a difference in their community. They had the Junior League of Boca Raton to help them.

It took only one year for the Junior League of Boca Raton to be established. They were the first of many. Today, the Junior League of Boca Raton is a thriving organization with over 100 members and a long list of accomplishments. They have raised over \$1 million for charity, provided over 10,000 hours of volunteer service, and helped over 10,000 people in need.

The Junior League of Boca Raton is proud to celebrate its 40th anniversary. It is a testament to the power of women working together to make a difference in their community.



JLBR's 40th Anniversary, Coastal Star



Woman Volunteer of the Year Luncheon, Sun Sentinel

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Photo by [Name]

Ann Taylor Launch event, Boca Magazine

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Nancy Berkley
President of JLBR

Best of Boca, Boca Magazine

Chocolate Decadence

Chocolate Decadence is a new chocolate shop in Boca Raton. They offer a wide variety of chocolates, from dark to milk to white. They also offer custom chocolates for weddings and other special occasions. They are located at 1234 Main Street, Boca Raton, FL 33431. Call 561-363-1234 for more information.

Chocolate Decadence, South Florida Sunrise

Junior League of Boca Raton throws a 'Sweet Party'

Chocolate Decadence, Sun Sentinel

Junior League of Boca Raton kicks off 24th annual 'Women Volunteer Of the Year Luncheon'

Woman Volunteer of the Year Kick-Off Luncheon, Sun Sentinel

Gardens grow into groceries

The Junior League of Boca Raton is proud to announce the winners of the 2011 Gardens Grow Into Groceries contest. The winners are: [Name], [Name], and [Name]. They have won for their exceptional gardens and the fresh produce they have grown. The Junior League of Boca Raton is committed to providing fresh, healthy food to the community.

Boca Raton Community Garden, Sun Sentinel

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The 2000s

A Reflection of Growth, Prosperity and Impact



This League year we've looked back at each decade of our 40-year history and profiled a decade in each Bridge magazine. As we focus now on the 2000's – the part of our history that celebrated the first decade of both the 21st century and the third millennium – the Junior League of Boca Raton's growth, progress and impact are evident in our organization and in our community.

Under the leadership of 10 dynamic women, the League continued a decade of expansion and community outreach thanks to JLBR Presidents: Sue Diener, Elizabeth Pankey-Warren, Cindy Krebsbach, Carolyn Arnold, Lisa Bariso, Dorothy MacDiarmid, Kathy Adkins, Kristin Calder, Kristen Ross and Linda Gunn. Leading the way into the next decade of our future: past JLBR President Samantha Vassallo and current President Nancy Dockerty and President-Elect Jackie Reeves.

As the JLBR celebrated 30 years in 2001, we saw the beginning of the League's first ever capital campaign: "Funding the Future: Meeting Community Needs" for a new signature project. Many League leaders were involved in cultivation and solicitation efforts, which generated incredible results and helped assure the campaign's success to build a new headquarters for our League that would also enrich and benefit our community. By 2004, we had reached our goal, raising \$2.3 million thanks to the generosity of Anne and Peter Vegso, Countess Henrietta de Hoernle and many members and community supporters. We were able to move into the Junior League of Boca Raton Vegso Community Resource Center (VCRC) in the Countess de Hoernle building and began offering services to the community immediately.

When the VCRC opened it provided a much-needed resource in the Craske-Newman Grants Library in South Palm Beach County for our community's non-profit organizations. This became only the 12th library in the state and the 227th in the U.S. of its kind. Throughout the decade, the VCRC has been the site of hundreds of non-profit trainings and programs at little or no cost.

A Time of Growth

The advancement of the JLBR was not only evident in our physical place in the community with the building of the VCRC, but also with our impact with community projects and our success in fundraising to support these outreach efforts.

Fundraisers and fund development reached new heights in this decade with the introduction and several reprints of the Savor the Moment cookbook, which is one of the League's greatest accomplishments. In 2001, JLBR's Savor the Moment cookbook won the national James Beard/Kitchen Aid Book Award in the category

of Entertaining and Special Occasions.

Wanda Harrold remembers: It was three wonderful action packed years creating the cookbook – definitely a labor of love. I know my family has never eaten so good as when the tasting of recipes was a high priority in our house for quite a while. I can still remember meetings at playgrounds so our kids could run around and have fun while we got a little work done. The CD-ROM production was exciting as this idea was generated at a General Membership Meeting by a member who said "join the 21st century and put it on CD!" and the idea went from there. Winning the prestigious James Beard award still stands out as one of the best moments for our League and for all the hard work each member put into the finished product. It was a blast being in New York, especially at an awards show. We were definitely the most excited group there! Most nominees nodded their head and quietly rose to accept their award. When JLBR was announced as the winners Brenda Lusher, Cindy Krebsbach, Lisa Mulhall and I jumped for joy and screamed and hugged and basically carried on like schoolgirls not able to contain our excitement. We did finally pull ourselves together and floated up on stage where Cindy made a beautiful acceptance speech.

The cookbook, was also recognized as the official cookbook of Boca Raton by former Mayor Steven Abrams, and includes among its other awards: "Best Cookbook" by Boca Raton Magazine and "Cookbook Honorable Mention" from Writer's Digest Magazine.

Additional fundraisers this decade included Family Portrait Day, Trinkets and Treasures Thrift Sale, Festival of Trees, Chocolate



Opposite page: 2007-2008 JLBR Board of Directors at a Team Building experience: Maggie Dickenson, Melinda DeHoff, Wanda Harrold, Kathy Potts, Samantha Vassallo, Kristin Calder, Stacey Hannan Quinn, Tina Towery, Jennie DeVolf, Nancy Dockerty, Lisa Bariso and Kelly Clark At top: Muvico Opening committee included Karina Bahr, Mary Randolph Scott, Kristin Calder, Linda Gunn and Nicole Mugavero; At left, Past JLBR Presidents Linda Gunn, Sue Diener, Cindy Krebsbach, Lisa Bariso and Elizabeth Pankey-Warren in 2001 with the Savor the Moment cookbook.

Decadence, Show Me the Money, Food & Wine Weekend, the Town Center 5K Run/Walk, the JLBR Golf Classic and even a JLBR Boutique as we know it that included items from flip flops to JLBR “recycled bags”. Our largest fundraiser, Woman Volunteer of the Year, set a new record within the event hosting more than 1,100 attendees in 2005.

We also became known as the non-profit to partner with for a business opening. We enjoyed the Muvico Palace 20 theater opening (now Cinemark), which was a sold-out event where there was standing room only to watch a movie on opening night. We also enjoyed a social at Carl’s Furniture with Martha Stewart and were the beneficiaries of many fashion events including the opening of Neiman Marcus, which hosted a gala to open their store at the Boca Town Center, and the Colonnade Shops at Sawgrass Mills Mall with special guest James Denton from Desperate Housewives. We also partnered with Bloomingdale’s, Nordstrom, Saks, Whole Foods and the Boca Raton Resort & Club.

We’re known as planners, but we were challenged in 2004 when two hurricanes hit South Florida within three weeks threatening the planning and efforts of our largest fundraiser, Woman Volunteer of the Year. We persevered and that year had a record number of nominees to date and still achieved financial success. The following year our hearts went out to the hurricane victims of the Gulf Coast. The League responded to the need of 15 Gulf Coast families who relocated to our area after Hurricane Katrina devastated that area in an effort we called Boca United Relief to help them settle and start anew in Boca Raton. With disaster hitting so close to home, JLBR’s Finance Council was prompted to recommend and put in place a policy that two percent of our fundraising dollars be set aside to maintain fiscal responsibility in case of an emergency.

In addition, the League’s financial status became even more secure in this decade as the League’s Endowment Fund, Inc. registered with the state, established bylaws and selected a board of directors to serve staggered three-year terms. In just a couple of years, the group exceeded the \$1 million mark and celebrated with a special reception to thank and recognize donors. Later in the decade we created a special giving society called The Building Society for donations of \$1,000 and higher for the Endowment Fund.

