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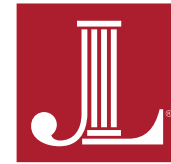
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Women building better communities

Our Mission

The Junior League of Springfield, Missouri, Inc. is an organization of woman committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

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Women Building Better Communities

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Angela Blevins, left, Mary Kromrey and Tammy Dixon

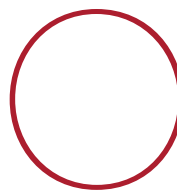


Rachael Snow and Mary Kromrey



Back row from left: Kim Garwitz, Caitlin Kissee, Angela Blevins and Meredith Bosso

Front row from left: Talyia Leeper, Tammy Dixon and Mary Kromrey



ur 59th year is quickly ending, and I humbly say thank you for allowing me

to serve as your President. I'm filled with gratitude for all of you and all the ways that you helped the JLS be successful in our work with community partners, our scholarship programs to women in our community, executing and participating in our fundraisers, by empowering women, and by disrupting convention. I hope that your JLS year has helped you become a better person, a better friend, and a better leader.

Just as importantly, I hope you've laughed so hard that your face hurt, had uncomfortable conversations that expanded your heart and mind, and learned something about yourself that made you proud. I also hope that if you've determined the JLS is no longer a good fit for you, that the past year helped you discover your own passion, make a new friend, or find a connection to an organization that you will pursue. Wherever your path takes you in the upcoming year, be unstoppable.

"The question isn't who is going to let me; it's who is going to stop me." —Ayn Rand

Mary Kromrey
JLS President



Back row from left: Angela Blevins, Ashley French, Susie Turner, Kathy Steinberg, Morey Mechlin, Lagena Scott, Cindy Waites and Katie Moore

Front row from left: Roseann Bentley, Nancy Southworth, Peg Carolla, Jan Horton, Sharon Nahon, Joyce Blades and Carol Williamson

Also in attendance were Ann Marie Baker and Barbara Hall.

When I joined the Junior League, I didn't see myself diving into leadership, but I seemed to always say yes when asked. From the Action Learning Team for Community Involvement, to the Nominating Committee, chairing Resource Development, stepping into the VP of Finance role and now the Management Director position, I feel like I have said yes a lot. This opportunity, serving as the first Management Director, has been amazing, a little terrifying and has taught me more than I could have imagined.

As Management Director, I was given the opportunity to see the two separate leadership tracks work side by side this year. Each side was able to focus more in-depth on their area of expertise allowing for more work to be done within the League. It will be exciting to see how the work of these two entities continue to strengthen our League moving forward.

I've been blessed through my years of leadership in the League to serve with some amazing women and this year was no different. I had the opportunity to volunteer with the provisional class at Ozarks Food Harvest, and those are some confident women who are going to change the world. The chairs worked so hard this year to run the League and support our mission and were not afraid to take risks and try new things. The women on the Board of Directors put so much thought into every discussion about where we wanted to go as a Junior League moving forward. And last but not least, the women of the Management Team, who made my job easier, fun, and full of laughter blessed me. These eleven women love the Junior League of Springfield and are all continuing in leadership in one capacity or another, which is inspiring to see.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity. It has been an experience I will always remember with fondness, and I can't wait to see what future Management Directors and Teams do for the Junior League of Springfield.



Kim Garwitz
JLS Management Director



Sheila Lundberg, left, Kim Garwitz, Marci Bowling, Cindy Waites and Tara Benson



Casey Chasteen, second from left, and Kim Garwitz



MANAGEMENT TEAM

Back row from left: Emily Coulter, Nikki Holden, Mary Graham, Courtney Hayes, Casey Chasteen, Kellie Revior, Sheila Lundberg and Jacqui Coones

Front row from left: Stephanie Hesser, Kim Garwitz, Allison Robertson and Rachel Landes-Fuhrman

Meet Your New JLS President 2018-2019



Tammy Dixon *President*

Why did you join JLS?

