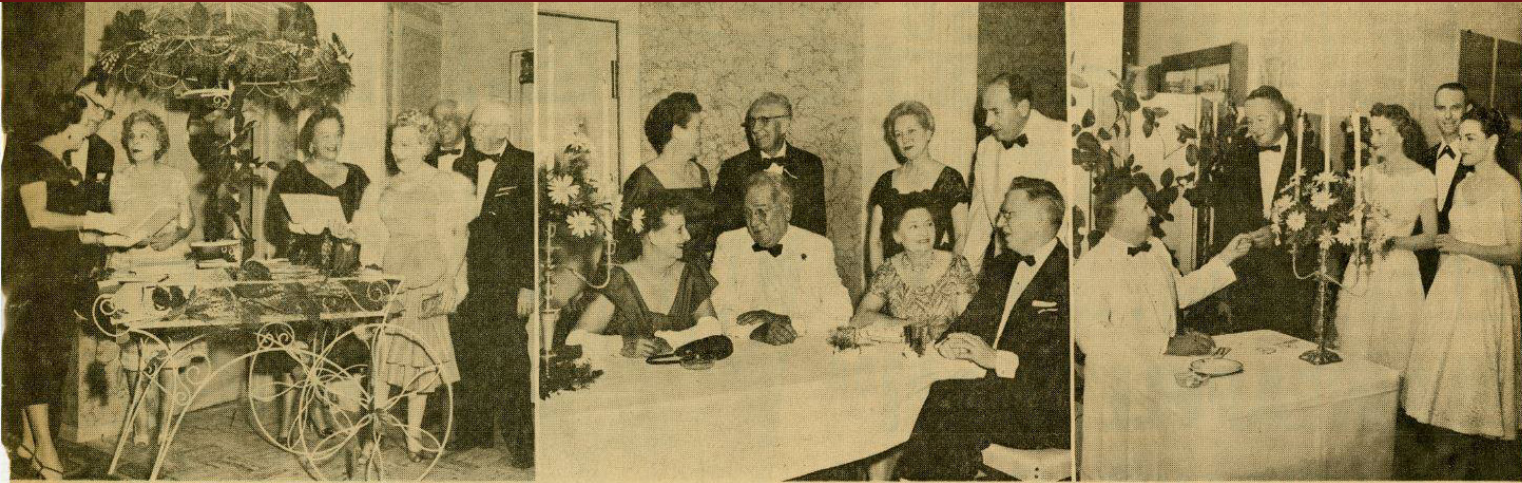


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The Junior League of Springfield, Missouri Inc. is an organization of woman committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose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

Our Vision

Women Building Better Communities

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The vision of the five founding women who formed the Community Service League of Springfield in 1959 continues to drive the activities and collaborations of the Junior League of Springfield 60 years later.

Once again, the Junior League of Springfield has proven its vision to be unstoppable as we celebrate another great year of mission and value driven work. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve in the role of president over the 2018-19 year. Through this role, I had the privilege of witnessing the legacy of our Sustaining members, dedication of our Active members and enthusiasm of our Provisional members which all demonstrate the strength of JLS.

Every day, I am personally inspired by the hard work and dedication our members put forth in supporting our mission of promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. When you look at different organizations around our community, it is hard to find one that has not been influenced by a JLS member.

We have members who serve on boards, committees for the city and in elected positions. In the past year, we have celebrated several women who have received awards recognizing their significant contributions to our community. Our members continue to deepen the impact of JLS within our organization and as civic leaders.

Continuing the legacy of the past 60 years, JLS continues to partner with community organizations by providing the time and experience of trained volunteers. My favorite part of the November General Membership Meetings included the opportunity to hear the experiences of our members in their volunteer experiences. We continue to offer opportunities that serve not only our community, but also our members as well. When reflecting on past community service through JLS, it is a privilege to recognize the maintenance of long-standing relationships with several organizations within Springfield.

As we end this year, I want to personally express my gratitude for the board of directors. It has been a joy to work with this amazing group of women over the past year. We have discussed, debated and celebrated this year as we focused on the future of JLS. I am continually in awe of the depth of our conversations and the commitment these women have to continuing to



make our community better through strategic direction.