A New Look for JLBR

Our image and brand awareness efforts began changing due to the encouragement and direction of the Association of Junior Leagues International. The JLBR bid farewell to our turquoise and peach shell and adopted the international red and black column logo along with the majority of the Leagues across the U.S., Canada, the U.K and Mexico. We began sporting car clings, jewelry and insulated coffee mugs with the new logo. This logo was also featured on a full size billboard prominently displayed on Glades Road over the course of a year.

From top: Boca Raton Resort & Club Executive Pastry Chef Jean Spielman, Sue Diener, Wanda Harrold and Master Cake Decorator Stephen Day with an anniversary cake given to the JLBR in honor of the Savor the Moment cookbook’s first anniversary. 2005 Cookbook Committee members Lucy Thein-Wiening, Morgan Green, Emily Roberts, Heather Borgioli, Lynn Gayle, Stephanie Miskew and Carolyn Arnold. The first JLBR Endowment Board members included (front): Carol Putman, Elysa Elk, Jackie Reeves and (back) Lisa Mulhall, Pattie Damron, Kathy Adkins, Dorothy MacDiarmid, Robin Deyo and Cindy Krebsbach; not pictured are: Carolyn Arnold, Lisa Bariso, Lucy Craske, Sharon McGuire and Denise Zimmerman. 2001-2002 Leadership members included: front row: Cindy Krebsbach, Elizabeth Pankey-Warren, Sharon McGuire; center: Ingrid Kennemer, Linda Gunn, Laura Stoltz, Jeanne Brander, Kristen Oliver, Lisa Mulhall and Pam Wirt; back row: Debbie Abrams, Lisa Bariso, Barb Phillip, Janet Page, Carolyn Arnold.



We participated in AJLI discussions about changing the perception of the image of Junior League volunteers to reflect the demographics of the current day volunteer and followed a national trend early on in the decade to eliminate the need for New Members to have sponsors to join the League.

Our communication continued to improve as we utilized more internet communications including our website with an online membership directory, signing up for volunteer shifts, tracking participation and offering ticket sales for events. *The Bridge* began to be published in full-color and gradually decreased in number of publications from a monthly publication to a quarterly. As *The Bridge's* publication schedule changed, we developed Leaguwide e-mails to keep in contact more frequently with our members. This was also part of a green initiative, which also included the addition of recycling at the VCRC.

Making A Difference in the Community

Our community projects in the last decade spanned the South county area addressing various issues like childhood obesity as part of an AJLI initiative through Kids in the Kitchen and projects like Children's Place South Sibling Shelter, which continued to grow as we saw the completion of two new buildings there. VCRC programming became a big part of Community Council as did efforts to support Hometown Histories, the collaborative Spirit of Giving Network, Florence Fuller, Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse (AVDA), the Children's Assistance Committee, which served Dixie Manor, the Milagro Center, Boca Helping Hands, In the Pines, JLBR Cares and the start of Boca Raton's Community Garden. Our Community Support Fund continued to grant funds to non-projects that needed special assistance and helped the JLBR extend its community outreach.

Our League was recognized locally and internationally for our accomplishments in this decade. We were chosen to present the JLBR C.A.R.E.S caregiver project at the Best Practices workshop at AJLI's Annual Conference. We were also awarded the 2005 AJLI Award for Community Impact for our work with the In the Pines project for best demonstrating thorough planning and implementation with the achievement of tangible, long lasting results. We were also given the 2007 AJLI Vision Award for our work on the VCRC and innovation in programming. Both of these AJLI awards came with a \$3,000 contribution each time to continue our efforts and community impact.

The difference we're making in the community continues as we forge ahead in the next decade. Thank you to everyone for being a part of our present and our future – and we invite you to join the League to take a look back at the past 40 years as we commemorate this milestone at a special celebration April 13.



At top: Pumpkin Patch Halloween fundraiser with Woolbright Development, Inc., in 2007 brought out the characters of the JLBR, (L to R): Kathy Adkins, Dorothy MacDiarmid, Kristin Calder, Kristen Ross, Fabiola Hooker and Leala Dickenson. Our New Members/Provisionals "Super Saturday" experience to visit to current and past projects has become a favorite part of the first year's experience in the JLBR. JLBR Governance Training: Jamie Sauer, Rebecca Elman, Brittany Steele, Laura McMullen and back row Fabiola Hooker, Tammy Balogh, Kelly Mejia, Kelli Bloechinger and Barbara Trevino.



Let's Celebrate 40 Years!

Friday, April 13, 2012 at the Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club

We'll mix and mingle as the sun sets, enjoy a fabulous dinner and open bar, dance a little to live entertainment provided by a dynamic duo and take a trip down memory lane as we pay tribute to the past four decades of our history and our community impact. The event is open to all JLBR members – past and present – and to the community. Please also consider inviting old friends who may not be active these days, but whom were active when you were. We'd love to have a great mix of members from each decade.

Tickets are \$125 and will include other surprises as well.

You can buy your tickets online at JLBR.org or send in your rsvp card to the League office from the invitation mailed to you.

Thank you to our generous 40th Celebration Sponsors including: JLBR Past Presidents, Kathy and Paul Adkins, Robin and Charles Deyo, Amy and Mike Kazma, Cindy and Michael Krebsbach, Janice Middlebrook and the Schmidt Family Foundation in honor of Karen Krumholz. We appreciate you and your commitment to helping us celebrate this milestone in our history.



JLBR's 4th Annual Golf Classic

Spring is indeed here in Boca Raton, the season golfers everywhere have been waiting for! And what better way to enjoy the amazing South Florida weather than to hit a few golf balls in the 18-hole scramble and support the Junior League of Boca Raton at the prestigious Broken Sound Club for the 4th Annual Golf Classic on Friday, April 27th!

Not a golfer?... That's quite alright as you can still come out and have a great time at the amazing After Party and Awards Celebration with unlimited cocktails, live entertainment, raffle prizes and fabulous gift baskets to be given away in the much-anticipated silent auction!

The exclusive Broken Sound Club is a 5-Star Private Club and a Platinum Club of Golfers will have the opportunity to purchase mulligan baskets to include the usual mulligans and some unusual ones such as 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. They can also compete in our putting contest, hole-in-one contest, longest drive for men and women and a few more. In addition, golfers can be a part of the betting hole, and also have a chance to win some great raffle prizes and even bid in the fabulous silent auction to include so many amazing gifts donated by our local businesses plus much more.

Prior to the tournament, our golfers will receive a delicious buffet lunch and then have unlimited

cocktails and snacks throughout the entire day on the course. After the tournament, golfers & their guests will retreat to the beautiful club for a fun evening at the After Party and Awards Reception with heavy hors d'oeuvres and unlimited cocktails at the open bar along with live entertainment – and on to more raffles and silent auctions of fabulous gifts donated by so many of our sponsors. Last year, raffle tickets alone raised almost \$8,000, which was distributed back to community programs supported by our League. Proceeds benefit The Junior League of Boca Raton and the organizations and programs we support through our mission. This includes social services and literacy initiatives, childhood fitness and nutrition education, and food and assistance for economically disadvantaged families, to name just a few.

Junior Leaguers can meet their JLBR Financial Commitments by:

- Signing up a foursome (new this year!),
- Acquiring a gift-in-kind donation of \$250 in value or higher,
- Obtaining a Tee Sponsor, or
- Pledging your \$100 JLBR Financial Commitment to the tournament

The JLBR Golf Classic Committee has had a great time since last August planning and preparing everything for you this year and has worked

Thank you to Our Sponsors!



extremely hard to make this our best Golf Classic yet. Many thanks go out to our sponsors but let's not forget our Leaders and Committee Co-Chairs Kelly Carson and Victoria Bradley who selflessly put hundreds of volunteer hours into making this a great event. The other committee members include Chair-Elect Shelley Mitchell, Anne Grigsby, Renata De Negri, Laura Johnston, Sally Poe Hackman, Samantha Marcus Bense, Stacy Goff McPherson, Suzanne Bower-Frias, Veronica Kraft, and our fearless and dedicated Nominating Placement Advisor, Meghan Shea. The committee was also supported by their sustainers, Lucy Craske Long and Kate Toomey

There is still time to be a SPONSOR or for more information on how you can take part of this exciting event, please contact golf@jlbr.org or 561-620-2448, ext. 2.