Moving to Springfield, I knew only a few family members that lived in the area. I

wanted a way to get involved in the community while meeting new people with similar interests. A co-worker was chairing a committee for the League that year and she often talked about her experience and eventually invited me to an informational meeting. After hearing about the projects that the Junior League of Springfield has completed in the past, I was positive that the League is where I needed to be. Fourteen years have passed since I sat in the basement at that informational meeting and I continue to be in awe of talent and knowledge of the women in the Junior League. I learn new skills and information each year that passes and as a lifelong learner, this is important for me. I love the mentoring process that occurs naturally within the League and I feel blessed to have learned from so many women. I also believe strongly in the power of a group of women to impact our community.

CHALLENGES

One of the areas that may be a challenge in the upcoming year is the continuation of the governance and management structure. I believe the communication between the board and management team will be crucial this year as we continue the precedent of last year's board and management team. Membership satisfaction is another challenge identified over the past year. The 2017-18 board focused internally over the past year to strengthen this challenge and the Membership Rollout Task Force will continue the efforts by learning about and strategically molding the rollout information to our League. I believe we will see more membership engagement as these changes occur in the League.



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2 Year Term*



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Year 2 of 2*



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2 Year Term*



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2 Year Term*



Susie Turner
*Sustainer At-Large,
Year 2 of 2*



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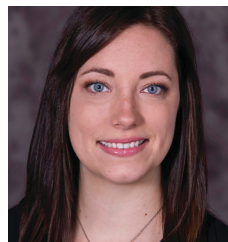
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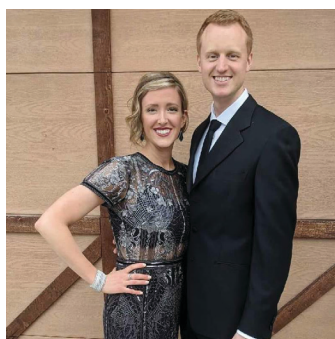
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\$43,379





the plaid door
the resale boutique with a heart

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The Plaid Door specializes in providing high quality women's and men's clothing, accessories, and home decor. Since opening the doors in 1976, The Plaid Door has realized approximately \$3 million in net revenue over the past 38 years making it the largest fundraiser for JLS.

The Plaid Door has repeatedly been voted Best Resale Shop in 2000, 2003, 2013 and 2014. Recently the store evolved into an exclusively volunteer run store with women from the Junior League volunteering their time to help inventory, price, sort and sell merchandise. The Plaid Door relies exclusively on donations from JLS members and the community.

All proceeds support the Junior League of Springfield's mission to promote voluntarism, train women and improve our community.



PLAID DOOR

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Victoria Springer, left, Maria Stockton, Jenny Owen and Brandi Delleville



Natalie Delleville



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Joan Harrell
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Lezah Stenger
Twisted Mike's

COOKBOOKS

Fajita Fettuccine

- 1 Tablespoon fajita seasoning
- 1 1/2 pounds chicken breasts, boneless and skinless
- 1 medium onion, cut into thin strips
- 1/2 large red pepper, cut into thin strips
- 1/2 large green pepper, cut into thin strips
- Alfredo Sauce (see following recipe)
- 12 ounces fettuccine, cooked without salt or fat

Sprinkle fajita seasoning on chicken. Coat a large non-stick skillet with non-stick cooking spray. Cook chicken on medium heat until done (15 to 20 minutes). Remove chicken, let cool, and cut into bite-sized pieces. Add vegetables to skillet, and cook over medium heat until tender and crisp (5 to 10 minutes). Stir in chicken, Alfredo sauce and cooked fettuccine. Toss gently and serve. Serves 6. Serving size: 8 ounces

Amount Per Serving:

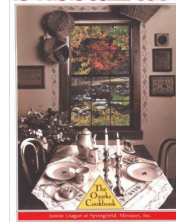
Calories 475	Saturated Fat 2 g	Sodium 631 mg
Total Fat 4 g	Cholesterol 76 mg	

This analysis includes Fajita Fettuccine and Alfredo Sauce (following recipe).

