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letter from the president



DEAR READERS,

One of my favorite things about being President of the Junior League of Boca Raton is that I get to see all the amazing work that gets done behind the scenes. We have so many wonderful members working very hard to improve our League and our community, that every day (and I'm not exaggerating) I'm inspired by an email I read or a phone call I get or a meeting I attend because our members are so motivated and committed to the League's mission. You know that saying "It Takes a Village" well, we're fortunate that our Village is full of superstars, so let me share some of the things that inspire me, and motivate me to try harder and to do more:

- 107.** I'm inspired by the **107** members that accepted the 40 for 40 Done-In-A-Day Challenge. I swear I had a lump in my throat when I saw all the names of actives AND sustainers that signed up to do even more volunteer hours in the community. We're so fortunate to have them as members.
- 81.** I'm inspired by the **81** women who have joined the Junior League this year and said "yes, I want to do more to improve our community." They ensure that our 40 year legacy continues.
- 48.** I'm inspired that our Community Garden committee sold out all **48** plots, and that so many citizens support Boca Raton's first community garden. Please visit the garden; you will be so proud that it bears our name.
- 28.** I'm inspired by the **28** sustaining members that are willing to give of their time and advise a committee. We need our sustaining members; we rely on their experience and expertise at getting the job done!
- 21** I'm inspired by the **21** women who founded the 1971 Society to support and sustain our signature fundraiser, Woman Volunteer of The Year. Their pledge of support is integral to the success of the event.
- 5.** I'm inspired that **5** of our members were nominated as the Woman Volunteer of the Year this year. They represent so many in our League that not only give their time to us but to other local organizations as well.
- 12.** And last but not least, my own personal inspiration, the **12** women who serve on the Board of Directors with me. I assure you the League is in very capable hands with these wonderful women leading the way.

To all of you that inspire all of us daily, I say thank you and keep up the good work!

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,

The Bridge staff took a great journey down memory lane while putting together this issue. It has been truly fascinating to learn about the various footprints the Junior League of Boca Raton continues to mark throughout the community.

I'm excited to share excerpts of thank you letters from organizations that have been touched by the JLBR either through volunteer hours or the Community Support Fund. And, we caught up with leaders of three non-profits that shared how the support of the League has helped them over the years.

Each fall, I'm always surprised at the number of events happening, jobs that need to get done and what seems to be a limited amount of time. This is especially true in the JLBR calendar. The 24th Annual Woman Volunteer of the Year Luncheon was a smashing success, and we offer a big congratulation to Lulu Thomas, this year's winner. The Small Fundraisers Committee put together a slew of fun events, and the 40th Anniversary task force is planning several opportunities to share in the celebration.

Get to know some of our Provisional class members in the Provisional Pages, and find out how Junior Leagues across the country are impacting their communities.

Finally, in the spirit of thanks, we would like to extend a thank you to you, our readers; for you are the reason we have incredible stories, thoughts and memories to share.

Enjoy the issue!



Kelli Bloechinger
Bridge Editor 2011-2012



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Junior League of Boca Raton
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261 NW 13th Street
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Dear Ms. Vassallo:

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When 211 began, we were answering 400 to 500 calls each month from Palm Beach County. This year, we are answering between 12,000 and 13,000 calls each month from Palm Beach County and the four other counties now in our service area: Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee and St. Lucie.

We want to recognize and thank you for your partnership and support. Our information and referral services are only as good as the partnerships we form with agencies like yours. You have been vital to our years of success.

We look forward to working with you over the next 40 years!

Best regards,
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BEST FOOT FORWARD

June 10, 2011

Junior League of Boca Raton
Small Community Projects Committee
261 NW 13th Street
Boca Raton, FL 33432
Attn: Crystal McMillan, Chair

Dear Crystal:

The presentation was fantastic! The kids absolutely love it. We sincerely appreciate your thought. Thanks so much!

We would like to extend our sincere thanks for your generous donation of \$1500 to the Best Foot Forward Foundation. The funds were used to pay for two driven board presentations for youth that reside at The Haven and at Home Safe. We were able to pay the presenter's fee, have funding for the necessary supplies and provide lunch for the youth due to your generosity. This is a wonderful program that helps inspire them and gives them the power to envision their futures by having a visual reminder of things that mean something to them or that they would like to aspire towards. They really loved this event and we have enclosed some pictures for you.

We also used some of the funds to provide prom necessities for a senior that we work with. He was so handsome and so excited as usual. Enclosed, please find a handwritten thank you from him as well.

Your support enables us to assist the youth in and aging out of foster care with their educational needs as they approach adulthood and transition to a successful life on their own. We are so appreciative of the involvement of the Junior League of Boca Raton in our community and look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,
Christina Blaine
Christina Blaine
Chief Operating Officer

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IN THE PINES, INC.

Junior League of Boca Raton
261 NW 13th Street
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September 30th, 2011

Dear Junior League:

On behalf of the families that attended Soccer day, we want to thank you so much for sponsoring Soccer Day. The children and parents at In The Pines, South had an amazing time! The children had a lot of fun playing soccer and making arts and crafts. The lunch provided by Chipotle was delicious! The tattoo glitter artist was such a big hit with the adults and children. Everyone enjoyed the dancing and games. Thank you so much for putting on such a fun day at In The Pines, South.

Sincerely,
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You do a wonderful job. It may not seem like much, but the sandwiches are critical for the children's growth and development. As we continue to work together, we are making a difference in the lives of the children.

Thank you to all the organizers of each group. We would not be able to provide this service without your wonderful leadership in recruiting sandwich makers and donors.

Thanks again for your wonderful support and help in feeding the children. We hope all of you may cool and enjoy the summer break.

We will be contacting you later about the 2011-2012 school year, which starts Monday, Aug. 22nd, 2011.

Sincerely,
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Sister Mary Ann Carfield
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The Ladies of the 80s

The Decade of Change

Past President Contributors: Mary Csar, Bitsy Fitzsimmons, Mary Lavalle and Marsha Love

By 1980, the Junior Service League (JSL) was growing, expanding its projects and fundraisers to address important needs of the community and working to meet the requirements of the Association of Junior Leagues (AJL) for membership. In order to apply, the JSL needed a minimum of 100 members and seven years of existence. Since Junior League of Fort Lauderdale Sustainers had founded the JSL, our group was already operating with AJL principles.

By 1981, the requirements were met, and in 1982 the application process began with visits from New York Headquarters and lots of planning. Along with changing admission practices and sponsorships, JSL was required to sponsor nine public orientation meetings with noted speakers, which we did by inviting accomplished professionals including an astronaut and the chancellor of the state university system. These meetings were critiqued by the membership and reviewed by AJL. All members – provisional, active and sustaining – no matter their age or years of membership were required to attend all of the meetings or make up any missed sessions.

Once everything was completed, and after two very long and challenging years, we became a Junior League and doors were opened that have never closed. There was a lot of dancing and celebrating after the announcement. Following our acceptance, we started a Headquarters Fund and received our first donation of \$10,000. It was anonymous at the time, but since then we've learned it was from Bitsy Fitzsimmons' mother, Mrs. Taggart. That generous donation gave us the seed money to eventually realize the Vegso Community Research Center.

At this point, the national association was very impressed with what a small organization was able to accomplish. The population of Boca Raton was growing very quickly with approximately 20,000 residents in 1980 to more than 75,000 residents by the end of 1989. Our projects needed to be effective, and the fundraisers needed to be impressive in order to raise the funds necessary to support them.

AJL membership opened the doors for our League to join the State Public Affairs Committee and to attend trainings and conferences to learn about strategic planning, fundraising and volunteer career development.