Also, please don't forget to LIKE us and SHARE with your friends on our Facebook page at Junior League of Boca Raton Golf Classic.

Our Golf Classic takes place on **Friday, April 27, 2012** at the Broken Sound Club in Boca Raton, Florida.

Registration begins at 11:00am then followed with a delicious buffet lunch. The Shotgun Start in scramble format starts at 1:00pm. Then on to the After Party and Awards Celebration with open bar and lots of food and live entertainment at 5:30pm.

Be an EARLY BIRD by March 31st and take advantage of our special discounts:

- Individual: \$175 (\$70 tax deductible)
- Double: \$350 (\$140 tax deductible)
- Foursome: \$700 (\$280 tax deductible)
- Corporate Foursome (includes flag and tee sign): \$900 (\$225 tax deductible)

On or After April 1st, the normal registration rates apply:

- Individual: \$200 (\$95 tax deductible)
- Double: \$400 (\$190 tax deductible)
- Foursome: \$800 (\$285 tax deductible)
- Corporate Foursome (includes flag and tee sign): \$1100

(All entries includes cart & green, practice balls, lunch and dinner, unlimited cocktails and beverages, golfers gift bag, and After Party and Awards Reception)



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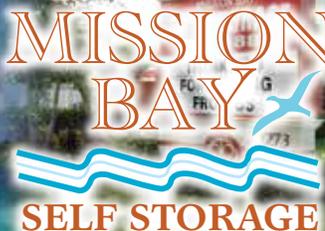
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community ACHIEVEMENTS



January 2012: KITK Event/ Day at the Boca Raton Community Garden (Nutrition)

KITK and Community Garden teamed up to host 15 children of ITP for a field trip to the Boca Raton Community Garden and a Whole Foods Market tour. KITK sponsored a bus that picked up the kids at ITP by 8:25 am. The bus arrived at the Community Garden at 9 AM. Whole Foods had refreshments waiting for them when they arrived. Then they did a tour of the garden. Kari brought paint brushes for the kids to use to pollinate the flowering plants in the garden. They took the pollen from one flower with the paint brush and then put it in a different flower of the same type of plant. Then they all got to pick something from Maggie's garden. At 10 AM the kids boarded the bus for Whole Foods Market. They arrived by 10:15 AM and went to the classroom to prepare 3 recipes. They made a drink with macerated fruit, a pizza using herbs and veggies they saw in the garden, as well as a raw apple pie. KITK sent them each home with a bag of groceries that consisted of a loaf

of whole wheat bread, natural peanut butter, jelly, Annie's mac and cheese, WholeFoods brand fish crackers, clementine's, and a large bag of a bean and vegetable based dry soup mix. They kids were so grateful and excited throughout the whole day.

Vegso Community Resource Center

Since Aug 2011 the VCRC has held 23 training workshops serving over 120 people from 90 non profits. Many of these people have attended multiple workshops. 90 nonprofits in Palm Beach county have been impacted!

IN THE PINES

August 2011: Back Pack Day (Poverty)

In partnership with Spirit of Giving, JLBR ITP provided backpacks and school supplies for 102 school age children at ITP.

September 2011: Soccer Day (Health/Fitness).

JLBR ITP planned a fun-filled day for over 50 children.

December 2011: Holiday Party (Poverty)

In partnership with the Police Athletic League (PAL), JLBR ITP was able to provide 106 holiday gifts to all of the children at ITP and host a terrific party. Santa made a special appearance and took pictures with all the children for their parents to take home.

Above: Children from IN THE PINES, INC. enjoyed a day at the Boca Raton Community Garden. At right: Representative Lori Berman, Britney Hodson, Kirsten Stephenson and Yvette Drucker



February 2012: Dental Day (Dental Health)

In partnership with local Dentist and JLBR member Kerri White, and as part of the American Dental Association's Dental Health Month, JLBR ITP was able to provide all 66 children that participate in ITP's afterschool program with dental health activity books and goodie bags. We are sponsoring a smile friendly snack to be served at aftercare one day this month. In addition, the children are asked to enter a coloring contest and write why dental health is important to them. The winner will receive a prize!

March 2012: Fitness Fair (Health/Childhood Obesity)

JLBR ITP will put on an event for over 50+ children at ITP to teach them about the importance of nutrition and daily exercise.

April 2012: Spring Fling Carnival (Poverty)

JLBR ITP in partnership with the JLR provisional class will host a Spring Fling for the residents at ITP. We will provide over 50 children with a fun-filled day of activities complete with an egg hunt and garden workshop for the children to plant their own flowers in time for spring.

SPAC

SPAC Hosted the Summer Conference at the VCRC and 23 Public Affairs Committees attended from all over the state of Florida.

SPAC secured 7 meetings with local legislators including:

- Senator Ellyn Bogdanoff
- Senator Maria Sachs
- Representative Steve Perman
- Representative Lori Berman
- Representative Bill Hager
- Representative Irving Slosberg
- Representative George Moraitis

SPAC spent 27 hours advocating.

DIAD

Sherry Winter is the leader with over 150 DIAD hours

Meghan Shea is a close 2nd with over 100 DIAD hours

Kim Sapashe is the leader of the provisional class with over 75 hours

CSF

To date (as of February): \$10,750

Issues Addressed:

- Culture
- Education
- Wellness
- Poverty
- Children with Disabilities
- Child Welfare

Diaper Bank

Over 41,000 diapers have been given out since August 2011 to over 700 children at 6 local agencies to help impact child welfare and poverty in our community.

Over 225,000 diapers were donated to the JLBR Diaper Bank since its inception in June 2011.

Community Garden

Our major accomplishment for this year is that we built and opened the garden for our first-ever season of gardening. We have 48 plots up and running and our gardeners have already been donating produce to Boca Helping Hands. Tomatoes, garlic, bell peppers and eggplant have been especially successful. The garden has been used by gardeners, but it has also been used by other community organizations for educational purposes. Kids in the Kitchen brought a group of children IN THE PINES to the garden for nutritional education led by our master gardener. Plus, a few local schools have taken field trips to the garden this year.



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GALLERY



Diaper Bank Collection, February 20th

1. Megan Rask, Meaghan Shea, Fran Sharon, Meredith Durinski
2. Fran Sharon
3. Harlee Samuels and Gina Griffin

Past Presidents' Luncheon, February 2nd

4. Dorothy MacDiarmid, Judy Hilsmier and Barbara Hill
5. Susan Saxton, Mary Csar, Carol Putnam
6. Jackie Reeves and Kristin Calder
7. Group shot of JLBK Past Presidents

March GMM, March 13th

8. Provisionals dressed up in 70s attire: Rachel Eade, Gretchen Cenese and Alana Klein
9. Julie Lander and Jennifer Shesser



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March GMM (cont'd.), March 13th

- 10. Victoria Matthews and Marya Gill
- 11. Johanna Tibavisky and Ori Zimmerman
- 12. CC Benedict and President Nancy Dockerty
- 13. Tara Ryan, Monique Shide and Nichole Kalil
- 14. Provisional Internal PR committee
- 15. Sarah Doyle and Katherine Regna
- 16. Renata de Negri, Yvette Drucker and friend
- 17. Natalie Warren, Megan Rask, Kate Weissing
- 18. Grenade Fitness



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Chocolate lovers near and far gathered for the 11th Annual Chocolate Decadence! The event drew over 600 attendees who had the chance taste their way through 25 restaurants and vendors. VIP guests enjoyed a super-swanky lounge created by Boca By Design and Atlas Party Rentals. Plus, VIP partygoers had the opportunity to take photos with Miami Dolphins Cheerleaders and receive swag bag of goodies.