Continuing the change in the governance and management structure, the board was able to focus on the strategic goals of our organization. I look forward to watching the membership transformation create more member centric experiences as the taskforce implements the pilot year. I am also eager to see what discussions the diversity and inclusion task force bring forth in the upcoming year. The support this group of women has given me and one another over the year is a true testament to our mission of developing the potential of women.

As you reflect on the past year in JLS, I hope you have learned from successes and mistakes, made new friends and had some fun. Thank you to each and every one of you for your contributions to our organization. The combination of the unique skill sets of 600 women is truly what makes JLS unstoppable!

Working with all of you over the past year has been a pleasure and I'm proud to have served with you.

Tammy Dixon
JLS President

When I took over as management director on June 1 of last year, it was my hope – first and foremost – that I wouldn't screw it up.

Of course, I wanted to be successful in the position and on behalf of JLS; however, I was also aware – and have become even more aware each day since – that as big as this management director job is, the success of the JLS year, the experience of each member, the projects, trainings and fundraisers, were hardly dependent upon my successes.

In fact, we have a team over 500 women strong making sure that the Junior League of Springfield continues to be the jewel of the Springfield community it has been for the past 60 years.

As such, my greater hope quickly became that each one of us would find her own leadership role in JLS, our community and in the lives of her fellow members. While I haven't had an opportunity to interact with each one of you, I'm very proud of all your work as community and JLS leaders this year. I think we've done our 60th year proud.

I did have the opportunity and privilege of working with each member of this year's management team closely and on a frequent basis. No doubt more frequently than they would have preferred at times. I can't say enough complementary things about this wonderful group of women – Rachel, Ashley, Mary, Brandi, Stephanie, Cris, Emily, Allison, Mia and Heather, you are extraordinary! Thank you for your hard work, your leadership, your support and, most



of all, your commitment to making JLS great.

When I reflect on this past year, our successes and challenges as an organization, the thing that always shines through is the unparalleled pool of amazing women leaders we have to draw on in JLS. I'm grateful for my small part in this remarkable organization and time spent learning from and working with the women who have built and sustained it over the past 60 years.

There is nothing more important to say than thank you. Thank you for your work this year as JLS members and volunteer leaders. Thank you for your part in sustaining the legacy of the last 60 years and building upon that legacy for the next 60.

Casey Chasteen
Management Director

*With a new League year, comes a change in leadership.
Here's a look at the ladies who will lead JLS forward in 2019-20.*



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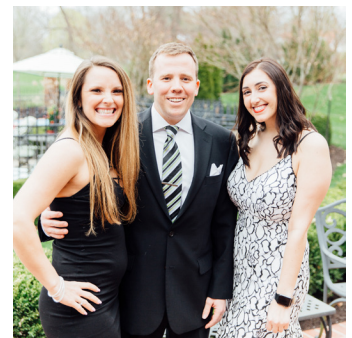
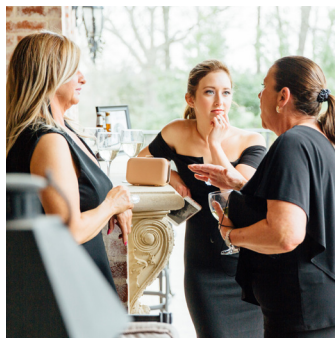
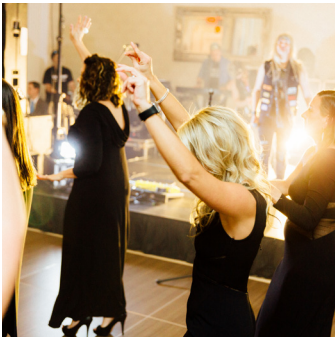


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LITTLE BLACK DRESS



The Little Black Dress Initiative

TOTAL RAISED
\$8,800

This year's third annual Little Black Dress Initiative not only raised awareness about poverty, but also allowed JLS to collaborate with the community to help support those affected by generational poverty. Thanks to the work of more than 33 League members, the Little Black Dress Initiative raised more than \$8,800 toward the JLS mission.

The week kicked off with a Little Black Dress training luncheon on Tuesday, which hosted more than 27 JLS members and the community.

A special thank you to the Council of Churches of the Ozark for hosting a panel discussion with panelists Jessica Luraas, Kelly Harris, Keke Rover and moderator Trysta Herzog for an enlightening conversation about poverty in our community.