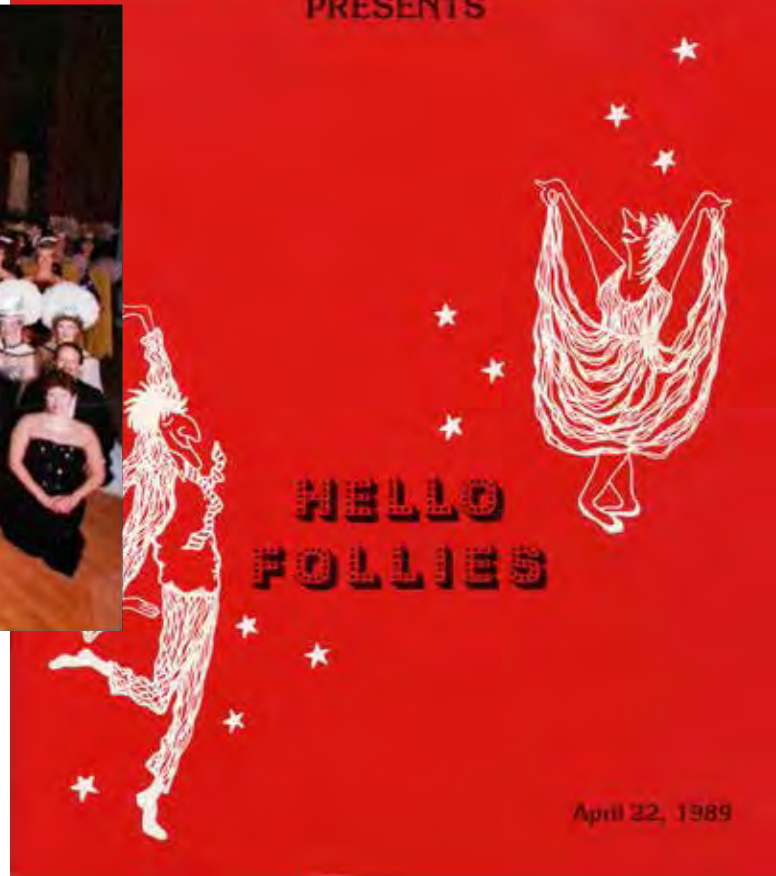
League Projects and Fundraisers in the 1980s

The decade began for the JSL with the opening of the Singing Pines Museum in 1980, a project that continued to be supported through most of the decade. A dominant theme of several projects throughout the '80s was drug and alcohol awareness, which was a growing community issue. Other projects in the early '80s included The Haven, the Habilitation Center, and the new science museum (now the Children's Science Explorium). In 1987, the first Migrant Health Fair was implemented. This project grew and developed each year to become the League's award-winning IN THE PINES project. Later projects were Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse (AVDA), GATE, and the Delray Beach Historical Society.

From top: Jan Raines and Rosemary Auclair; Jean Bourne and Pat Ternus at Board Orientation in May of 1984, after being accepted in AJL in February. Marsha Love, president then, decorated and put together the individual picnic baskets. Susie Doyle and Ann Rutherford; Kathleen Murdoch; Marsha Love and Betsy Pickup



THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF BOCA RATON
PRESENTS



Fundraisers throughout the 1980's were memorable, immensely popular and profitable. In 1981, the Fiesta of Arts & Crafts, Whale of a Sale and Boca Now (culminating in a Country Western Party) raised funds for the League. Later fundraisers were more community oriented including the Boca Grove Grand Masters Tennis Tournament, the Jay Leno Concert for the opening of the Marriott Hotel, the Wynton Marsalis Concert held at FAU, the opening of Bloomingdale's at the Town Center, the Follies and a Gala Party featuring the 5th Dimension in 1989.

Some of our later accomplishments in the decade included our membership in the Chamber of Commerce, the formation

of a past presidents council and the creation of a Community Advisory Board. It was an exciting time that saw momentous change and achievements for the Junior Service League and Junior League of Boca Raton.

Thanks to the many leaders who made an impact in our organization and in our community in the 1970s including JSL and JLBR Presidents of the 1980's: Mary Lavalle, Catherine Toomey, Bitsy Fitzsimmons, Marsha Love, Donna Parton, Lynn Smith, Judith Hilsmier, Michelle Chapman and Carole Putman.

The next issue of *The Bridge* will take a look at our projects and impact of service in the 1990's. ■

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Jr. League Sock Hop A Blast

The Junior League of Boca Raton recently enjoyed the fun of the fabulous fifties as its members "Rocked Around the Clock" at the College of Boca Raton.

Dressed in poodle skirts, bobby socks, letter sweaters and cheerleading uniforms, guests twisted the night away to the rockin' rhythms of The Coasters. The "Leader of the Pack" even attended with his entire motorcycle gang clad in matching black leather jackets.

Decorations of hula hoops, old records, colorful balloons and pink carnations added to the authenticity of the evening.

Kate Toomey, Susan Whelchel and Betsy Hvide were the chairmen of this lively party which was a delightful reminder of "the way it was."



Paul Homer



Bob and Donna Parton enjoyed the sock hop.



BOCA RATON NEWS — Monday, February 11, 1985

Coasters To Appear At Jr. League

The Junior League of Boca Raton will present the popular singing and comedy group, The Coasters. The fifties party will be held on Saturday, March 2, 7 p.m., at the League's annual Town and Country Party, which this year "Rocks Around the Clock" at the College of Boca Raton.

The Coasters are the original recording artists of such song hits as "Poison Ivy", "Along Came Jones", "Yakety-Yak", "Love Potion No. 9", "Searchin'" and "Charlie Brown".

Kate Toomey, Susan Whelchel and Betsy Hvide are the chairmen of the 50's festivities. Decorations for the gym are to be crepe paper and balloons. Dinner will be served from the cafeteria in true Sock-Hop fashion! A soda fountain will serve as the setting for the dreamy desserts, while tubs of punch and kegs of beer will provide a liberal supply of libations.

So, break out the bobby socks, saddle shoes, letter sweater or, apropos of the prom, a white sport coat and a pink carnation. You'll be dressed appropriately for the dance. Chances are you could win the hula-hoop or dance contest, or even be

crowned King or Queen of the Prom.

It's never too late for a nostalgic opportunity. Remember the fun of the fifties. Call 395-0451 for reservations. Tickets are \$75 per person to "Twist again, like we did last summer!"



Fabulous Charlie Brown and the Coasters.



At right: Andrea and Ed Kornblue and Joan and Ken Robertson at the Sock Hop. At left: Mary Lavalle and Bitsy Fitzsimmons at the Coasters after-party.

From left, in 50's costume, Carol Grebe, Andrea Korablue, Tina Cartwright and Cindy Homer.



GET INVOLVED WITH THE LEAGUE

Help Celebrate 40 Years of Community Impact

By Kristin Calder

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.

Many members – actives and sustainers – have told me they'd like to be a part of the 40th plans. Here's a few events to choose how you'd like to get involved and mark your calendars to join us!

Savor the Grove will be a fall dinner party 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. Thanks to the shops and restaurants in The Esplanade shopping center in Delray for their participation including Treasures4Charity, Dolce Amore, Mings, Christina's, Cupcake Couture, Juliet's Salon, From Roehm with Love, The Mystery Bookstore, Oz the Wizard Framing and also Coastal Star, the Falcon House and Atlas Party Rentals. Special cash shopping opportunities include a jewelry showing by Au Design with one piece, valued at \$15,000 being raffled. I have enjoyed working on this event with superstars Caron Dockerty and Brooke Qualk and promise this will be a really fun night out. We've kept the ticket price to \$40 in honor of this special year and will offer a cash bar. Tickets are limited, but you can check the jlbr.org website to see if tickets are still available.

We'd like to 'Have A Ball' and participate in the City of Boca's 41st Annual Street Parade with some of our members to celebrate our community impact on Wednesday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m. We're looking for some float builders, creative designers and enthusiastic volunteers to help with this project. If you're interested, please let Kristin Calder know. Contact kriscalder@aol.com.

A 40th Anniversary Party will be a celebration culminating our full 40th year and our organization's impact since inception. The date and more details will be announced soon and we hope to have actives, sustainers and past members as part of the celebration. Stay tuned for more details! Please contact Nicole Mugavero to join this group and help us plan this milestone event. She can be reached at mugaveror@bellsouth.net.

We're looking for memorabilia – photos, slides, event favors, newspaper clippings, etc. for a special exhibit to be displayed at the beginning of 2012 in the VCRC that also can be showcased at local museums, the library and even the Boca Raton Historical Society. Please contact me if you have items to lend. I can be reached at kriscalder@aol.com.