Prep Time: 25 minutes
Cooking Time: 30 minutes



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LITTLE BLACK DRESS



The Little Black Dress Initiative

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\$26,500

This year's Little Black Dress Initiative more than doubled last year's inaugural effort. Thanks to the work of more than 70 JLS members, Little Black Dress blew past its initial goal of \$21,000 and raised more than \$26,500. The three \$1,000 matching donors including SGC Foodservice, the Lezah and Ron Stenger Family and one anonymous donor helped push LBDI to the finish line on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The LBDI training luncheon on Wednesday hosted more than 30 JLS members to hear Francine Pratt speak about women and poverty in Springfield. The generosity of Twisted Mike's and Trailer Perk Coffee, and the many JLS members and members of the public who came for lunch, added

another \$125 to the LBDI total.

To mix up the fundraising effort, Physique Fitness presented two hot barre classes on Thursday evening taught by JLS member, Stephanie Hohenshell, which raised \$150.

On Friday, fundraisers and their donors celebrated LBDI's success at Vino Cellars with a happy hour and continued to watch our donations total climb as donations surpassed even our stretch goal of \$25,000.

Everyone who contributed to this year's success as a fundraising participant, as an advocate by sharing the campaign with friends and family, or as a donor are the reason for this year's success. Thank you so much for your support!



SAVE
THE DATE
SEPTEMBER 29



CATHRYN "KITTY" COX LIPSCOMB

June 7, 1929-July 2, 2017

Cathryn "Kitty" Cox Lipscomb passed away at her father's namesake hospital (Cox) last July. "Kitty", as she was called by friends and family, cherished Springfield and was passionate about improving her community. Kitty Lipscomb was a charter member of JLS, joining the Community Service League in 1959. She served as League President from 1965-1967. In 2007, she was awarded Junior League of Springfield's Lifetime Achievement Award. Kitty's daughter-in-law, Tracy Lipscomb, and granddaughter-in-law, Lauren Lipscomb, are both members of the League following in

her footsteps. She received dozens of honors and accolades over her 88 years. Kitty was named Springfield's Outstanding Philanthropist of the Year in 2010 with her husband Jack E Lipscomb. She also had a passion for preserving history. Kitty was President of the Museum of the Ozarks and sat on the Historical Site boards for both Springfield and Green County. She was credited along with other local historians for instigating the Bicentennial and History Museum for Springfield. She and Jack were major donors of the Lipscomb Family Wing of the Emergency Room at CoxHealth.



SHELLY SACHS

August 2, 1966 - August 10, 2017

Shelly Sachs passed away on August 10, 2017, surrounded by family at home in Springfield. Shelly was born Meschell Ann Warren in Exeter, Missouri on August 2, 1966. Shelly married Aaron Sachs on May 19, 1990. The couple welcomed two children into their home, Sarah and William (Will) Sachs. After graduating from Southwest Missouri State University with a BS in Communication, she began a career as a sales representative for Kraft until Will was born in 1997. Shelly joined the Junior League

of Springfield in 1999 and was a much loved and dedicated volunteer. She was active with her church and a member of Highland Springs Country Club. Shelly was a vibrant individual who had a contagious smile and an infectious laugh. She loved her family and was passionate about people. Children always held a special place in her heart. You would often catch her at Will's games or at TJ Maxx with Sarah. She never met a stranger and treated everyone as family. So, it was a natural fit that Shelly was a greeter at James River Church.



The Junior League of Springfield is an amazing organization of women – an organization that has been the catalyst for many projects in Springfield.

This past year, JLS began operating under a new management and board structure. I was honored to be your first Sustainer Director.

JLS Sustainers had a busy, and fun, JLS year. As your Sustainer Director, I sat on the JLS Board along with two additional Sustainer Board Members, Heather Goller and Susie Turner. There are many benefits to having Sustainers serve on the JLS Board, including providing a historical perspective along with the benefit of our knowledge and years of experience.