The generosity of Gooney's Grilled

Cheese, Not'cho Ordinary Taco and the many JLS members and members of the public who came for lunch, added even more money to the Little Black Dress Initiative total.

To mix up the fundraising effort, Physique Fitness presented a hot barre class on Thursday evening taught by JLS member, Stephanie Hohenshell, which raised \$80 for the cause. Those attendees got a great workout and champagne and strawberries afterwards.

On Friday, fundraisers and their donors celebrated Little Black Dress' success at Enterprise Bowling Lanes with free cupcakes and bowling.

Thank you to 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 you are the reason for this year's success.





 Plaid Door
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This year, Plaid Door started on a new adventure – PoshMark. This idea came nearly two years ago as an avenue to highlight and sell our high-end donations, but the concept has flourished this year with some initiative from Plaid Door Committee member Cassie Sickman. She has thoroughly researched and developed a successful venture for the Plaid Door. All JLS members are invited to shop @the_plaid_door on PoshMark, and we would be happy to coordinate a sale directly with our members.



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 Saturday of
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Looking forward: Another 60 years for JLS

Membership Transformation Task Force : Looking Ahead

This year, JLS embarked on a three-year Membership Transformation, led by a six-member task force. Introduced and led by AJLI, “the goal of the Transformation Rollout Membership Model is to help Leagues adopt and implement a new approach to membership in the Junior League.”

The new approach incorporates:

- Greater flexibility for members in deciding their level of community and League involvement
- Members’ voices in deciding the direction of the League
- Onboarding that takes advantage of members’ professional, personal and civic talents
- Opportunities for meaningful connections within and outside the League

Since summer 2018, our task force has participated in monthly webinars with the other Leagues on the same rollout schedule, known as our cohort. We also receive one-on-one check in calls with AJLI, webinars specifically geared toward the board and access to a plethora of resources from Leagues who have already fully implemented the new model. In December 2018, more than 50 women from JLS were asked to be a part of the transformation pilot group. This group will test out the new membership model for the 2019-20 JLS year.

AJLI as a whole, as well as our League, recognizes the face of the Junior League member is changing. Today’s member may work full-time outside the home, and most members already serve on at

least one community Board or volunteer committee when they join the League. Our members bring professional skills and experiences that are huge assets to the work of our League in Springfield. This new membership model seeks to better align members’ skills and experiences with their desired League experiences.

Furthermore, today’s member’s level of commitment to JLS may ebb and flow based on her season of life. Under the new membership model, members will have a direct say in deciding their level of League involvement on an annual basis.

A member’s experience will be described with the phrase, “your voice, your choice.”

Should JLS decide to fully implement the transformation, the three-year rollout will

be completed in June 2021, allowing all members to share the experience of the pilot group.

Our task force is excited about the prospective change this transformation could bring to our League and to each individual member’s experience. Other Leagues that have successfully implemented the transformation have seen increased engagement, previously untapped sources of League leadership and stronger outcomes for their Leagues and their communities.

We are anxious to move our League’s membership into the future under this new model.

Caitlin Kissee,

*Membership Transformation
Task Force assistant chair*

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MESSAGE FROM THE INCOMING MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

As we reflect on the end of our 60th year of service in training women leaders and look forward to the next 60, I hope your Junior League of Springfield experience has been impactful, meaningful and inspiring. We, as JLS, have created an unstoppable legacy of women leaders and community projects. We were early champions of the Child Advocacy Center, Discovery Center, History Museum and Ozarks Food Harvest. We are a founding partner in the Ronald McDonald Tooth Truck, Leadership Springfield, the Community Needs Assessment Report and were instrumental in the creation of Isabel's House. Our history is rich, and our future is bright.

As your incoming management director for the 2019-20 year, I am excited for the year ahead and the changes heading our way. JLS must evolve to meet the needs of tomorrow while maintaining member satisfaction and being the premiere organization for training women leaders.

As we enter the third year of our governance transformation, our organization has found more flexibility in affecting change both within JLS and our community. We are actively taking steps to strengthen JLS and make your member experience more fulfilling.

Looking ahead to next year, we will pilot a new membership model giving our members more freedom in choosing how they give back to JLS and our community. If all goes well, it will roll out to the entire membership during the 2020-21 JLS year.