Thanks to so many of the ladies working on these projects and preserving our history. Come one, and come all. This is a celebration for us all. Please join the committees of any of these events or to share your JSL or JLBR memories or memorabilia from a decade – or even just a few years – gone by! ■

COMMUNITY corner

By Kelli Bloechinger

Issue Addressed: Literacy

Florence Fuller Child Development Centers

Serving economically disadvantaged families, the Florence Fuller Child Development Centers (FFCDC) provides inclusive quality childcare and family support services. The Junior League of Boca Raton is providing educational services for the children including a comprehensive literacy program.

The JLBR's literacy project is made up of several components:

- Pen Pals – Children in the East and West Centers read the same books and write letters about it to each other.
- Family Reading Night—Parents are educated in reading to their children and how to have their children reading to get the most out of a book.
- Storytelling – Ms. Mij, the storyteller, comes every week with stories and has the children create and tell their own stories, too.

“Early literacy stimulation encourages and excites children to want to read. Overall, the children have improved their academic abilities. Without this program, the children would not receive such concentrated emphasis on reading. And, the fact that storytelling is done weekly really reinforces their interest as well as their learning.

“Children who are proficient readers by third or fourth grade are at a lower risk of becoming a high school dropout. The fact that this program is catching them at an early age can make all the difference between a children graduating or not. We are extremely thankful and proud to collaborate with the Junior League on this very important project,” said Lorry Herdeen, Executive Director of the Florence Fuller Child Development Centers.

Past projects at FFCDC have included a playground for the backyard of the nursery as well as funding and volunteer support to Florence Fuller's West Campus Infant Nursery for much needed renovation and repairs.

According to the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County:

- 13.4 percent of the 907,134 adults age 25 and older do not have a high school diploma (US Census Bureau's 2008 American Community Survey)
- 24 percent of the total births in Palm Beach County in 2008 were to mothers who had less than a high school diploma (Florida Department of Health)
- 28 percent of public fourth grade students and 61 percent of public tenth grade students read below grade level (2010 Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test)
- 148 languages and dialects are spoken by students in the public school system (School District of Palm Beach County, 2009)
- 22.2 percent of the 1.3 million residents are foreign born (US Census Bureau's 2008 American Community Survey)
- Among people at least five years old, 26.6 percent speak a language other than English in the home (US Census Bureau's 2008 American Community Survey)

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Can One Woman Make a Difference?

At The Junior League, we spend a lot of time thinking about the power of volunteer groups- for us, 160,000 members in 292 Leagues in four countries. But sometimes, it's awe-inspiring to look at what one a single determined woman can do.

Take Lorri Unumb, a member of the Junior League of Columbia, SC. In 2005, as the mother of a 4-year-old boy in South Carolina recently diagnosed with severe autism, she took up the challenge - for her own family and many others - to get her medical insurance company to cover the cost of treatments for her son, Ryan. Lacking funds to hire a professional lobbyist, Lorri assembled a small group of friends and fellow advocates called the Ryan's Law Grassroots Gang that personally lobbied South Carolina legislators through visits and letter-writing campaigns. Successful at passing a bill in 2007, only to see it vetoed by Governor Mark Sanford, Lorri and the other members of the Ryan's Law Grassroots Gang again lobbied the legislature on the last day of the legislative session and Ryan's Law became law in South Carolina.

Two years later, many other families in South Carolina have benefited from Ryan's Law, and it's become the model for other laws in Texas and Indiana. So hats off to Lorri, and hats off to all of the unpaid volunteers out there who feel passionately about a cause-and put their

time, energy and love into creating a solution.

While Ryan's Law was not officially a Junior League initiative, many League members did lend their support by contacting their local legislators to ask them to sponsor the bill, which complements The Junior League's long history of working to better health, living and educational conditions for women, children and families, including:



- With the goal of stemming the tide of high school drop outs by providing intervention when it counts, during the middle school years, the Junior League of Denver advocated for the Healthy Choices Dropout Prevention Program, sponsored by Colorado State Senator, Suzanne Williams. The League

undertook the task of finding research that supported the passing of the bill, identified other major nonprofits and medical groups to sign on in support and lobbied Colorado State Senators. The bill was successfully passed by the Colorado State Legislature and recently signed into law by Governor Bill Ritter this past May.

- On March 20, The Healthy Mothers' Act of 2009, was passed by the California Assembly Health Committee. The bill seeks to expand access to create awareness of the importance of perinatal and post-

partum mental health screening and provide for an expansion of mental health resources for mothers. The bill was introduced into the California State assembly by the State Public Affairs Committee (SPAC) of the Junior Leagues of California and Assemblyman Pedro Nava of California's 35th District.

- Junior Leagues began responding to the problem of domestic violence in the 1970s, a problem that until that time was considered a private, family matter. Junior Leagues, such as the Bronxville League, provided support to battered spouses guiding them through the court and social service systems. Other Leagues, such as Westchester, founded and supported shelters for battered women and their children. With growing awareness of the issue throughout the 1980s and Leagues stepping in to provide solutions, Leagues would be called to testify before local, state and federal panels looking and share their experiences and expertise. Inevitably, with support from Junior Leagues and various other nonprofit advocacy organizations, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), would be drafted by then Delaware Senator Joseph Biden, to be included in the 1994 Crime Bill. Signed into law by then President Clinton, the VAWA was considered a major breakthrough for women's civil rights.

- Recognizing the importance of adequate nutrition for successful school performance, the Junior League of Brooklyn successfully petitioned the New York Board of Education to provide school lunches to public school students in 1915. The school lunch program would subsequently provide the model for the

National School Lunch Program signed into law in 1946.

- The Junior League of St. Louis, was among the countless women's groups that advocated for women's suffrage during the early twentieth century. In fact, advocating for women's suffrage was one of the first major outreach projects for the League, which was founded in 1914. ■

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3. The JLBR Internal PR committee

Periwinkle Event, September 16

4. Reagan Such, Kim Flittner, Carrie Delafield of Periwinkle and Carrie

Tory Burch Event, September 21

5. Linda Gun & Ashley McGee
6. Cristy Stewart-Harfmann, Morgan Green, Jennifer Brackett, Kirsten Stanley, Kimberly Wheelchel
7. Alex Konert, Samantha Bense, Ashley McGee, Nikki Alvarez, Nichole Kalil
8. Jennifer Rosemugy, Riberton Mendez, Tory Burch Store Manager, and JLBR President Nancy Dockerty



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Gardening Day, October 1

- 9. Lisa Hanes and Patty Gramberg
- 10. Laying the plots and soil for the Community Garden.
- 11. JLBR volunteers working at the first day of gardening in the new Boca Raton Community Garden

Kids in the Kitchen, October 15

- 12. Kids in the Kitchen event at Whole Foods Market.



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.



Kimberly Whelchel, Krista Jugs and Marion Godin at the Ruby Wall



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Junior League of Boca Raton held the 2011 Women Volunteer of the Year (WVOY) Luncheon and Fashion Show on Thursday, October 6, at the Boca Raton Resort and Club.

This year, over 700 people attended the prestigious WVOY luncheon which honored 22 nominees from various non-profit organizations. Attendees saluted nominees and celebrated the Junior League of Boca Raton's 40 years of service by donning over-the-top and fabulous hats. Lu-Lu Thomas from the Boca Raton Historical Society was named the 2011 Woman Volunteer of the Year.

These women are nominated for making significant and noteworthy contributions to the lives of children, families, individuals and seniors within our community. Over the past 23 years, the Junior League of Boca Raton has helped recognize more 470 women volunteers in the community through this event.



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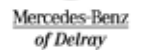
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where are they NOW

By Kelli Bloechinger

Boca Raton Historical Society

“Junior League women have great vision, energy and are not afraid to take risks. Those traits have helped grow and establish the Historical Society,” said Mary Csar, Executive Director. The

Did you know...

JLBR members used to automatically become sustainer's at the age 40. During this time, many League members would transition to serving on the Board of Directors for the Boca Raton Historical Society.

“I'm particularly proud of the fact that the JLBR had the vision to start the Boca Raton Historical Society. Over the years, the League has partnered with the Historical Society repeatedly on projects to preserve Boca Raton's history and we look forward to future collaborations, “

—Debbie Abrams, past president of the JLBR and current president of the Boca Raton Historical Society.