In addition to the Board duties, there were many fun Sustainer events held throughout the year. Sustainers enjoyed gathering for the Tour of Kitchens to tour as a group, a pizza night dining outdoors at Millsap Farms, a fabulous Holiday party at Lezah Stenger's stunningly beautiful home, happy hour at Cellar & Plate, a coffee and a luncheon, a tour of Eden Village, and, Jane Patterson and Jennifer Mahaffey started a new Sustainer Book Club. The year ended with what has become an annual event, the recent Annual Sustainer Luncheon.

The Annual Sustainer Luncheon was a celebration of the women who founded and chartered our League, along with those who served in leadership positions.

Patty Brooks, one of our founding/charter members, attended the luncheon, as did two charter members, Fredna Mahaffey and Jane Schneider. Several past presidents were in attendance as were several Lifetime Achievement Award recipients.

The highlight of the day was when Past Lifetime Achievement Award recipient Beth Raidel presented the 2018 Lifetime Achievement

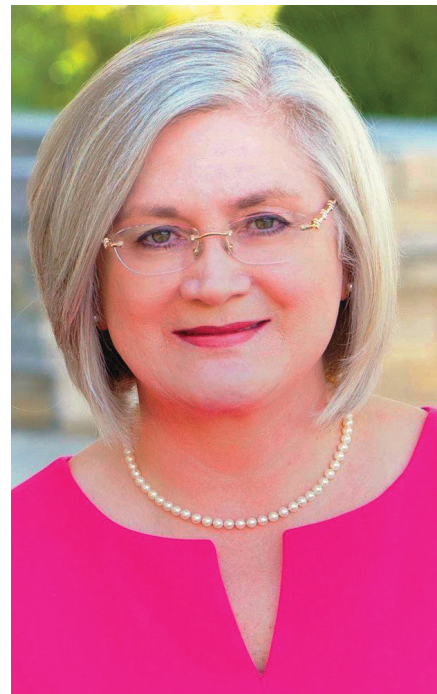
Award to Jane McElvaine.

The theme for the day was a Kentucky Derby theme. Attendees were served mint juleps upon arrival and several attendees donned derby style hats. Town & County and The Harem & Company presented a derby-style fashion show.

As has become tradition, Morey Mechlin served as the fabulous emcee. She recognized Past Presidents, Lifetime Achievement Award recipients, and Sustainer Advisors, all while entertaining attendees with equine-related jokes.

This past year has been a great opportunity for me to witness first-hand the future of the League. I have been impressed with the women who have taken on leadership roles and the challenge of leading JLS into the future. From my perspective, JLS is in good hands. Mary Kromrey and Kim Garwitz set a high bar for women filling the positions of President and Management Director in the future. Knowing Tammy Dixon and Casey Chasteen, they will meet that high bar. Your Sustainer leadership is being passed from me to Sheila Lundberg. Following Sheila, will be Heather Goller. Sheila and Heather are amazing women who believe in the mission of JLS and have the heart and drive to exceed in their leadership roles.

I would like to thank Lezah Stenger, for her wonderful support of JLS this year. Both for hosting the Holiday Party in her stunning home and for her time. Barbie Davis, at Provence, was a great support in helping with the invitations for the Holiday Party and the Annual Luncheon. Brown Derby for their support in helping with wine for the Holiday Party. Morey Mechlin for serving as emcee of the Luncheon. Rick and Jane McElvaine for donating a beautiful necklace to raffle at the Sustainer Luncheon. Town & County and The Harem & Company for the fashion show. The Harem & Company



for donating the beautiful purse for the raffle. Sheila Lundberg and Heather Goller for organizing Sustainer events and for their support and friendship. All of the Sustainers who opened their homes for the November meetings, and all of the Sustainers who gave their time and advice serving in Sustainer Advisor roles. Stacy Schneider for organizing the raffle and Ashley Clair Photography for awesome photos of the Luncheon. Jane Patterson and Jennifer Mahaffey for starting a new Sustainer Book Club. Finally, a huge thank you to my mother, Sharon Nahon, for encouraging me to join JLS and for always listening to me.

If you have the time, please consider volunteering as a Sustainer Advisor, Sustainer Director, or in some other capacity. JLS will benefit from continued Sustainer involvement and support.