Congratulations to the winner of the 1-carat diamond from Raymond Lee Jewelry! And the many other lucky winners of over 30 great raffle and silent auction items.

Winners of this year's event included Dapur, Ocean's 234, Euro Fusion and Truluck's – congratulations!



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1. Reagan Such, Chris Haugh and Michelle Coggiola
2. Sherry Winter and Leslie Jackson
3. Lisa Mulhall and Debbie Abrams
4. Scott and Crystal McMillin
5. Melissa Martin and Candi Wood
6. Jackie Reeves, Nancy Dockerty, Fabiola Hooker, and Shobha Vagianos
7. Katie Jaramillo and Cary Roman
8. Helen Arnold, Lisa Baird and Coleen Sardano
9. Alana Klein and Amy Scolaro
10. Mrs. Donna Zoley, Dr. Marta Rendon and Dr. Chere Lucas
11. Holly Meehan, Ryan Powers and Molly Powers
12. Gina Griffin and Heather Eastham
13. Chim Francisco and Tim Snow
14. Chocolate Decadence volunteers
15. Anne Grigsby, Florence Kizza and Derinda Lewis
16. Palm Beach Confections
17. Chris Peterson, Christie Hanna, Barbara Sageman, and Jarrod Becker



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COMMUNITYcorner

By Kelli Bloechinger

FLORENCE FULLER CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

Issue Addressed: Nutrition

- Approximately 18 children from Florence Fuller attended Kids in the Kitchen event on Saturday October 8th. The children were taught about the importance of healthy eating, cooking with fresh ingredients and had great fun making several healthy recipes including granola bars and a pasta salad with fresh veggies. The children also enjoyed a tour of Whole Foods and received goodie bags with healthy recipes and ingredients to take home so they could make the recipes at home for their family.

Issue Addressed: Literacy

- Over 200 books were donated to the children of Florence Fuller thanks to the generosity of our members! Books were collected through an instant payback in November and donated so the children could take them home to read.
- 120 books were supplied by JLBR for the Pen Pal Program - 12 book titles total - 6 for upper grades and 6 for lower grades. Children from both campuses are reading same book as other children in their same age group at other campus and will be assigned a "pen pal" that they are writing to about the book they are reading.
- Two Family reading nights were held in November for the East and West campus with a total of 90 children and 60 parents for both reading nights. Through a partnership with Palm Beach Literacy Coalitions, a volunteer from PBLC led a workshop for parents on the importance of a literacy rich home, building self esteem for their children and read a book that their children were also reading. Committee members and DIAD volunteer read the same book with the children and then both the children and parents completed joint activity based on some of the themes they learned about in the book they all read. The children and the parents also enjoyed delicious food generously donated by Chipotle on Glades Road.

- Two Spring family reading nights are planned for March and will be similar format to the November family reading nights. We are expecting to take an additional 90 children and 60 parents through the curriculum.
- We are currently in the process of developing and implementing a mentoring program. To date, we have created a volunteer flyer which we are circulating through local universities and businesses. We have also met with two large companies in our community to present mentor opportunities and are working with those companies to coordinate volunteers. Our committee will serve as the initial liaison between FCDC and the new mentors and oversee the coordination of the program. This program will be an ongoing mentor program for children in the after-school program in need of homework assistance or falling behind in their studies. If you are interested in serving as a mentor or the company you work for may have interest in our mentor program, please email us at florencefuller@jlbr.org, or call Fabiola Hooker at 561-350-4149.



JLBR volunteers at Florence Fuller Family Reading Night.

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Savoring Spring

By Stephanie Miskew



Brightly colored Lilly Pulitzer dresses, fragrant pink peonies and flavorful recipes from *Savor the Moment* are all things I look forward to with the arrival of Spring! For those who enjoy entertaining outdoors there is simply no better time to do so in South Florida. To make matters better, during the spring equinox, days are close to twelve hours long with the day length increasing as the season progresses. Although this year has been unseasonably warm, there is still ample time to plan your own festive outdoor gathering before the heat and humidity of summer are upon us.

Spring is often viewed as a time of rebirth, renewal and regrowth, and is a wonderful time to connect with family and friends. Whether you plan on lunching with the ladies, hosting a family gathering or entertaining guests from out of town, here are some of my favorite recipes from *Savor the Moment* featuring the fabulous flavors of Spring!

Smoked Salmon on Potatoes with Dill Sauce (pg. 74)

A dish that will be remembered and requested many times!

Dill Sauce

- 1 cup sour cream
 - 1/2 cup minced fresh dill
 - 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
 - 2 tablespoons light brown sugar
- Salmon and Potatoes**
- 3 pounds small unpeeled new potatoes
 - 6 tablespoons olive oil
 - 2 tablespoons finely grated lemon zest
 - Salt and pepper to taste
 - 1 pound thinly sliced smoked salmon

For the sauce, combine the sour cream, dill, Dijon mustard and brown sugar in a bowl and mix until the brown sugar is dissolved. Chill, covered, in the refrigerator.

For the salmon and potatoes, scoop a depression in the center of each potato, reserving the shells. Combine the shells with the olive oil and lemon zest in a large bowl. Sprinkle with salt and pepper, turning to coat well. Arrange in a single layer on large baking sheets.

Bake at 400 degrees for 30 minutes or until golden brown and tender when pierced with the tip of a knife.

Cut the salmon into 1-inch squares. Spoon the dill sauce onto each potato and top with a square of salmon, arrange on a serving plate. Garnish with dill sprigs. Serves twenty four.

Chutney Chicken Salad (pg. 130)

As an alternative, serve on French bread and enjoy with a glass of Chardonnay!

- 2 lbs. bone-in chicken breasts
- Salt to taste
- 1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1 teaspoon curry powder
- 3 tablespoons mango chutney
- 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 1/4 cup sliced almonds
- 1/4 cup finely chopped celery
- 1/4 cup finely chopped scallions





Cook the chicken in salted water in a large saucepan for 30 minutes or until tender. Cool and cut into pieces, discarding the skin.

Combine the mayonnaise, curry powder, chutney, lime juice, raisins and almonds in a large bowl. Add the chicken, celery and scallions and mix well. Serve on a bed of lettuce. Serves four.

Frozen Lemon Mousse (pg. 246)

The perfect dessert that can be stored in the freezer for up to two weeks!

- 4 egg yolks
- 1/2 cup fresh lemon juice
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 tablespoons grated 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 sprig of mint. Serves twelve.



Flower Ice Ring (pg. 137)

The perfect accessory for you punchbowl! Adorn your favorite punch with edible fresh flowers such as violets, pansies, rose petals, nasturtiums, calendula, and/or fresh mint.

Layer edible flowers in the bottom of a metal mold or Bundt pan. Add 1 1/2 inches of distilled water. Freeze until firm. Continue to add layers of flowers and water to the mold, freezing each layer before adding another. Place briefly in a bowl of hot water and invert to remove from the mold. Ice cubes can be prepared in the same manner. Freezing in layers keeps the flowers from floating to the top, which becomes the bottom when inverted. The distilled water insures that the ice will freeze clear.

Move over mesclun greens! Here's a "Spring Mix" perfect for creating a relaxed, festive mood for your next Springtime Soirée. This playlist is available on iTunes.

The Glamorous Gourmet's Spring Mix 2012

Birds and the Bees – The Bird and the Bee

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Aguas de Marco - Antonio Carlos Jobim & Elis Regina

The Girl from Ipanema - Stan Getz & Astrud Gilberto

Bubble Gum – Brigitte Bardot

Breezin' Along With the Breeze – Josephine Baker

If the Stars Were Mine – Melody Gardot

Porcelain – Moby

You Drift Away – The Postmarks

Time Out of Mind – Steely Dan

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Mary Csar, Diaper Bank

When did you join JLBR? 1982

Why did you join? To learn to serve the community and to meet, learn from and have fun with smart women!

What is your favorite JL position or moment? Who knows..

How has JLBR impacted your life? The JLBR introduced me to non-profits in Boca Raton – and basically launched my career.