League has helped the Historical Society in many ways, but a few that stand out are:

- First community project for the Junior League
- The JLBR's first position statement that was passed was about historic preservation and inspired by the efforts in our community
- JLBR governance was used as a model in developing the Historical Society

Sustainer Debbie Abrams serves as President of the Board. And, sustaining members Robin Deyo and Amy Kazma serve on the Board as well as Active Members Kelli Bloechinger, Liz Grace and Morgan Green.



Boca Raton Children's Museum

The Boca Raton Children's Museum came to be as a result of the Boca Raton Historical Society considering a new purpose for a home that was donated to them and the Junior League of Boca Raton's vision in seeing the value of preserving this piece of history. The organizations worked together to move the home to a new location, repair the building and opened it as The Singing Pines Museum for community children to enjoy.

Over the years, the Museum has tripled in size with the addition of a 1935 cottage, and the recent completion of the Rickard's House with Jason's Music Hall, which will serve a performance and event venue. These three buildings offer a glimpse at three-different time periods in Boca Raton; replica of the 1896 Rickard's House, 1912 Singing Pines and 1935 cottage.

The mission of the Museum remains the same – to broaden the experiences of children through arts, humanity and sciences

According to Jane Morrison, Program Development Director for the Boca Raton Children's Museum, "The Junior League of Boca Raton is a tremendous volunteer force. They are like a best friend who's always there to help you out. Over the years, they have been a wonderful support:

- DIAD efforts have included the Breakfast with Santa, KidsFest, Spring Fling and more
- The Museum has been a recipient of the JLBR grant
- Support for programming
- And of course, worked to saving the house and establish the Singing Pines Museum



Exhibits at the Boca Raton Children's Museum

Florence Fuller Child Development Centers

Lorry Herdeen, Executive Director of Florence Fuller Child Development Centers (FFCDC), reflects on the partnership with the Junior League of Boca Raton.

“We are also celebrating 40 years, so our histories parallel each other. I believe that the Junior League was one of the very early supporters of Florence Fuller. We started with 21 kids in a church, and now have two campuses serving over 600 children a year. We were the first human services agency in the state of Florida to receive Federal Subsidized Child Care funding, and the first subsidized child care center to be accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children in Palm Beach County. Through the years the Junior League of Boca Raton has helped us in various ways:

- Volunteering to give our children eye tests
- Purchasing the first playground equipment, when the West preschool campus was built 18 years ago
- Renovating the West center nursery, East center teachers’ lounge and the school age multi-purpose room and classrooms
- And currently, cultivating a literacy program for children

“As with all our community supporters, we could not have come this far without the on-going caring relationship that the Junior League has provide to us. Here’s hoping for 40 more wonderful years!!!”

“Florence Fuller has had a long and successful relationship with JLBR. The Junior League is the ‘gold standard’ for volunteer organizations. Every project that they take on is conducted with the highest level of professionalism. Other volunteer groups should look to them and adopt the same level of service and commitment,” said Doug Patton, CEO of FFCDC.

Sustainers Kathy Adkins, Amy Kazma and Denise Zimmerman all serve on the Board of the Florence Fuller Child Development Centers. Additionally, Peggy Henry, Honorary Member of the JLBR, serves as the Chairman of the FFCDC Board. ■

“My first involvement with Florence Fuller Child Development Centers

was about five years ago when a friend asked me to work on their Wee Dream Ball fundraiser committee. After touring the centers and learning more about their programs, I was so impressed with their mission of providing affordable childcare, quality pre-school, after school and summer camp enrichment programs for low income families. Having young children that attended pre-school I know first-hand how important an early education foundation is to ensure success in grade school. To find out that this much needed service was right in our backyard, I knew I had to do whatever I could to help.

I immediately thought of the Junior League and knew that our members would be a tremendous resource for the centers and that their volunteer experience with the children and families of Florence Fuller would be so rewarding. It has been a great community partnership over the past years and I believe that together we have helped improve the lives of these young children. Whether we are working to improve the classroom facilities or the children’s literacy skills, the Junior League is a critical asset to the center’s success.

-Kathy Adkins, Past President of the JLBR and Board Member of FFCDC.



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Savoring the SEASON

By Stephanie Miskew



The holidays are upon us and it's time deck the halls and ready the house for the most festive time of year! In addition to delicious recipes and lots of good cheer, a stylish holiday table is a must for any occasion. To find out more about the latest trends in table decor, I consulted Christina Price, owner of the Linen Closet in Delray Beach, who specializes in the latest linen and home décor trends. Here are her top 5 tips for creating your holiday table:

- 1. Mix new and traditional elements:** give your old classics (i.e. Lenox Christmas China) new life by layering with chargers and gilded placemats and create an eclectic, seasonal table that's all your own!
- 2. Add elements of nature:** bring your favorite elements from the outdoors inside. Add leaves, interesting branches, pinecones, and/or gourds to create a warm inviting palette for your table.
- 3. Shed some light on the subject:** candles create lovely ambiance in any setting; try to incorporate them whenever you entertain.
- 4. Bring on the bling:** gilded table looks are hot for this fall season, golds and metallics rule. Think fashion for your table!

Once your table is set, it's time to focus on the food! What better resource than "Savor the Moment" for delicious recipes and entertaining tips to delight your family and friends. From a New Year's Eve cocktail party to brunch for your holiday houseguests, our James Beard Award-winning cookbook has you covered! Here are a few favorites to savor throughout the season:

Caramelized Onion and Cheese Canapés

Easy to make and full of flavor these fabulous hors d'oeuvres are sure to delight your holiday guests. Pair with a Rosé Champagne or a Pinot Gris to complement the flavors of the onion and goat cheese.

2 large red onions, thinly sliced
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons brown sugar
2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
24 (1/4-inch) round slices of bread
12 ounces chevre

Sauté the onions in the olive oil in a skillet over medium heat for 15 to 20 minutes or until light brown. Add the brown sugar. Sauté for 3 minutes. Add the vinegar and cook for 1 minute longer.

Arrange the bread slices on a baking sheet. Toast lightly in the oven. Spread the cheese on the bread and top each with the onion mixture. Serves eight.



Gifts for the Holiday Hostess:

A Bottle of Bubbly – Festive and versatile, you can't go wrong with a bottle of France's finest - try Taittinger's Brut La Française (Total Wine, \$37).

Scented Candle – a decorative, holiday-scented candle will be appreciated all season long – try Nouvelle Candle Company's bestseller, Savannah Holly (Linen Closet, \$14-\$45).

French Tea Towels – stylish and functional, tea towels brighten the kitchen with seasonal flair - try Anne de Solene French Tea Towels (Linen Closet, \$12).

Books on Food and Wine – Enhance your hostess' collection with her very own copy of "Savor the Moment" or, for oenophiles, try Natalie MacLean's latest release "Unquenchable" (Amazon, \$17).

Golden Butternut Squash Lasagna

A "must" for Fall and Thanksgiving, this decadent dish is perfect for meat-eaters and vegetarians alike! Enjoy with a full-bodied, fruity Chardonnay.

3 pounds butternut squash
3 tablespoons vegetable oil
Salt to taste
4 cups milk
2 tablespoons dried rosemary leaves, crumbled
1 tablespoon minced garlic
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) unsalted butter
1/4 cup flour
Pepper to taste
9 uncooked lasagne noodles
8 ounces fontina cheese, thinly sliced
1 1/2 cups grated Parmesan cheese
1 cup whipping cream
1/2 teaspoon salt

Garnish

Rosemary leaves

Cut the squash into quarters discarding the seeds. Peel the squash and cut into 1/4-inch pieces. Toss with the oil. Spread in a single layer in 2 oiled shallow roasting pans. Roast at 450 degrees for 10 minutes. Sprinkle with salt to taste and rest for 10 to 15 minutes longer or until tender and light golden brown.

Combine the milk with the rosemary in a saucepan. Simmer for 10 minutes. Strain through a sieve into a pitcher and reserve.

Sauté the garlic in the butter in a heavy large saucepan over medium-low heat until tender. Stir in the flour. Cook for 3 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from the heat and whisk in the milk. Simmer for 10 minutes or until thickened, whisking constantly. Stir in the squash and salt and pepper to taste.