I end my year with these words. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve in this role. I am grateful for the opportunity and look forward to continued involvement in this amazing organization of women. Thank you.

Michelle Moulder
Sustainer Director

Lifetime Achievement Award

Jane McElvaine

This year's receipt of the Lifetime Achievement Award is Sustainer Jane McElvaine.

Jane has served on many committees and in several leadership roles throughout her years in JLS. She has been the newspaper insert committee chair, Provisional chair, Sustainer President, and Sustainer advisor for Charity Ball, Plaid Door, and Pitter Pat (later Charity Run). Jane has also received the JLS Cheri Clark Bouquet of Enthusiasm Award.

In the community, Jane has volunteered with dozens of organizations including Lucky Paws, habitat for Humanity, Lost and Found, Arc of the Ozarks, Alzheimer's Association, Project Hope, SPS Foundation, Rotary and many more. She also served on the Red Cross Disaster Services Board of Directors, and the Breast Cancer Foundation of the Ozarks Advisory Board and Board of Directors.

The person who nominated her for the award says, "through sponsorships/donated pieces, Jane has made it possible for many agencies across the Ozarks to raise untold thousands of dollars."

Lifetime Achievement Award

The prestigious JLS Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to a JLS member who has embodied the spirit of the League throughout her life. Lifetime Achievement Award recipients have utilized their JLS leadership training to continue to impact the community.



THANK YOU Sustainer Advisors

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TRAINING



YOGA WITH
GRACE AMES

The ladies of Education and Development worked hard this year to bringing you some amazing training opportunities! The highlight of the year was speaker Vicki Clark which not only impacted the women of the League but the community as well. In addition, a visit from Crystal Quade as well as a panel of other influential women sparked conversation and hopefully got the ball rolling for a other women to take new paths they were considering. Overall this year provided the women of the League around 15 hours of training opportunities in a variety of formats. Thank you to everyone who put time in to make these events so wonderful and to those women to come and learned. Education and Development is excited to continue providing great opportunities as we move into the upcoming year.

TRAINING HOURS
COMPLETED
573



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LOBBY DAY



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ANNUAL CONFERENCE
IN MEMPHIS

"ODI was a fantastic learning experience and I would encourage other members to attend in the future. I brought back many new resources that will help us have more efficient and effective communication with the League as a whole."

—Ashley Clair



PITTSBURGH



MEMPHIS



ORLANDO

The first ODI for 2018-2019 is
**October 19-20, 2018
in Little Rock, AR.**

Women interested in
attending should **contact
incoming Nominating
Chair, Carrie Brown.**

APRIL: OTC SHOP DAY



JANUARY: ISABEL'S
HOUSE FAMILY DAY

8

COMMUNITY
PARTNERS

29

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EVENTS



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BIG LITTLE
EVENT

40

SHIFTS
WORKED

218

VOLUNTEERS



JANUARY AND MARCH:
LAURA'S HOME

DIAD: What's on tap next year?

The Done in a Day committee wrapped up a successful year this spring. As the 2017-18 JLS years comes to a close, the committee has no shortage of projects – or fun – on the agenda for next year. Here's a look at the 2018-19 JLS projects:

Boys & Girls Clubs of Springfield **GIRL Empowerment Day**

This event will focus on celebrating women and inspiring confidence in their female members. The event will have stations highlighting woman's accomplishments and presenters sharing their journey as woman leaders.

Cents of Pride **School stores**

Members will assist with Cents of Pride school stores, which are open once a month for students to shop. Members will sort donations prior and be a sales associate on store days. Potential schools are Holland, Bowerman and Watkins elementaries.

Diaper Bank of the Ozarks **Community Resource Fair**

The fair is for families with children ages 3 and under and pregnant women. Volunteers would serve as community support guides with the attending families and would be responsible for introductions at each booth awhile making each attending family feel comfortable by being friendly and supportive.

Friends of the Garden

Young Sprouts in the Garden

Activities are offered to provide hands-on learning about seeds, plants, soil, water, insects and more.