We are actively working to reimagine our General Membership

Meetings to be more engaging, meaningful and connected. We will assist in the release of the 2019 Community Focus Report and support our community partners through our Done In A Day projects. Our Diversity and Inclusion taskforce will begin working toward ensuring JLS remains welcoming and inclusive of all. It is going to be an exciting year.

As we embark on our 61st year of service, I encourage you to step outside your comfort zone. Seek new opportunities within JLS and use your talents to advance the League. I encourage you to ask another JLS member out for coffee to make a new connection, say yes to that leadership ask, commit to personal growth through our trainings, attend one of our fundraisers and use what you learn in JLS as a springboard to greater community impact.

I look forward to leading the management team next year and making your membership experience the best it can be. My door/phone/email is always open.



Rachel Fuhrman
Incoming Management Director

MESSAGE FROM THE INCOMING PRESIDENT

If you can dream it, you can do it.

A new Junior League of Springfield year is officially on the horizon. JLS has gone through a lot of transition in the last few years and we are anxiously anticipating even more exciting changes.

Our membership transformation task force has been working tirelessly, navigating and exploring what the next generation of Junior League membership will look like. These amazing women have assembled a team of volunteers to serve in our pilot program for the upcoming year. Every single person who has touched this program is a visionary, reshaping the way JLS will fit into each of our lives in the future. It is my hope this new design will not only continue to engage and recruit other future change makers, but inspire the Sustainers that have blazed the trail before us to become active again in our mission.

My challenge to you in this upcoming year is to try to really experience your year in a whole new light. Approach this year with a more open mind. Attend a DIAD that normally might not appeal to you. Attend an extra training that you might not need. Attend a fundraiser you might have missed last year. Take note of what you love and what moves you. And know that next year will be even more meaningful because you will be able to dictate your destiny within JLS.

I also challenge each of you to seriously consider future leadership. The experience is so enriching that is beyond description. You might not think you can do it. You might think you simply cannot fit it in. Trust me – you really can. And there will be lots of others there to support you along the way.

Please remember we are all volunteers and every ounce of what we do makes a difference. The time you are taking for yourself and sharing with JLS has an impact that's not always immediately measurable. So, when you are questioning if you have the time to fit in another meeting, just take a look at the impressive list of things JLS has achieved in our community. Each one of them was built on one woman giving her time. No matter where each of us are in our lives, we can change our world.



Nikki Holden
Incoming President

MESSAGE FROM THE SUSTAINER DIRECTOR

The Junior League of Springfield is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. I'm sure our charter members would say 2019 may look quite a bit different than 1959, but what remains the same is women devoting strength, leadership, determination, time and voice to building a better community through JLS.

I have been honored to serve as the sustainer director this year. As sustainer director, I sit on the JLS board with two other sustainer board members, Katie Moore and Susie Turner, in order to provide a historical perspective and knowledge. Thank you to both Susie and Katie for your willingness to serve and time. I would also like to thank the many Sustainers who served as a resource for Actives by acting as a sustainer advisor, to the Sustainers who served on the 60th Anniversary Committee, and to the Sustainers who served on the Scholarship Committee. Thank you Shelley Todd for serving as chair of Scholarship. Everyone's time and effort is much appreciated.

I would like to say a special thank you to Susie Turner who hosted the festive Sustainer holiday party, Jingle & Mingle, at her beautiful home in December. We appreciate your willingness to open your home on a Sunday afternoon in order for so many ladies to come together, connect and celebrate the holidays.

I also want to make sure to acknowledge the remarkable Carol Wooten who gave her time and talent to designing the gorgeous invitations for the holiday party and Sustainer luncheon.

In addition, thank you to my fun and feisty friend, Heather Goller, who will be serving as sustainer director this coming year. Heather brings a burst of happiness and optimism to every room she enters.

Sustainers have enjoyed many activities since the last newsletter. The month happy hour at Cellar + Plate has brought a varying group of ladies together each month to socialize and form new friendships. There are currently two Sustainer book clubs that continue to bring groups of ladies together for lively discussions.

In January, Sustainers gathered for a fun night of cookie decorating at The Rolling Pin. I think we have quite a few ladies who could take this on professionally. In March, Tina Stillwell, hosted Throwback Thursday

at the JLS office in order to give Actives the opportunity to connect with founding members, Patty Brooks, Cynthia Hollander and Jan Horton. In April, we gathered at Hickory Hills Country Club for the annual Sustainer luncheon. The theme was "Celebrate Our Roots."