What advice would you give active members and women thinking about joining the league? Join – You will find that the Junior League is the most empowering organization for women in the world! Learn as much as you can and make some good friends along the way!

What are the biggest changes you have seen since you joined? Today, JLBR active members generally work outside the home. This fact has changed what the JLBR can take on and how it operates. Interesting development and it's not all bad!



Get to know our Sustaining Advisors....

What is your favorite JL position or moment? I loved serving on the Board of Directors for 4 years and attending AJLI Annual Conferences. It is a very insightful perspective sitting on the Board and understanding the full range of impact our League makes on this community. Also attending a conference with 900+ like-minded women passionate about volunteering was exhilarating!

How has JLBR impacted your life? No doubt about it.....I now call Boca Raton home because I joined the League. Having been in the hospitality business we moved around a bunch and had a few friends here or there. Joining the League gave me 300+ girlfriends to reach out to for school recommendations, babysitters, doctors and social events. Add the experience of volunteering together and making an impact on my community created a kindred spirit among my fellow members. I love this community and really appreciate the training the League has offered me!

What advice would you give active members and women thinking about joining the league? Run! Don't walk to the next membership open house! The League is a great organization, supportive of your needs, offers a channel of direct impact on the community, fosters friendships and networking plus provides you with training that will last a lifetime.

What are the biggest changes you have seen since you joined? How nibble the League can be to its members and partner organization needs.



Joyce DeVita, Kids in the Kitchen

When did you join JLBR? 1991

Why did you join? To be involved in a prestigious community organization.

What is your favorite JL position or moment? Chairing Women Volunteer of the Year

How has JLBR impacted your life? Enormously - friends, community

partners, mentors, role models, leadership

What advice would you give active members and women thinking about joining the league? Do it!

What are the biggest changes you have seen since you joined? The council system and the building of the Vegso Center.

Robin Deyo, Fund Development Council

When did you join JLBR? 1999-2000

Why did you join? Our company was hired to help produce the CD companion piece to Savor the Moment. I was so impressed with the savvy women I met from the League I thought, "I have to be a part of this group of women!"



Linda Gunn, Spirit of Giving & Internal PR

When did you join JLBR? 19 years ago

Why did you join? To give back to the Community and to make friends

What is your favorite JL position or moment? My year serving as President-Elect.

How has JLBR impacted your life? I am a better person all around because of all that I do for the Community. Giving back makes you humble and

happy. I have also met my best friends in Junior League.

What advice would you give active members and women thinking about joining the league? It is a great way to get to know your Community and become part of it.

What are the biggest changes you have seen since you joined? The demographics of the women joining have gone from stay at home moms to women who work!





Cindy Krebsbach, VCRC

When did you join JLBR? 1992

Why did you join? I had moved to Boca Raton and wanted to get involved.

What is your favorite JL position or moment? Too many... Internal PR Chair, Savor the Moment Chair and President

How has JLBR impacted your life? Hugely! Made it full and fun!

What advice would you give active members and women thinking about joining the league? "Just do it" as Nike says. Do as little or as much as you can and have fun!

What are the biggest changes you have seen since you joined? JLBR has been able to become so much more efficient with emails, our website and general technology (digital photos etc.). Communication used to be phone calls and The Bridge. This was all we or anyone else had but it was slow and caused communication problems.

Dorothy MacDiarmid, Cookbook



When did you join JLBR? I joined JL in 1995. I've been in the JL of Portland, ME and San Diego before transferring to JLBR in 2001.

Why did you join? I'm a fourth generation Junior Leaguer. My great grandmother was a charter member of the JL of Atlanta. It's a family tradition. :)

What is your favorite JL position or moment? My favorite placement... it's a toss-up between serving as President and Chairing WVOY. I love the challenges and the camaraderie both experiences brought. The training and friends I made from all over the country in preparation for serving as President was awesome. I loved being able to put all of my JL training, experience and connections to use chairing WVOY.

How has JLBR impacted your life? The friends I've made through JL are some of my best friends. Because we did something together that mattered and improved our community, there's a depth and bond that's made for sincere and long lasting friendships.

What advice would you give active members and women thinking about joining the league? You get what you give. Do your best. Put your heart into your volunteer work and it will be one of the most rewarding parts of your life.

What are the biggest changes you have seen since you joined? Biggest change I've seen is the downturn in the economy. It makes fundraising more challenging, but it's just another opportunity for us to refine our work, put our best foot forward and remind the community we've been here for 40 years and have 100+ years of experience behind us.

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The Perfect Price

by Lisa Miller

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Picture your gift, of any amount, helping families, increasing literacy, providing healthy meals, training volunteers and aiding our local non-profits.

So, next time you need a gift and aren't sure about the size, color or longevity of the gift, give to the JLBR Endowment. Make your gift today by sending a check make payable to the JLBR Endowment to the VCRC or go jlbr.org/endow.

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PROVISIONAL PAGES

by Lise Orr

This year's JLBR provisional class is showing a lot of spirit and many have stepped up to be leaders this year on their provisional projects.



Jenny Wicker, co-chair of the Provisional group, has been impressed with the spirit of Tiffany Sbordone since she joined the league as a provisional this year. On October's Super Saturday, Tiffany Sbordone was this year's winner of the spirit stick. She joined the league with the hopes of some volunteering mixed with a lot of fun social time. After getting the bus tour of a visit to many of

JLBR's projects, Tiffany says "After Super Saturday, I developed a whole new outlook on what I want my experience with the Junior League to be. I had no idea this community had so much poverty, illiteracy, and hunger. Now, I can honestly say, that I want my journey in the league to be one that makes a difference and leaves a positive stamp in the community."

Tiffany grew up watching her mother, sustainer Carol Gunnell, be active with the League for almost 30 years. Carol joined the Junior Service League in 1982 and then group became the Junior League in 1983. It has been a family affair for the women in Tiffany's family. She joined this year with her sister in law, Danielle Gunnell and her other sister in law, Lisa Gunnell has been active for a few years.

This year, Tiffany is chairing a project with IN THE PINES, INC. Her group is planning a Spring Fling event in the spring and will teach the children about recycling and the earth. The event will have lots of fun activities such as cookie decorating, sack races, decorating flower pots, and more. She has also been signing up for many hours of volunteering and going to lots of events. Next year she has her eye on being involved with Kids in the Kitchen. Who knows she may even follow the footsteps of last year's winner of the Spirit Stick- Barbara Sageman, who became our New Active Class President!

MEET THE PROVISIONALS

For each Bridge issue the Membership Development Committee randomly chooses a group of Provisionals to profile. The goal is for everyone to get to know each other throughout the year. Thank you to the ladies who shared their information about themselves for this issue.



Kelly Donigan grew up in the Detroit metro area and earned her BBA in Sales and Marketing from Western Michigan University. In 2008, Kelly relocated to South Florida. She currently works as Clinical and Therapy Recruiter in Long-term care and lives with her fiancée Quinn Bailey in Lighthouse Point. Kelly has very much enjoyed her experience thus far with The Junior League, and looks forward to being more involved in the coming year!

Lauren Cepeda was born and raised in Dallas, TX. She went to college at Northeastern University in Boston and moved to Florida in late 2009. She currently works at Boca Regional Hospital as a Physician Liaison. She enjoys cooking, traveling, and getting together with friends. She joined Junior League to give back to the community and make new friends and is really enjoying it.



Originally from PA, Kelly Sikora has been living in South Florida for 29 years. She graduated from FAU and was a practicing CPA before becoming a Controller of a nonprofit organization that was headquartered in West Palm Beach. Shortly after the birth of the first of her three children, Kelly became a stay-at-home Mom. She lives in Delray Beach with her husband, Randy, daughter, Maya, and sons, Hayden and Troy. When she is not running the kids around to their various and numerous activities, Kelly enjoys working out at the gym,

reading, volunteering, shopping, skiing, and traveling. Kelly is excited to be a part of the JLBR and its charitable mission.