Girls on the Run

GOTR Community Impact Project

The Community Impact Projects allow the girls a chance to feel a sense of accomplishment completing a project, but also feel the joy and strength that comes from helping others.

I Pour Life

Life Strengths etiquette classes

Provide etiquette class to help youth address basic conversation and first-impressions skills, as well as basic table manners during a four-course meal.

Laura's Home

Home workshops

Members will work with staff to plan and present quarterly independent living workshops for residents.

OTC Middle College

Plaid Door shopping

JLS will once again partner with OTC Middle College women and help them find clothing for upcoming job interviews.

Ozarks Regional YMCA

Kids' Zone

Members will help upgrade the Kids' Zone through paint, cleaning, organizing and helping set up more interactive play areas.

Ozarks Regional YMCA

Achievers

The Achiever program prepares youth ages 13-18 for the future workforce. They are partnering with MSU for mentoring, tutoring, creating programs etc. Monthly programs will utilize knowledge of volunteers and they will lead sessions on topics chosen by YMCA.

Ozarks Regional YMCA

The Giving Tree

Each year, the YMCA adopts families and each will receive a Christmas tree with gifts. Volunteers will assist with decorating the tree, wrapping gifts and shopping as needed.

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Match events

JLS members will help at match activities and Big Little trainings.

Cheri Clark Bouquet of Enthusiasm Award



WINNER: Courtney Hayes

by Caitlin Kisse

When Nominating began the daunting task of selecting this year's recipient, one name immediately rose to the top. Our entire committee agreed that this woman embodies the word enthusiasm. From the beginning of her League career, she has demonstrated her leadership skills through humble willingness to serve. As she's risen through League leadership, from committee member to committee chair to executive committee and management team member, this woman has consistently been willing to step into any role that League leadership and Nominating felt best fit both her skills and the needs of our League. There are just some jobs that are hard to fill – and this woman was even willing to take those on. This year's recipient has an infectious smile and authentically cares about all those around her. Never exclusive, she's a picture of a woman building up other women. Each one of our committee members had her own story about a positive encounter with this year's recipient – an overarching theme.

I first met this woman when we attended ODI together nearly three years ago. We had never met before, and our League paths didn't cross much immediately following that training. However, more than four months later, when I gave birth to my first child, a thoughtful gift and note showed up on my front door from this one-of-a-kind woman. While the gift caught me completely off-guard, the thoughtfulness did not. The world needs more women like this year's Cheri Clark recipient.

Cheri Clark was an active Junior League volunteer who died tragically in 1989 while delivering a baby to its adoptive family on behalf of the Division of Family Services. Cheri's dedicated and cheerful spirit is alive today in the Junior League and exemplified in the Cheri Clark Bouquet of Enthusiasm recipients.



WOW AWARD WINNERS

April: Paige Viehmann
 May: Mary Bozarth
 March: Micheala Steinmetz-Benton
 February: Cris Swaters Milligan
 December: Brandi Delleville
 November: Amy Steele
 October: Clarissa Young
 September: Becca Godsey



YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR
AWARD - MINORITIES
IN BUSINESS:
Monica Horton



MSU 2018 STAFF
EXCELLENCE IN
COMMUNITY SERVICE
AWARD & 2018 ACUI
VALUES AWARD
Tara Benson

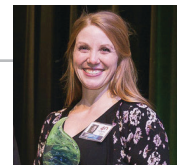
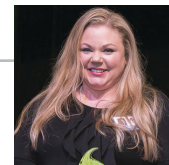


ATHENA AWARD
Jan Fisk

2018 WOMEN'S JUSTICE
AWARDS HONOREES:
Angela Myers *Ozarks Elder
Law, Women's Justice
General Practitioner Award*
Courtney Hayes *AG
Financial Solutions,
Women's Justice
Corporate Award*

SBJ 2018 HOW SHE LEADS:
Stephanie Hohenshell *active*
Maura Taylor *sustainer*
Jean Harmison *sustainer*

SBJ 40 UNDER 40
Mandy Anthes
Catherine Bass Black
Mary Bozarth
Lindsey Lund
Crystal Mapp
Sarah Russell
Rachael Mhire Snow



BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Allison Robertson & Bethany Parsons Reinbold:
Freedom's Rest Board of Directors
Sarah Rogers: CASA of SW Missouri Board of Directors
Dena Dill: The Kitchen Board of Directors

PROVISIONAL MEMBERS



For more information about becoming a JLS member visit our website at jlspringfield.org or email jls@jlspringfield.org.