Bonnie Shackter provided a look back at what Junior League of Springfield has accomplished with a toast to 60 years.

The Sustainers chose to support the JLS Endowment Fund this year with money raised from a raffle. Maxon's Diamond Merchants donated a gorgeous item to be raffled. We appreciate their continued support of JLS. Etcetera, The Harem and Town & County gave us a look at spring fashion trends during the luncheon. The highlight of the Sustainer luncheon was the announcement of the Lifetime Achievement Award winner (see page 15).

I would like to acknowledge and congratulate the Sustainers who were recognized in our community this year. Karen Braun and Lori Rook were both honored by Springfield Business Journal as part of 40 Under 40 for their personal accomplishments in the civic and professional arena. Morey Mechlin was the recipient of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce's Athena award for her time and devotion to the Springfield community, especially, in opening the doors of leadership to women.

It has truly been an honor and privilege to serve as sustainer director during the 2018-19 JLS year.

There are so many talented women. I appreciate the time and commitment of Tammy Dixon and Casey Chasteen to JLS. I have truly enjoyed working with both of them this past year as they guide us into the future. I look forward to continued involvement in this wonderful organization. Thank you!

Sheila Lundberg
Sustainer Director



Lifetime Achievement Award: Linda McAllister

The 2018-19 Lifetime Achievement Award winner is Sustainer Linda McAllister.

Linda has served on many committees and in several leadership roles since joining JLS in 1995, including leading the League in her roles as president and vice president of communications. During her time, Linda served as the chair of committees such as the New Member Class of Admissions, Free to Be You and Me Project and Newspaper Insert Fundraiser.

As a Sustainer, Linda mentored ladies through being an adviser to Charity Ball and New Member committees and will continue to lend her wisdom to the

League as Sustainer Director Elect for the coming year.

In the community, Linda has served as a board member for Isabel's House and The Breast Cancer Foundation of the Ozark. She demonstrated a passion for helping others through Convey of Hope where she has served as coordinator for Springfield Outreach, Day of Kindness and Jobs for Life. Linda has also participated in many mission trips through the organization.

"To whom much is given, much is required," Linda frequently says.

Congratulations to Linda, she truly exemplifies this through her work in the community and with JLS.



Meet the Founders



On March 28, the League hosted Throwback Thursday: A Conversation with Three JLS Founders. Their vision made many positive things happen in the community and their legacy remains strong.

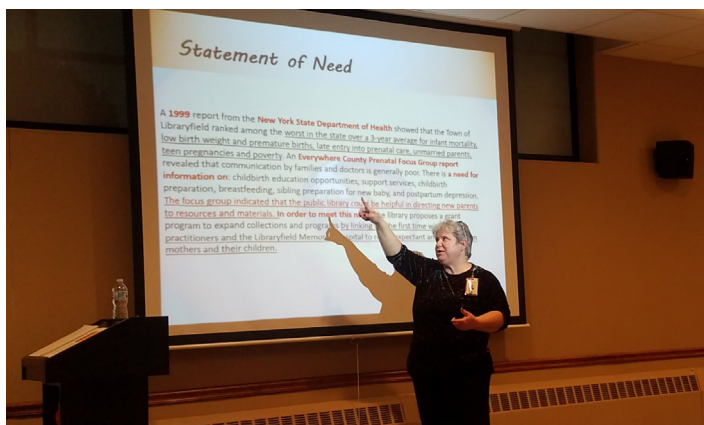
Patty Brooks, Cynthia Hollander and Jan Horton talked with current League members for the training. Some words of wisdom they left members with: "Stay as good as you are, keep the faith, hold the name high and have fun."