Cook the lasagna noodles using the package directions. Drain and hold in cold water until needed. Spread 1 cup of the squash sauce in a buttered 9x13-inch baking dish. Layer 3 noodles over the sauce. Spread with half the remaining sauce, half the fontina cheese and 1/3 of the Parmesan cheese. Repeat the layers and top with a layer of noodles.

Beat the cream with 1/2 teaspoon salt in a mixing bowl until soft peaks form. Spread evenly over the layers, covering completely. Sprinkle with the remaining Parmesan cheese. Cover with foil tented so as not to touch the top layer.

Reduce the oven temperature to 375 degrees. Bake the lasagna on the center oven rack for 30 minutes. Remove the foil and bake for 10 minutes longer or until bubbly and golden brown. Garnish with rosemary.

Note: The squash mixture can be made up to 3 days in advance. Place plastic wrap directly in the surface and store in the refrigerator. Serves six as a main dish or twelve as a side dish.



Black and White Torta

The perfectly decadent dessert for a New Year's Eve or holiday Celebration, this torta has a big "wow" factor! Your guests will be asking you where you bought it.

Torta Crust

2 cups graham cracker crumbs
1/2 cup baking cocoa, sifted
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, melted
Dark Chocolate Filling
16 ounces bittersweet chocolate, coarsely chopped
1 1/2 cups heavy cream

White Chocolate Filling

16 ounces white chocolate, coarsely chopped
3 cups heavy cream
2 teaspoons cold water
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Garnish

White and dark chocolate shaving or curls

For the crust: mix the graham cracker crumbs, baking cocoa, sugar and melted butter in a bowl. Press evenly over the bottom and side of a 10-inch springform pan. Bake at 350 degrees on the center oven rack for 5 minutes. Cool on a wire rack.

For the dark chocolate filling: melt the bittersweet chocolate with the cream in a double boiler over hot but not simmering water, stirring to blend well. Pour into the prepared pan and chill for 30 minutes.

For the white chocolate filling: melt the white chocolate with 1 cup of the cream in a double boiler over hot but not simmering water, stirring to blend. Set aside.

Soften the gelatin in the cold water in a small heatproof bowl for 5 minutes. Place in a saucepan with water halfway up the side of the bowl. Heat for 3 to 4 minutes or just until the gelatin dissolves, stirring constantly; do not simmer.

Beat the remaining 2 cups cream with the vanilla in a large chilled mixing bowl until soft peaks form. Beat in the white chocolate mixture and the gelatin mixture gradually. Spread evenly over the chilled dark chocolate layer.

Chill for 8 hours or longer. Run a thin knife around the side of the pan to loosen the torta. Place on a serving plate and remove the side of the pan. Garnish with grated chocolate or chocolate curls. Serves twelve.

Want to rent some special linens or need a few extra chairs or chargers for the holidays? Remember Atlas Party Rentals provides a 15% rental discount to JLBR members. Visit their website at www.atlaspartyrentals.com or call 561-547-6565.

ADVOCACY

By Kirsten Stephenson

“What if... we could enhance an element of the League that increases our power in the community and the impact of our projects? And what if this dimension was completely free, relatively simple, and resulted in amazing training benefits for our league members - not to mention powerful relationships?” asked Dorothy MacDiarmid, past President of the Junior League of Boca Raton. Enter advocacy, a concept that is making waves, thanks in part to the influence of AJLI.

Advocacy is the development of relationships with community and state leaders and organizations with the purpose of educating these entities about topics that might not be readily apparent. This is a critical role.

States around the country form coalitions of their Leagues with the sole purpose of selecting a topic(s) that do not have a strong voice in the community, and then continue on to educate their elected officials, communities, and Leagues about this issue. In the state of Florida, a significant issue is children who are aging out of the foster care system. Previously, when children in the Florida foster care system turned 18 all benefits completely ceased. Schooling stopped and foster care families could leave these children on the street where they sometimes faced such issues as homelessness and violence. Oftentimes, they were trying to survive without having learned basic life skills. Leagues across Florida participating in their State Public Affairs Committee (SPAC) decided to do something about this issue, and set about raising awareness and educating their state and local legislators.

California SPAC has made amazing strides in the area of perinatal awareness in their state, and both New Jersey and Georgia SPAC have effectively tackled the issue of Human Trafficking. Illinois' SPAC has been very successful both legislatively and at a community level with Childhood Nutrition.

Last year, the Florida SPAC worked diligently on the issues of cybercrimes; awareness efforts included bringing in speakers to GMMs and schools, educating politicians and answering questions about the effectiveness of possible legislation. These efforts garnered a feature article on cybercrimes in AJLIs

'Connected' newsletter, a publication that goes to Leaguers across the country.

This year, Florida's SPAC has selected the three topics of hunger, human trafficking and continued improvements in the foster care system for children aging out. Task forces have been formed state-wide to more effectively address these topics, relationships are being formed and cultivated with legislators and other advocates related with these topics. SPAC delegates from all participating Florida leagues meet each spring in Tallahassee to discuss with legislators the Leagues in their own communities and in the state as a whole.

“These meetings allow us the opportunity to build relationships with our elected officials,” said Karen Krumholtz, Executive Director of the Spirit of Giving Network, who attended last year's Tallahassee conference.

“Boca has a very rich and dynamic leadership history with Florida's SPAC,” offers last year's State SPAC chair Jamie Sauer, an active member in the Junior League of Boca Raton. “We have had the opportunity to host several conferences; most recently the Public Affairs committee used the VCRC for a conference.”

One of AJLI's great accomplishments recently has been to put together SPAC leadership at a country wide level, by hosting conference calls that are open to delegates across the country and run in part by SPAC leadership. Last year, Florida hosted two of the calls where both a state senator and a representative of Florida's Attorney General's office served as speakers. Training and the sharing of ideas across the state lines has had a tremendous impact. These calls are open to all League members, and sign up is available on the AJLI website.

Florida's SPAC has been around for forty years, and ultimately reaches 11,000 League women yearly by virtue of state League membership numbers. “If that's not powerful, I don't know what is,” remarks Dorothy MacDiarmid. “The potential is unbelievable. This is the League's best kept secret - all the relationship building and training - and ultimately the personal rewards of improving our community under a different dimension than many Leaguers are aware of.” ■



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nominating NEWS

By Kristine Kuntz

Please consider self-nominating for a position on the Board of Directors. Board applications for the 2012-2013 JLBR Board of Directors are due December 2, 2011. Please go to the member section of www.jlbr.org, and under Nominating/Placement you will find applications for Board positions as well as for next year's President-Elect. Please contact your Nominating/Placement advisor with any questions or Maggie Dickenson, Chair of N/P or Kristine Kuntz, Chair-Elect of N/P.

Available Positions for the 2012-2013 JLBR Board of Directors

President-Elect, VP Community, VP Finance, VP Fund Development, VP Communications, VP Personnel, VP Planning, Nominating/Placement Chair, Project Development Chair, and PR Marketing Chair

In addition, Leadership Applications for Chair and Chair-Elect positions as well as for Planning Council and Nominating/Placement are due January 10, 2012, to your Nominating/Placement Advisor. Applications can be found in the same place on the League's website as Board applications. These positions provide an array of diverse opportunities to utilize your leadership skills and get to know the framework and processes of the JLBR. We encourage you to apply for a position and share your skills and ideas with the League!

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2010-2011 PROVISIONAL CLASS

By Lise Orr



The provisional class has grown to 75 women who are committed to learning all about the Junior League and how they can contribute to our community.

Fundraising was the theme of the September League Education Session (LES). There were several speakers who educated the provisionals about obtaining donations in the forms of products and money. They learned in order to be effective you need to know what donations you need, who to ask, and to communicate what the Junior League has to offer. VP of Finance, Reagan Such, discussed the importance of revenue from fundraising and VP Fund Development, Melissa Whelchel reviewed the top amazing fundraising events for this upcoming year. She spoke highly of events such as Chocolate Decadence, Women Volunteer of the Year Luncheon, The Golf Classic, etc, which have all raised a lot of money while were also a lot of fun to be a part of!