UPCOMING PROVISIONAL INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

July 10 7:30am
Informational Session
Neighbor's Mill

July 12 12pm
Informational Session
417 Taphouse

July 17 12pm
Informational Session
JLS Headquarters
with Ozark Mountain Flower Truck
& Davalon's Food Truck

July 19 5:30pm
Informational Session
Vino Wine Cellars

PROVISIONALS BECOMING NEW MEMBERS

Whitney Bair
Heather Baker
Macy Ballenger
Kendra Beyer
Natalie Bohn
Morgan Brock
Kylee Brown
Cassy Cochrun
Lynsey Coffey
Megan Evans
Laura Farmer

Ashley Feliu
Katie Frazier
Laney Gipson
Brandi Groce
Amanda Hamilton
Teresa Haney
Stephanie Hohenshell
Latesa Holder
Monica Horton
Kimberly Huckaba
Brittney Jensen

Kay Kincannon
Jennifer Lankford
Lindsay Lawing
Lindsay Maldonado
Ashley Morris
Allison Overmyer
Jenny Owen
Hannah Patterson
Mandy Hughes
Cassie Sickman
Ashley Silva

Heather Spence
Micheala Steinmetz-Benton
Marisa Vasquez
Meghan Walters
Taylor Walters
Rachel Weinhaus
Danielle Wise
Brittany Zachary
McKenzie Zimmer
Jenna Cole
Tatyana Osenniy



Lindsay Mangum Maldonado, left,
and Micheala Steinmets-Benton



PROVISIONAL SPOTLIGHT

by Rachel Weinhaus

While the 2017-2018 provisional member year is wrapping up, we cannot help but look back at this year and the fantastic group of women who joined the Junior League. Over the course of the year, the provisional members got to know the organization and each other a little more each month at the Provisional Member Meetings and the General Membership Meetings. Two provisional members brought their outgoing personalities and strong friendship to the league, Michaela Steinmetz-Benton and Lindsay Mangum Maldonado. Below Lindsay and Michaela shed some light on how they met and how Junior League has impacted them this past year.

How did you two meet and how long have you known each other?

Michaela: We met in high school when she tried out for the Color Guard team! We became friends after some jerk broke her heart and I crawled under a bathroom stall to comfort her.

Lindsay: I was seeing a guy who turned out to be cheating on me & Michaela took it upon herself to army crawl to me to give me a pep talk! The next day, I made her a mix cd & we've been best friends ever since!

Michaela: We have known each other since May of 2005. 13 years!

Why did you decide to join Junior League?

Michaela: I joined Junior League after Tara Benson reached out to me. Tara and I are both in the same doctoral cohort and she told me about her

experiences with the league. I was inspired to join and I'm so glad I did!

Lindsay: Michaela told me about Junior League earlier this summer. As a pediatric nurse and blood donor, I loved the idea of reaching out to my community to help people.

What is your favorite Junior League memory so far?

Michaela: It is a tie! I had a blast at the holiday party this year. Lindsay and I got dressed up, ate too much, and shared laughs with other women in the league. It was a wonderful time! My other favorite memory was volunteering for Ozarks Food Harvest for our New Member Service Project. We made hundreds of meals for local families and did it while getting to know each other better. We laughed, we sweated, and it was a glorious time!

Have you had any moments where you thought you might have to quit?