Aviva Samuels was born and raised in the beautiful, but freezing -cold city of Chicago. She adores great food and great escapes, but although she finds travelling really enjoyable, she still describes herself as a homebody and considers herself an eternal optimist. She resides in Delray Beach, Florida, not far from the ocean, which is her favorite non-



workday treat. Aviva studied Communication and Graphic Design at Parsons School of Design in New York City, later worked in the hospitality arena and eventually fell into the world of wedding and event design and planning. It makes her happy to make others happy, which is probably why she truly loves what she does.

Tiffany McDonnell and her husband Enda relocated to South Florida following a 3 year stint in Bermuda. Prior to that, she spent 12 years in Manhattan working on fashion and cosmetics advertising for Maybelline, Redken and Liz Claiborne as a Senior Vice President at Gotham Advertising. Tiffany graduated Cum Laude from The George Washington University with a degree in Communications and a minor in Marketing. Tiffany is currently the CEO of Funhouse Property Management, her own real estate management and holdings company. She served on the 2011 Wee Dream Ball Committee for the Florence Fuller Early Childhood Development Centers. Since joining the league, she enjoys volunteering at Boca Helping Hands Family Dinner Nights. Tiffany and her husband enjoy traveling, cooking, wine and entertaining friends and family in their Highland Beach home.



Angela Colicheski is the Catering Manager at The Wyndham Hotel in Boca Raton. Originally from Brazil, Angela lived in New Jersey where she raised her two children a boy and a girl; both now married. Boca Raton is now her residence since 1998. She enjoys organizing events such as anniversaries, bar & bat mitzvahs, birthdays, corporate and charity events. With a passion in making brides dreams come to reality. Also, owner of a pet sitting company named "Got'Cha You Covered by Angela" She is passionate about birds, more specifically parrots. Her company takes care of all furry or feathered pets. Her fifteen minutes of fame was on April 6 of 2009 when Angela went to Delray Court in attempt to recover her lost African Grey Parrot. Judge gave the parrot back to Angela and this happy occasion was featured on Good Morning America, Inside Edition, CNN and over 100 radio talk shows across America!



Niki Wilson grew up in Fredericksburg, Virginia. She moved to Florida to finish her Bachelor's Degree at Florida Atlantic University. Niki spent a year in Boston (her favorite city) pursuing a Master's at Emerson College and then returned to South Florida and worked at Muvico Theaters, where she met her husband Mike. They were married on New Year's Eve in 1997. They live in Boca Raton with their two children, Madi and Cole, and their maltese-poodle Finley. Niki is an instructor in the English Department at Florida Atlantic University where she recently completed her interdisciplinary Ph.D. When she isn't working or spending time with her family, you can usually find her at the gym, on the tennis court, or stand up paddle boarding.



Sara Toth works at Cendyn full time as the Director of Client Services, managing websites for hotels, such as The Trump Organization, Hyatt, etc. She has 2 kids - a daughter who is 15 months and a son who is 3. She and her husband have been married for 6 years. He also works at cendyn, as the Director of Product services. They are from MI originally and have lived in FL for the past 8 years. Sara loves to travel in her spare time. She also loves the holidays and gets really into Christmas, with all the decorations, etc.



Johanna Tibavisky is originally from Caracas, Venezuela. She moved to the United States with her family when she was seven years old and has been living in Boca Raton ever since. After high school, she attended the University of West Florida in Pensacola for her first year of college but returned to Boca Raton to finish her degree at Florida Atlantic University where she received a B.A. in Psychology. Currently she works for orthopaedic surgeons in the Boca area and lives with her boyfriend Adam and their dog, Athena. In her free time she enjoys reading a good book,

perfecting her cooking techniques, spending time with her parents and three brothers, going for walks with Adam and Athena, and during football season, cheering on the Miami Dolphins!!! This year she has really enjoyed becoming a part of the Junior League and is looking forward to what the rest of her provisional year has to offer! Happy Holidays!!

Jackie Worsdale lived in New York before moving to Coral Springs where she has been living since 1993. She attended Florida State University where she obtained her bachelor's degree in Recreation and Leisure Services and has been working at Carnival Cruise Lines for the past few years. Her love of volunteering started when she was a member of Alpha Phi Omega. She is a huge fan of football and loves cheering for her teams, GO NOLES and GIANTS!! Nowadays, she enjoys working out, spending time with her family and friends, baking and trying new things.



Coleen Jackson lived in New York prior to moving to Melbourne, FL where she received her B.S. in Computer Science. She now calls Plantation, FL her home where she has a 6 year old son whom she adores and enjoys spending time with creating arts and crafts, playing with Legos and kicking imaginary hineys doing Krav Maga. Having seen the ladies Coleen works with at Cendyn get so excited about contributing to the community and meeting new friends, Coleen is super excited to do the same. One interesting fact about Coleen is that though she is from the Land of Wood and Water (Jamaica), she cannot swim! Lessons anyone?





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by Brittany Steele

Welcome Little Leaguers

Lucia Daniela Ott was born January 17, 2012 weighing 7 pounds 8 ounces & 20.5 inches to Danny and **Julie Ott**.



Glen and **Kristin Calder**, along with big brother Harrison and big sister Caroline, welcomed a baby boy: Stirling Robert Daniels Calder, born Monday, March 12, 2012 at 5:16 p.m.; 8 lbs, 10 oz and 21 inches.

Passings

Lisa McDonough's father-in-law passed in February. **Sunnie Brooks'** brother passed away in February. **Marjorie Hollman's** brother passed away in January. **Betsy Silverfine's** mom passed away in December

Well Wishes

Julie Lander is recovering from surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery. **Joanna Drowos** is on bed rest. We hope she is up and around soon.

Welcome to Our League, Transfers!

Andrianna Nicolai moved to Boca in November with her fiancé, Michael Patrick Ames from Atlanta, Georgia. Andrianna was a member of the Atlanta JL since 2006 and enjoyed Kids in the Kitchen and being a provisional advisor. She works for SAS, a software analytics company, enjoys traveling to new places, dining out and yoga.



MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

NOVEMBER

The first November member of the month was **Margi Cross**. Margie was selected in part due to her amazing commitment and an incredible sense of altruism. She is a first year active and is serving on the DIAD committee. Margie is involved with the 40/40 challenge and seems to turn up at all places, at all times. It's possible to see her at a 9am DIAD and then at a 6pm DIAD all in the same day. This volunteer greets all JLBR members with a welcoming spirit, a genuine kindness and an appreciation

and respect for her JLBR peers. She is married with two grown daughters.

The second November member of the month was Heather Pensule. Heather worked tirelessly to revamp and revise the straw ballot this year. Her efforts resulted in a new form for the straw ballot which will gather better information that will in turn allow us to make better recommendations to the league. Heather is on the project development committee. She is married with two children.

DECEMBER

The first December member of the month is **Holly Meehan**. This member ALWAYS goes above and beyond the call of duty. Whether donating her time as a photographer to Family Portrait Day or coming up with amazing ideas for new events she is always available. She is involved in her kids' schools and just put on a Santa's workshop for the entire Grace Community preschool. She is married and has three kids.

The second December member of the month is Maria Galka. This member always goes over and above. She is always on time if not early at all functions. Maria took it upon herself to take cookbooks around to all local retailers in the area and promote them. She has sold two boxes so far. If you haven't guessed this member of the month is on the cookbook committee. She is

mark your CALENDAR!

April

13 JLBR's 40th Anniversary Party @ Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club

27 Junior League's 4th Annual Golf Classic @ Broken Sound Country Club

May

8 May Dinner Meeting @ The Addison



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I read some of my old Scoop articles, and they were very clever. I may have to retire from this job due to lack of cuteness. (Is that a word?) I do try to entertain and inform, but maybe someone younger and cleverer should take over. No, I am not asking for praise, just condolences that my brain seems to be falling off. Boy, am I babbling this time. On to the real business at hand.

sustainer SCOOP

by LouAnn Such

THANK YOUs

As we reach the end of the year, we have some special Thank You's.

Book Group Leaders and Bridge Leaders – You have been doing this for years, and we thank you!