Done in a Meeting (DIAM)

For the second year in a row, the provisionals get to contribute to a cause during their meeting. At this LES, they worked on decorations for the Women Volunteer of the Year Luncheon. By doing this, they get to be a part of the largest fundraising event in the Junior League.

Why these provisionals joined the League this year:

"I wanted to develop quality female relationships and give back to the community" says Laurie Daniel.



From top: Julie Landie and Barbara Sageman with juice boxes collected; 1st Year Actives at Solitas.

After moving here recently, I thought the League could help me make new friends and create ties to the community.

-Tiffany McDonnell

The League is opening up doors to volunteer and giving me a bonus of meeting great new friends.

-Kim Sapashe

I want to give back to the community and make new adult friendships with my interests besides those that were created thru my children's activities. I also want to be a good role model to my children.

-Kelly Sikora

1st Year Actives News

President of the 2010-2011 Provisional class, Barbara Sageman invited new actives and provisionals to Solita's in Delray for happy hour and a mission to collect money and juice boxes for Boca Helping Hands. She recruited her boyfriend Jared to help out with this terrific cause.

Reflections from New Actives on their first year:

I've enjoyed getting involved in so many charitable organizations while meeting other philanthropic women.
-Stacey McPherson

My new friends in the League were amazing, tender, and caring after my surgery.
-Prochi Sheth

Great friendships I've made & Super Saturday was the best!
-Custodia Olivieri

I had a great provisional year that led me to becoming a chair elect for Internal PR for my 1st year active.
-Dana Lubowitz

"Junior League is a sisterhood with purpose!" says Suzanne Bower. She was so inspired by the League's involvement with Boca Helping Hands that she brought her daughter there to volunteer also.

Amazing friends!
-Alli Lazarus

MEET THE PROVISIONALS



Kelly Dunn moved down to Delray Beach in March. After graduating from Florida State University in 2008, she started a financial analyst job with Lockheed Martin in Orlando and is now continuing this career in West Palm Beach. Her interest in philanthropy started through her sorority in college when she acted as a fundraiser lead for the Zeta Tau Alpha Flag Football tournament raising funds for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Nowadays, she enjoys traveling, cooking, going out with friends, and of course, happy hours! She looks forward to meeting everyone and getting involved!

Sara Bliss has been a South Florida resident most of her life. She simultaneously attended Florida State University and North Florida Cosmetology; and has been a hairdresser for the past 7 years. She now lives in Boca Raton, with her husband Matt and yorkie Cloey. In her free time you can find Sara traveling, working out, out on her boat, or watching football (Go Noles and Phins).



Susan Broussard grew up in central North Carolina and obtained her undergraduate degree from The University of North Carolina at Charlotte. She moved to Florida in 2004 to pursue a career opportunity. She currently works in Marketing as a Product Manager at Jarden Consumer Solutions in Boca Raton, FL. She completed her MBA in 2010 at Florida Atlantic University. Through her company's

Community Fund, she has the ability to help out various South Florida service organizations. Susan has been happily married for two and a half years. She enjoys running, kayaking, biking, going to the beach, reading and spending time with friends.



Barbara Daddario recently moved to Boca Raton with her husband from the Boston area. She has worked for the last 25 years as an elementary literacy specialist. She enjoys walking on the beach, swimming, traveling and reading.

Alli Floeting is fairly new to Boca Raton. Originally from NJ, she enjoys the beaches and of course

the warm sunny weather that Boca Raton has to offer. Alli graduated from Syracuse University with a BA degree in Psychology. After graduation she moved to NYC where she worked in makeup Marketing for the Estee Lauder Brand. Alli enjoys tennis, swimming, traveling, and charity events. She is happy to be apart of the Junior League and looks forward to being active in the community as well as meeting new people.



Britney Caruso moved to Florida six years ago from her hometown of Chicago. She attended Boston College for her undergraduate degree and received her doctorate degree from the Illinois College of Optometry. She is an optometrist specializing in geriatric diseases of the eye and absolutely loves her career choice. In addition to being on the Professional Advisory Committee for the Lighthouse of the Blind and social chairman for her condo association, Britney keeps herself busy with yoga, pilates, and her six pound

chihuahua, Luigi. She is looking forward to getting involved in Junior League as she believes it is a great organization with a wonderful group of people



Francesca Elmore resides in Boca Raton with her husband Jim, her 3-year-old daughter Riley and Tucker, her Himalayan cat. She earned her M.S. degree in Clinical Psychology and previously worked for a medical device company in Clinical Research. Currently, she loves being a stay-at-home mom. Francesca enjoys reading, watching movies, going to the beach and spending time with family and friends.

Nikki Alvarez recently moved to South Florida from Charlotte, NC where she was very involved in several non-profit and charitable organizations. She is a former chair and current board member of Second String Santas, a grass-roots organization formed in Charlotte to help provide disadvantaged children with new toys during the holidays as well as cash donations to youth-oriented organizations. She also served on the board of the Charlotte chapter of the Virginia



Tech Alumni Association. Before having her two daughters, Luciana (4) and Isla (2), she was a commercial real estate broker. Presently, Nikki enjoys staying home with her children and serving as room parent in their preschool classes. Nikki enjoys working out, and at this time of year is an avid college football fan. Go Hokies!



Gretchen Genese is originally from Jacksonville, FL. After obtaining her B.A. in Creative Writing and Business Administration from Florida State University, she moved down to South Florida to begin a career in sales. Currently, she works in publishing sales for Pearson Education. She enjoys traveling, great food, kickboxing, spending time with friends, watching reality television and playing with her yorkshire terrier, Belle.

Amy Day has lived in South Florida most of her life, currently residing in Parkland. Amy has been working in the medical industry since graduating from FSU. What matters most to Amy is her family, friends and her four-legged child, a Wheaton mix, Cami. Her favorite saying is, "If you can dream it, you can do it!" and her favorite charity is St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Amy enjoys traveling, picnics, music (including her piano), and reading on her patio or



under a tree at the beach. She tends to surround herself with people who sincerely care about others, the environment and animals. She looks forward to being a part of Junior League as it is a great organization that contributes so much to the community.



Tajiana Ancora-Brown was born and raised in the island of St. Maarten. She moved to Florida when she was 18 to attend Florida State University where she received her B.S. in Communications. She currently resides in South Palm Beach County with her husband and multipoo Toto. Tajiana is the regional director of Taproot Creative, an integrated marketing and communications firm, where she oversees client accounts in South Florida. She is currently pursuing an MBA from the University of Miami and on her down time she enjoys eating out (especially since she hates to cook), traveling, going to the beach, reading and playing Words with Friends (her username is tancobro if you're up for a good game). ■

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VCRC news

Grantsmanship Training

For the sixth year in a row, the Vegso Community Resource Center is pleased to be hosting The Grantsmanship Center, Inc.'s nationally recognized Essential Skills grant writing workshop. On November 9 and 10, the Community Room will be full of people who are interested in learning the methods and tools that will help their organizations find and receive funding. The Essential Skills program is a two-day condensed version of the original five-day Grantsmanship Training. The feedback from these trainings has been entirely positive and it is expected that the VCRC will continue to host The Grantsmanship Center Inc.'s trainings for years to come.

2011 FALL NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP SERIES

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To register or for further information contact vcrc@jlbr.org

INTRODUCTION TO THE VCRC GRANT LIBRARY AND THE FOUNDATION DIRECTORY ONLINE

PRESENTED BY CATHY SCHEID, VCRC LIBRARIAN 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.

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

This intensive 2-day workshop combines expert instruction with practical exercises to take you step-by-step through all the stages of planning programs, locating funding sources, and writing grant proposals. To register for this event only, go to <https://www.tgci.com/EGSregister.asp>.

DEVELOPING A PLANNED GIVING STRATEGY FOR THE SMALL NONPROFIT

PRESENTED BY MARK GLICKMAN, CRFE, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR PLANNED GIVING AND MAJOR GIFTS, UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM December 8, 2011 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. No Cost

In Palm Beach County, any charity that is not actively engaged in soliciting planned gifts is missing a great opportunity. Learn techniques and strategies for implementing a program for a small organization with one development professional.

DID YOU KNOW?

Since 2006, there have been 118 participants, including several Junior League members.

Though most participants have been local there have also been attendees from as far away as Washington D.C., Massachusetts, Texas, Indiana, and West Virginia.