Michaela: Yes, there were a few moments where I wanted to quit. I believe the League is something that can include a large spectrum of women, but I fear that women of a lower socioeconomic status are still limited from being able to participate in everything. For example, tickets to Charity Ball were \$100. Membership fees are \$125. Certain meetings are \$20-25 to attend. It may not seem like a lot to some, but there are women who want to join the organization to make a difference and can't simply because these numbers add up. However, I stayed because I value the mission of Junior League and the connections I have made. I also believe that the funds raised can make

a difference to locals. Additionally, the training opportunities and informational sessions have helped me to grow as a person and develop a deeper love for my community.

How have the women in Junior League impacted your life?

Lindsay: The women of JL have educated me, sweated with me, and worked side by side with me to serve women and kids in my area. I've drawn so much inspiration from the intelligence, grace, and compassion from the women of Springfield JL. I have so much fun with Junior League!

Michaela: Junior League members are strong, inspiring, and dedicated. They care about humanity and are taking extra steps to make a positive difference. There is something beautiful and profound about unique, exceptional women uniting for the common purpose of compassion. As a person who has overcome adversity as a youth thanks to the kindness of strangers, nothing is more motivating to me than getting to pay it forward and help youth overcome the difficulties they face. Serving on the Kids Count committee has been an eye-opening and deeply moving experience for me this year. I'm so glad I joined and stayed.



The JLS Scholarship in Memory of Mary Riley Wolfe



The Mary Riley Wolfe Memorial Scholarship has been awarded every year since 1995. It was established as a tribute to Mary Wolfe, a Junior League of Springfield past president, who lost her battle with cancer. Mary was a teacher and dedicated volunteer, who not only brought her

southern charm and grace to the Junior League of Springfield, but to our community. She was a kind and gentle woman who led by example. In an effort to honor Mary, the JLS scholarship program was established and named in her memory.

In the 2017-2018 academic year, the Junior League of Springfield anticipates awarding two \$1,500 scholarships to young women in our community in order to assist with the expenses of their college education. The scholarship committee looks at, among other things, the students' community involvement, volunteer impact, scholastic achievement and honors. Funds will be paid directly to the designated institution and are to be used only for tuition, books or lab fees.

WINNERS



Akila Anandaraiah

Akila attended Central High School, where, on top of maintaining a 3.9 GPA, also achieved an ACT score of 35. Akila has donated more than four-hundred hours of community

service. She plans to get a medical degree from Washington University.

Akila's teacher wrote: "I wish there were more students like Aki. She is able to see the world through so many different disciplines. She excels in science but can compose piano music and speak other languages. She possesses all of these abilities but she is so modest I would have never known it."



Grace Fairchild

Grace will be graduating from Aurora High School with a 3.9 grade point average and an ACT score of 32. She not only volunteers in the community, but is active in extracurricular

activities at her school. Grace plans to study economics and mathematics at Loyola University on a pre-law track.

Grace's teacher wrote: "She is very conscientious and strives to make sure her work excels. She asks the hard questions and it is obvious that learning the material is as important to her as earning the grade. She is always friendly to those she is with and is well liked by her peers."

The JLS Building Better Communities Scholarship

The Building Better Communities Scholarship was established to assist non-traditional female students to pursue their education in programs eligible to receive a professional certification or

license upon graduation. Applicants must exhibit strong leadership skills and overall support of the Junior League mission.

In the 2017-2018 academic year the Junior League of Springfield awarded

three \$500 scholarships to women in our community in order to assist the recipients with the expense of their education.

WINNERS

Kristine Borneman is enrolled in the Behavioral Health Program at OTC. In addition to raising her daughter and going to school, Kristine works as a nurse's aide, is an active parent on the Parent Committee at OACAC and a Garden Club member at Beacon Village. Her expected graduation date is spring 2019.

Tami Griffith is enrolled in the Dental Hygiene program at OTC. In addition to school and raising her three children, Tami is a volunteer children's music leader at the Woodland Community Church and a volunteer classroom helper at Buchanan Elementary School. Her expected graduation date is spring 2019.

Amanda Stewart is a full time student in the Dental Assistant program at OTC. She has two young children, works part-time on the weekends and is a member of the American Dental Assistant Association. Amanda's expected graduation date is May 2018.



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