FALL FLING - Cindy Krebsbach, DINNER GROUP – Lucille Gioia, FALL LUNCHEON – Kristin Calder, TRANSFERS, Pat Moloney, Linda McElwee, Charlotte Spooner, MAGAZINE CLUB – Jami Guttenberg, STITCHCRAFT – Marina Chaney & Johanna Felberbaum, MOVIE NIGHT – Anne Schauer, GINGER BREAD HOUSE – Lisa Morgan, VIZCAYA TOUR – Juana Franklin, HIGH TEA & FLAGLER – Kristin Viets, WINE TASTING - Joyce DeVita, Linda Donoghue, Betsy Fletcher, LouAnn Such, VALENTINE LUNCHEON – Linda Eckelson, Juana Franklin, Mary Schall, Sue Wicker, FLOWER ARRANGING – Charlotte Spooner, SPRING LUNCHEON – Jamie Guttenberg, Lisa Warren, Michelle Duffy and our ever faithful corresponding secretary, Denise Alman, who has sent out way too many sympathy notes this year.

If I have forgotten any one, please call me, and I will thank you next fall. The whole point is to remember that these ladies have put in a lot of time to entertain the Sustainers, for which we are very grateful.

WINE TASTING: Joyce DeVita had the most amazing party at her house for Sustainers and their significant others. She did all of the cooking, chose the wine, etc. for about 70 people. The event raised \$3,000, which will be donated to The Boca Raton Historical Society for the restoration of two Addison Mizner prints. We selected the Boca Raton Historical Society as our benefactor, since Joyce is a Board Member and the JLBR was instrumental in founding the organization. We felt it would be the perfect group to support.

VALENTINE LUNCHEON: Each time I say we had the best luncheon ever, someone tops it. Linda, Juana, Mary and Sue definitely get the prize this time! The luncheon was held at the Seagate Club, and everything from the weather and the ambiance to the lunch and dessert was fabulous.

BOOK GROUP II VENTURES INTO THE SWAMP... Billie Jean Steele described their group's adventures into the swamp, and she means INTO. This group read Swamplandia by Karen Russell. They planned to see Clyde Butcher's photography collection, and were offered a trip into the Everglades. They walked for three hours in swamp water up to their waists to see plants, alligators, snakes, etc. Then they ended the walk with Junior League type water cress sandwiches. For a complete hilarious review of their trip by Billie Jean, please visit the Sustainer website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SCRABBLE CLUB: Meets 3rd Wednesday of each month. Check with Linda McElwee (214-686-5002) for places and time.

MAGAZINE CLUB: Date and times vary. Check with Jamie Guttenberg (561-789-5860) for April and May.

From top: Lynn Holcomb, Debora Kellogg, and Brooke Qualk; Sue Wicker, Linda Eckelson, Juana Franklin and Mary Schall; Lou Ann Such, Mary Lavalle, Mary Becker and Kerry Lobello; Mary Csar and Bonnie Koenig.



Sustainer Scoop Sidebar

... Kristin Calder

The Sustainers have had such a fun and awesome year and it's not over yet. Thank you to all of you who helped organize and plan activities, outings and events so we could spend time together and share fabulous experiences. We have really been active this year!

I am so excited for the 40th celebration we're planning for Friday, April 13 at Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club. We'll mix and mingle as the sun sets, enjoy a fabulous dinner and open bar, dance a little to live entertainment provided by a dynamic duo and take a trip down memory lane as we pay tribute to the past four decades of our history and our community impact. The event is open to all JLBR members – past and present – and to the community. Please also consider inviting old friends who may not be active these days, but whom were active when you were. We'd love to have a great mix of members from each decade. Tickets are only \$125 and will include other goodies and surprises as well. We've had some fabulous Sustainers helping Nicole Mugavero and I plan this special celebration including Kate Toomey, Elizabeth Pankey-Warren, Kathy Adkins, Sue Diener, Brooke Qualk, Laura Stoltz, Carole Putman and Debbie Kellog. Thank you to everyone who has contributed their ideas and talents to making this happen. It's a night you won't want to miss!

Wrapping up the year, make sure two more events are on your calendar: the Sustainer Spring Luncheon on Friday, May 4 which will be an entertaining afternoon of croquet at the Boca Raton Resort & Club being organized by Jami Guttenberg and then the May dinner meeting (GMM) on May 8 when we can get together to celebrate the culmination of our 40th year and help applaud JLBR 2011-2012 President Nancy Dockerty and welcome JLBR 2012-2013 President Jackie Reeves.

A few of the highlights of our year were a feast at our kick-off luncheon in the fall at Maggiano's, the Fall Fling hosted by Cindy Krebsbach, "Savor the Grove – A 40th Celebration" in honor of Savor the Moment organized by yours truly, Caron Dockerty and Brooke Qualk, the Gingerbread Housemaking Luncheon coordinated by Lisa Morgan, Scrabble games organized by Juana Franklin and Linda McElwee, the Magazine Club run by Jami Guttenberg, the Dinner Club arranged by Lucille Gioia, the Movie group coordinated by Ann Schauer, Stitchcraft coordinated by Marina Chaney, a tour of Vizcaya organized by Juana Franklin, a night at Festival of the Arts arranged by Cynthia Brown, an afternoon at the Boca Raton Symphonia organized by Debbie Abrams, High Tea at the Flagler Museum to see the Tiffany exhibit coordinated by Kristin Viets, a really lovely Valentine's Luncheon at the Seagate (see the photos here) organized by Juana Franklin, Linda McElwee, Sue Wicker and Mary Schall, flower arranging planned by Charlotte Spooner, the book clubs coordinated by Pat Moloney, Cathy Hanson, Lucille Gioia and LuAnn Warner-Prokos and the bridge groups organized by Elly Rolfe and Jackie Johnson.

Thanks also to many in our group who've helped sustain the League this year by advising an active committee or council. I have enjoyed advising the publications active committee led by Kelli-Ann Bloechinger as they've produced *The Bridge*, which I know we all love and refer to often to stay in touch about our happenings. Thanks also to the active Communications Council especially Cristy Stewart-Harfmann, Nancy Griffin and Reagan Such for assisting with our League wide e-mails and website pages.

I have really enjoyed helping coordinate our group this year, and in doing so, I must thank LouAnn Such who continues to provide so much time and energy to our group. We've had a great time together trying to get the word out about our events and to get each of you to come join in the fun. Enjoy the rest of the year and we hope to see you in May at our final events before taking a summer break!



From top: Pat Moloney and Dale Workman; Andrea Kornblue, Kate Toomey and Gayl Hackett.

STITCH AND BITCH: Meets 2nd Wednesday of each month around 10:00 at Johanna Felberbaum's shop, "Stich Craft" on 399 S. Federal Hwy., Boca. Call Marina Chaney - 954-415-3495

SPRING FLING: Mid-April we will have a casual gathering at a home to be announced short, so be on the lookout for an email.

FINAL DINNER MEETING: Tuesday, May 8th at The Addison. An invitation will be mailed with all the details. Please join us as this is a great send off party for the end of the year. We have special Sustainer tables, so you can sit with friends old and new.

SPRING LUNCHEON: The luncheon will be held at the Boca Raton Resort & Club on Friday, May 4. Special thank you to Jami Guttenberg for arranging a special day for us – the group will also be partaking in croquet! An email invitation will be sent with all the details.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!! When we gather again in the fall, our fearless leader, Kristin Calder will have a bouncing baby boy, many new grandchildren will have arrived in this world (including my first), weddings will have added new family members, and we will be all rested, bright-eyed, bushy-tailed, and raring to go!