Fifteen full scholarships have been given out as well as 12 half scholarships, which have allowed some smaller, local nonprofits to attend who otherwise may have been unable to. It is hoped that at least two more scholarships will be awarded to nonprofits again this year.

For more information on available scholarships for the course, please contact Cathy Scheid at library@jlbr.org. The cost for the course is \$445. To register visit:

<https://www.tgci.com/egsregister.asp>
or call 1-800-421-9512.



Welcome Little Leaguers

Jamie Sauer and her husband Eric welcomed son Luke Branson Sauer on September 9th.



Mary Glynn Cullinan and her husband Tom welcomed their second son, Charles Edward on June 24th. Charlie joins big brother Tucker who is 2 ½.



Melinda Blonshine and her husband Christian welcomed their second baby boy, Carson Paul on July 27, 2011 at 2:54 pm, 8 pounds 2 ounces, 21 inches long. Big brother Tyler (age 3) is in love with the new addition!



Kimberly Mrachek and her husband Stephen welcomed Stephen John "Trip" on September 15 at 6:02pm, 9 pounds 3 ounces, 21 inches.

Passings

Melinda DeHoff's father-in-law passed. **Lynn Lawless** and **Lisa Bariso's** mother, Eleanor Zaccagnini passed. **Orli Zimmerman's** grandmother passed. **Melissa Roberts'** mother passed. Our condolences go out to **Mary Jane Evans** for the death of her son, Ben.

Congratulations

Kendall Gillis, daughter of **Greta Gillis**, has returned home from her stay at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital.

Jennifer Baker on her engagement to Benjii! A JLBR love story. The couple met through Suzanne Bower who helped find Jennifer a new home and Benji was her neighbor.

Well Wishes

The Florence Fuller Committee wishes **Andrea Isser** a speedy recovery from her surgery.

Welcome to Our League, Transfers!

Mary Clark transferred from the Junior League of the Palm Beaches. She transferred to the JLBR so she has a shorter commute to our activities and meetings. Mary works as an attorney for Greenspoon Marder and is an avid University of Miami fan.



MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

The July Member of the Month was selected by the board for being an invaluable and dedicated member of In the Pines. She showed her leadership skills by taking on added responsibility when the chair-elect had to step down. She took on Soccer day with only 7 weeks to plan and with the help of two other committee members. The July member of the month was **Gina Pacelli**.

The August Member of the Month started committee work this summer when most of us are relaxing. She established a partnership with Sunflower Landscaping Company so the Community Garden would be ready gardening on October 1 and strengthened the leagues relationship with the City of Boca Raton. The August member of the month was **Kristy Hartofilis**.



In Memory

Honorary JLBR member and former WVOY Honorary Chair, Eleanor Zaccagnini, a vibrant and wonderful woman, passed away on September 15, 2011. She is survived by her two adoring daughters, JLBR Sustainers Lynn Lawless and Lisa Bariso, and their families including six beloved grandchildren.

Boca Raton is a better community because Eleanor lived here for almost 30 years. She has given her support to so many organizations around town, including the JLBR, Boca Raton Regional Hospital and the Debbie-Rand Memorial Service League. Eleanor's greatest joy in life came from doing for others. She always gave a warm smile and hug to whomever she would greet, which was everyone. We will miss her dearly, but her spirit is alive through her beautiful daughters, Lynn and Lisa and everyone she touched.

MemberNews@jlbr.org

by Brittany Steele

JLBRnews

Thanks to..

Doug Fash at Sunflower Landscaping and Wayne Toning at Toning & Associates, Inc. for donating their time and expertise to the Community Garden.

Greata Gillis would like to thank all of the League members for the tremendous support they have offered to her and her family after her daughter Kendall suffered a stroke and throughout her continuing recovery.

Endowment Drive to Grow the Fund!

Pledge \$4 per month for 4 years; \$40 per month for 4 years; \$40 per year for 4 years; OR any other amount. It is important to step forward as we move into the next 40 years of community service! Contribute to building a solid foundation.

Save The Date for Chocolate Decadence: "The Sweetest Party in Town"

Thursday, February 9 from 6-9pm

Enjoy a spectacular evening samplings of the finest in chocolate from South Florida's renowned restaurants, chocolatiers, manufacturers, caterers and more. Great food and wine plus music and entertainment make this a truly decadent evening. The highlight of the night is honoring our Community Partners' who have made a positive impact on our community.

Heading up this year's Chocolate Decadence committee are co-chairs Jenn Baker and Andy Drasites (pictured right) supported by chair-elect Melissa Roberts, Sunnie Brooks, Jenn Yuil, Katharine Osborne, Coleen Occhiogrosso, Nikki Martino, Nicole Johnson, Kirsten Tuzzo, Christine Rothenberg, and Melissa Gioiosa.



Details for the event can be found at www.bocachocolate.com. If you have any questions please contact us at bocachocolate2012@gmail.com.

MANY THANKS TO THE PATRONS WHO HAVE SUPPORTED **THE BRIDGE!**

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Gretchen Bieneman	Sheila Aucamp
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Linda Carl Olson MacLaren	

The Bridge editorial staff apologizes for misstating the 2011-2012 Bridge Patrons in the Summer Issue.

mark your CALENDAR!

November

4 Brio Restaurant Opening

8 GMM @ The Addison

10 Savor the Grove A 40th Celebration!

26 The Nutcracker performing the Gingerbread Ball; Olympic Heights High School

**Enjoy a meet-and-greet with the dancers following the performance.*

December

2 Wine Tasting @ Whole Foods Market 6:30-8:30pm
All proceeds will benefit the Boca Raton Community Garden

15 Cookbook Event @ Regency Court

January

10 GMM @ The Addison

Sustainers 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.

Can you believe the Holidays are here already? How do we make time to cook turkeys, wrap presents, decorate the house, as well as find the perfect dress for New Year's Eve all while being the perfect wife and/or mother and/or successful business woman? Men don't know how easy they have it; no worry about what to wear, who should



sustainer SCOOP

by LouAnn Such



bringing what dish for Thanksgiving, or what presents to buy at 5:30 on December 24th. Well, now that I've ranted about the Holidays (and men) shall we move on?

THANK YOU'S . . . SUSTAINER LUNCHEON

Thank you to Kristin Calder, our new fearless leader, for single handedly planning the fall luncheon at Maggiono's – great food, great camaraderie, great fun.

FALL FLING

Thank you, Cindy Krebsbach, for hosting another excellent get together. If you ever want a great party, call Cindy. She is so gracious and detail oriented that you don't realize how much work really goes in to her gatherings.

BOGA HELPING HANDS

I always have to get my plug in for Boca Helping Hands. They are now giving out about 2,800 bags of groceries a month and desperately need can goods such as soup, vegetables, fruit, tuna, cereal, macaroni and cheese packages, juice boxes, etc. You can bring the food to the VCRC or to Helping Hands at 1500 NW 1st Court, near Office Depot. Best of all, you can arrange a food drive at your children's school, or your church, etc. Just call me and I will get you flyers and arrange for a pickup of the food.

EVENTS . . . NEW AND OLD

MOVIE CLUB

Ann Schauer is organizing a movie night at either the FAU Living Room Theater or Cinemark. We'll watch the movie, and then gather for discussion and drinking/eating. Please let Ann know if you want to be on the invitation list for movie dates and times: anastasia2@bellsouth.net.

STITCHCRAFT

An old club revived by Marina Chaney and Johanna Felberbaum. Johanna has opened a new shop for quilting at 399 S. Federal Hwy. So come with knitting, needlepoint, etc. on the second Wednesday of the month at 10:30AM at Johanna's new shop. Contact Marina Chaney to RSVP and/or ask questions: jmchaney1@msn.com.

MAGAZINE CLUB

Jami Guttenberg invented a way to get together for no other reason than to have fun. She calls it "Magazine Club." You just come with an

Fall Luncheon (pictures from top): Helen Arnold, Kristin Viets, Linda Rosson and Holly Mattson; Sharon McGuire, Ingrid Kennemer, Kristin Calder and Joanne Butcher; Lori Applewhite, Sheila Aucamp, Ann Schauer and Helen Ballerano

appetizer or a bottle of wine on various Thursday nights and pretend to discuss erudite ideas such as “What did you think of Kim Kardashian’s wedding?” If



you feel so inclined, contact Jami at jguttenberg@luxuryresorts.com for gathering dates and locations.