GET CONNECTED: The Power of a Facebook “Like”: \$75,000 For Kids in the Kitchen

By Cristy Stewart-Harfmann

Do you know the value of a Facebook LIKE? For Junior Leagues’ Kids in the Kitchen program it is \$75,000 thanks to Kashi’s “Renew Eating And Living” also known as REAL. The REAL Project raises awareness of the Real Food Deficit by promoting organizations, like our Kids in the Kitchen. Their goal is to keep real food in the minds and hands of communities through the country. This winter for every Facebook LIKE Kashi pledged to donate \$10 dollars, up to a maximum of \$75,000 to Junior Leagues’ Kids in the Kitchen program. We are excited to announce that we have already hit the goal and AJLI will be receiving the funds to distribute to leagues across the country include JLBR.

What is the Real Food Deficit?

The Real Food Deficit is the gap between our vision of healthy communities and reality. It’s a complex problem including everything from moms struggling to prepare healthier meals for their families to underserved neighborhoods that don’t have access to fresh produce to children and teens growing up without positive influences and nutrition education.

What you need to know about The Real Food Deficit:

- **Eating Habits** – There is a significant gap in America between what we should eat and what we do eat. Sadly, on average, we eat just 42% of the recommended daily intake of fruit, only 59% of vegetables and a depressing 15% of whole grains.
- **Food Deserts** – A food desert is an area where people have limited access to affordable, healthy and fresh foods. More than 13.5 million people in the US live in a food desert, with 82% of food deserts in urban areas with no grocery store in sight.

- **Farm-to-School** - Less than 10% of school in the US have a farm-to-school program. Growing your own food is a great way to get kids and families excited about eating fruits and vegetables. Studies have shown when kids are served more fresh fruits and vegetables, along with educational activities; they are inspired to make better food choices.
- **Public Health** – Since 1980 obesity among children has almost tripped and for the first time in 200 years, the current generation is expected to have a shorter lifespan than their parents. If eating trends continue, three out of four American will be overweight or obese by 2020.
- **Public Policy** – The Farm Bill is up for renewal this year and

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will decide the five-year funding for programs like nutrition education, expansion of farmers markets and assisting farmers with the transition to organic production.

Thank you to everyone who participated, if you did not have a chance to LIKE Kashi to help raise money for Kids in the Kitchen I encourage you to check out their Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/kashi>) page to help support upcoming organizations like HealthCorps, Wholesome Wave, and Just Food to name a few.



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PLACEMENT REFLECTIONS

My placement was Woman Volunteer of the Year. My favorite moment was right before WVOY started... seeing your committee's hard work over many months finally coming together and enjoying the luncheon with Junior League friends was an incredible moment!! My advice to new members would be to learn from your committee members and have fun!

-Whitney Terry

Chairing WVOY was my favorite placement, thus far. It was rewarding to work with so many talented women, to pull together such an incredible tradition and celebration! If you haven't been, you have to go next year!

-Allison Lane, Co-Chair of WVOY

I love all the DIADs. Through the 40 for 40 challenge I feel I like I have helped children in need while meeting a fantastic group of women. I have gotten more out of my Junior League experience this than I thought was possible.

-Denise Barker

I've had the fortunate experience of thinking every placement was "my best" placement. But I had no idea how truly fulfilling serving as President would be. I have been inspired everyday by the women in this organization, and serving as the President has been a huge privilege, I'm so grateful I had this wonderful opportunity.

-Nancy Dockerty, President

What an eye-opening six months these have been - to learn about JLBOR and the impact our work has in the community. It's an honor to serve as Co-Chair (with my dear friend, Stephanie Economos) of The VIP White Chocolate Decadence! We are very proud of our team and the benchmark we've set to fulfill our goal of enhancing the VIP Guest experience! I'm looking forward to a long-term affiliation with JLBOR and to actively engage as an Active Member in areas, where I can add value the most!

-Chim Francisco, Provisional Member

My placement was Membership Development. We had a great committee and I really enjoyed getting to know the new members and introducing them to the league. The highlight was definitely Super Saturday. It was great to see the spirit and enthusiasm of the new members as we toured our town and visited some of our projects.

-Danielle DeLuca, Membership Development

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League Watch FLORIDA

By Millie Strickroot

The Junior League of Tallahassee

Featured Community Project: HEART GALLERY

The Junior League of Tallahassee (JLT) began a partnership with the Heart Gallery of North Florida during the 2009-2010 year. In the first year of partnership, the JLT Committee photographed five children to be added to the Heart Gallery of North Florida library. Through outreach activities, the JLT formed relationships with community organizations and hosted events at the Tallahassee Museum and the JLT house where foster children had an opportunity to meet League members and individuals in the community.

In 2010-2011, The JLT created the fostering Hope / Heart Gallery Committee bringing the activities of both committees into one larger, more comprehensive effort. In the first three months of the year, the Committee hosted seven children at MaClay Gardens, where they spent the afternoon in their own private photo shoot. The photos taken that day were added to the Heart Gallery of North Florida library. Each month a child, that is looking for a "forever family" will be featured in the JLT newsletter and website.

Fostering Hope/Heart Gallery is focused on finding "forever families" for the children in the Heart Gallery of North Florida. Through outreach events, children will have the opportunity to interact with JLT members and others in the community in an effort to introduce them to a potential adoptive family. Three events for the 2010-2011 year included a fall festival, holiday party and an Earth Day Event with special guests.

The Heart Gallery of America is a collaborative project of more than 120 Heart Gallery across the nation. The program promotes the individuality and dignity of children living in foster care in hopes of increasing the number of adoptive families. These children are photographed by professional photographers, and their portraits are displayed publicly throughout the community as works of art. The JLT is taking a leadership role in bringing this program to North Florida to help more children find their "forever families."

The Junior League of Orlando

Featured Community Project: MAGIC

"MAGIC" is a program geared towards Mentoring Adolescent Girls to Inspire Change. "MAGIC" is the only comprehensive prevention/ intervention/ education project in the State of Florida specifically serving girls detained in a juvenile detention center. MAGIC facilitators and League volunteers work directly with teen girls, ranging in age from 12-18, who are held in juvenile detention center and awaiting sentencing or admission into a treatment program. The Junior League of Greater Orlando provides a team of 10-20+ dedicated volunteers every other week for 2 hours. During this time, they visit with the girls, conduct programs or activities on life enriching topics, and most importantly listen to them in a non-judgmental manner. Conducted in partnership with the Orange Regional Juvenile Detention Center and Florida Department of Juvenile Justice who employ a qualified professional staff experienced in working with girls and their unique gender-specific issues.

Before MAGIC, the girls would spend long, unproductive, idle hours in cells – sometimes languishing for months. The opportunity to educate, garner trust, and modify behavior was lost. MAGIC saw this as a "time out" from negative influences and an opportunity for gaining trust, educating, and breaking the cycle of incarceration. Although more girls are entering the juvenile justice system, most research on etiology and treatment of anti-social behavior has focused almost exclusively on boys. The system has been caught unaware and ill equipped to deal with the influx of girls, comprising 25% of arrests and more are being arrested for violent crimes. Girls come into the justice system with unique differences: 80% have histories of physical abuse and 70% are victims of sexual abuse or assault (vs. 20% for all teens). Many run away to escape, live in the streets, turn to prostitution and criminal activity or seek shelter and support from older, but not necessarily positive, male figures.

The Junior League of St. Petersburg

Featured Community Project: Back to School Fair

St. Petersburg, FL-- In conjunction with back to school in August, the Junior League of St. Petersburg held its 15th annual back to school program initiative Back to School Care Fair. The event focused on relieving the pressures and financial burden for families living in South Pinellas by offering school supplies and medical exams at no cost. The event kicked off at 8am on August 6th when school age children were given backpacks stuffed with school supplies, medical exams including immunizations, vision checks, and dental screenings.

Children K - 12 attending schools in South Pinellas and their parents or guardians were invited to this one-day event. The first 500 registered children received free medical exams provided by Bayfront Medical Center and All Children's Hospital. Immunizations were provided by Community Health Centers of Pinellas. Vision screenings were provided by The Lions Club and The Pinellas County Dental Hygiene Association performed dental screenings.

Other activities included in the Back to School Care Fair: over 30 agencies educated parents on local services available to them. On-site school registration was provided by the Pinellas County School Board. Bicycle safety training and free helmets were handed out to children.



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