DINNER CLUB

Lucille Gioia organizes three nice dinners a year at various restaurants for about \$45.00 for a three to four course meal. This is hard work on her part, but she is a good negotiator. We meet at 5:30 p.m. for drinks, then dinner at 6:00 p.m. There are usually 14 or so of us, and we always welcome new faces. This is a good way to get to know someone or catch up on news. This month we are meeting at Pinion Grill (at Town Center) on Wednesday, November 2nd. Contact Lucille Gioia at lucillegioia@comcast.net if you would like to attend one of these dinners.



GINGERBREAD HOUSE

Decorate your own Gingerbread House and enjoy lunch with Lisa Morgan and 24 other lucky ladies at the Gulfstream Bath and Tennis Club on Wednesday, December 7th. The house is pre-built. Lisa provides us with thousands of candies and special icings to decorate our houses. Then we have a lush lunch overlooking the ocean for approximately \$51.00. Your check is your reservation. E-mail Lisa at kemosabe1@aol.com to see if any places are left. Even I, with zero talent, have designed a great house.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Trip to Vizcaya – Wednesday, January 18th – Contact Juana Franklin: Juanafranklin@bellsouth.net
- Flagler Museum – Tiffany Exhibition – Tea to follow – Contact Kristin Viets: jrv08@comcast.net
- Flower arranging by Berne from Whole Foods at the VCRC: Contact Charlotte Spooner at css4314@bellsouth.net

Have a glorious holiday season, don’t sweat the small stuff, and for heaven’s sake, don’t worry about the five pounds you put on these next two months. Enjoy yourself while you can. ■

Fall Luncheon (pictures from top left): Eleanor Tydings-Reynolds, Carole Putman, Gayl Hackett and Janie Lott; Linda McElwee, LouAnn Such, Juana Franklin and Jan Jones; Eleanora Rolfe, Katie Stack and Sue Carey.



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JLBR connected

By Cristy Stewart-Harfmann

Webinar Wednesdays

Webinar Wednesdays program is one of the exciting offerings in AJLI's robust new membership-wide online learning initiative. These sessions, typically one-hour in duration, are designed to appeal to every Junior League member, regardless of age or current engagement in her community, as an easy way to increase her knowledge of and interest in community and civic leadership.

Webinar Wednesdays are offered on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 1pm and will run through May 2012, AJLI has already lined up some great speakers and content and are busy booking additional speakers. Be sure to keep checking our League wide emails for more training opportunities.

December 7: Simple Things You're Not Doing to Raise More Money

Committed volunteers are always looking for new and interesting ways to assist the organizations they care about, and fundraising is one way to utilize these dedicated individuals. Many organizations overlook their volunteers as potential donors and advocates for the organization. This session will move beyond the traditional practice of utilizing only board members as fundraisers, and will focus on how many different types of volunteers (including board members) can play an active role in all areas of fundraising. This introductory, 'fundraising basics' session will focus on how volunteers can play an active role in all areas of fundraising, including events, individual donor solicitation, proposal writing, and direct mail.

What you need to know to sign up To sign up for webinars, visit the Member Area of the AJLI website, click on the "Training & Meetings" tab, select "Online Learning," and click on the "Webinar Wednesdays" box. If you do not have an AJLI account, all you need is your Member ID, which you can find in closerware.

There is no fee to participate, so sign up now to reserve your spot—and be sure to stick around until the end. Rumor has it, one lucky participant in each webinar who demonstrates her staying power will walk away with an exciting giveaway.

Facebook: The Best Place to Watch our Garden Grow

Have you joined the conversation on the Boca Raton Community Garden's facebook page yet <http://www.facebook.com/BocaRatonCommunityGarden>? It has become the perfect place for:

Everyone to receive updates on the progress from the Garden Committee as well as our proud sponsors and gardeners:

Boca Raton Community Garden shared Cendyn's photo.

Boca Raton Community Garden Opening Day
It is all about teamwork!
Cendyn crew laying the foundation of our plot at the new Boca Raton Community Garden. We are growing veggies for our soup Tuesdays at Cendyn plus a donation to Boca Helping Hands.
By: Cendyn

Whole Foods Market Boca Raton
The garden plots are being installed at the Boca Raton Community Garden! Many thanks to the endless efforts of the Junior League of Boca Raton, the City of Boca Raton, Tonning and Associates, Inc., and all the volunteers and customers who are helping to make this possible!

Wall Photos

For Gardeners to Get Advice:



To Learn About Additional Funding Opportunities



To Say Thank You to All Our Volunteers:



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A large graphic for the 'Wee Dream Ball' event. It features a stylized pink and white logo with the text 'WEE DREAM BALL' and a silhouette of a woman's face. The background is a dark purple and black pattern with stars.

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A circular logo with the number '40' in the center, surrounded by stars. Below the number, it says 'Florence Fuller Years of Excellence'.

League Watch

Four Corners of the U.S.

By Millie Strickroot

The **Junior League of Seattle** is proud to offer the E.N.E.R.G.Y. project. E.N.E.R.G.Y.'s goals are to educate and help children (and their parents) to improve their health and wellness. The project introduces education on nutrition and healthy eating habits, as well as how to live an active lifestyle and stay physically fit. E.N.E.R.G.Y. provides the opportunity to help fight childhood obesity, an epidemic that is affecting at least 1/3 of the children and adolescents in the United States alone.

Project Development has made a partnership with the Odessa Brown Clinic, which provides the opportunity of working with their talented outreach & educational Specialists, as well as Certified Nutritionists.

The project will offer many opportunities throughout the year with events, speakers, training, and partnerships. The Junior League of Seattle's hope is that by the end of the year every League member will be knowledgeable and proactive on the fight of childhood obesity.

Each year, the **Junior League of Buffalo** recognizes two exemplary high school graduating female students and grants them each a \$1000 scholarship. Scholarships are given to students that have a demonstrated record of outstanding volunteer experience, excellent academic performance, and a well-rounded high school experience.

With the collaboration of eight scholarship committee members, the recipient applications were distributed to high schools throughout Western New York. Candidates were required to return the application with recommendations and transcripts. The committee collected and reviewed 65 applications. Committee members reviewed and scored each application and met to discuss and select the two finalists. The applications were most impressive, and the number of talented and committed young women applying awed committee members. Two scholarship recipients were carefully chosen.

The **Junior League of Phoenix** continues to support ROCKETS - Raising Our Children's Knowledge by Educating Through Science - a theme-based early literacy program focused on developing the math and science skills of pre-K children. The program brings hands-on science activities to at-risk children in Maricopa County, AZ to help foster problem solving, critical thinking and exploration skills that are critical to future academic success.

The Junior League of Phoenix ROCKETS program provides seven monthly classroom lessons for pre-K students, their teacher and their parents at the Junior League of Phoenix Classroom located in the Children's Museum of Phoenix. The children take home "Fun" work activities afterward that support the classroom lesson and encourage additional parental involvement. The ROCKETS curriculum is reinforced with coordinated visits to the Children's Museum of Phoenix for parents and students related to the monthly theme.

ROCKETS will include a Teacher Launch Seminar, serving 50 or more preschool teachers in Maricopa County. The Teacher Launch Seminar is a training/event designed to support 50 or more teachers who work with pre-school children in at-risk areas in Maricopa County. The Junior League of Phoenix Teacher Launch Seminar training will provides hands-on, how-to science lessons for preschool teachers. The teachers gain important skills by participating in non-stop hands-on science activities. This all day "how to" training will bring math, science & reading skills to an estimated 1000+ children per year.

The **Junior League of Orlando** is proud to continue their Mentoring of Adolescent Girls to Inspire Change ("MAGIC") community project. MAGIC is a program that provides Mentoring opportunities for adolescent girls with the purpose to Inspire change. It 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 centers and are 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. The program is conducted in partnership with the Orange Regional Juvenile Detention Center and Florida Department of Juvenile Justice who employ qualified professional staff experienced in working with girls and their unique gender-specific issues.



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