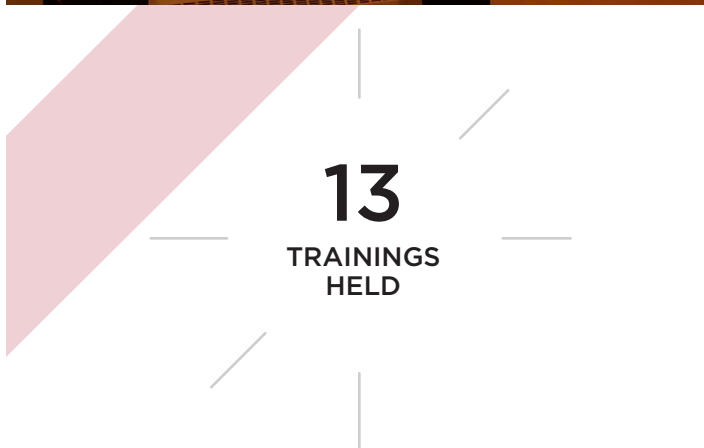
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13
TRAININGS
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537
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DIAPER BANK OF THE OZARKS

12 DIAD events
203 volunteers
599 volunteer hours



Junior League of Springfield is wrapping up another successful year of Done in a Day projects.

With a can't stop, won't stop attitude, JLS already has numerous projects lined up for next year. Here is what's on tap starting this summer:

SAFE TO SLEEP

JLS volunteers will be Monday night helpers to trained Safe to Sleep volunteers. JLS volunteers will assist with check-in, support with snacks and beverages and visiting/ supporting women who are staying in the facility.

SPRINGFIELD DREAM CENTER

JLS volunteers will provide support at a Mother's Day brunch at the Springfield Dream Center to include decorating, serving food, table hosting and providing one-to-one encouragement for the mothers attending.

GIRLS ON THE RUN

JLS volunteers will meet at two Title I Springfield schools one time in the fall and one time in the spring to assist girls with community impact projects, ideas such as writing letters to community service leaders, planting a tree or other ideas the group plans.

I POUR LIFE

JLS volunteers will provide support at three impact events for Life Strengths, including opportunities for youth to network, expand on life skills development, as well as providing JLS volunteers

LAURA'S HOME

JLS volunteers will provide support at quarterly life skills workshops for Laura's Home residents.

OTC MIDDLE COLLEGE

JLS volunteers will provide support for a shopping event at the Plaid Door. Volunteers will provide lunch to students and shop one on one with students for clothes.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

JLS volunteers will provide support at two BBBS match events and Big/Little trainings, one in the fall and one in the spring.

SPRINGFIELD REGIONAL ARTS COUNCIL

JLS volunteers will provide support for Arts in the Park Summer Workshops, partnering with young women to provide guidance, behave as role models, build connections and assist in goal setting and vision board development.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

JLS volunteers will provide support and serve as guest speakers at Girls Empowerment Movement Summit focusing on celebrating women and inspiring confidence in female members.



GIRLS ON THE RUN



DAIPER BANK OF THE OZARKS



DOULA FOUNDATION



Meet the class of 2019

Our Provisionals have been hard at work this year preparing to become Actives. The year started with a kickoff meeting held at Twin Oaks Country Club where Morey Mechlin and Ashley French discussed the history of JLS and the wide reach of community partnerships we have made. In March of this year, they also participated in a Habitat for Humanity Build. And new this year were Provisional WOW awards. Recipients have been: Terri Copeland, Kelly Carr, Courtney Pinkham- Martin

and and Kelsey McPherson.

Our new Actives have celebrated with a brunch at Twin Oaks, where Allison Anbari and Nikki Holden were guest speakers.

It is also important to mention that there are nine Provisionals stepping up to be assistant chairs next year. Wow! Thank you to the amazing provisional guides who have put so much time and efforts into helping mentor a wonderful group of women.

Mary Bozarth
Provisional Chair



PROVISIONALS BECOMING ACTIVE MEMBERS

Mary Ballard
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Didem Koroglu
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Breanna Mueller
Emily Pattison
Courtney Pinkham-Martin
Jerilyn Reed
Sadie Reynolds
Kate Roessler

Rebecca Saunders
Erin Shaw
Emma Sherrell
Amber Sims
Lauren Shriner
Kara Speights
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**KNOW SOMEONE
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Email their contact information
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Meet Sadie Reynolds, Provisional with a heart

As the 2018-19 Provisional year is coming to a close, it is clear our Provisionals have proven to be an amazing group of women. With monthly Provisional Member Meetings and General Membership Meetings these ladies have become familiar with not only the League but with one another as well. This year's Provisionals have shown they are dedicated to making their experience in JLS all that it can be and we are excited to see what parts they will play in the future of JLS. One of those members is Sadie Reynolds. Sadie was excited to share with us what her Provisional year has meant to her.

Why did you decide to join the Junior League?

I originally moved here this past summer for an internship at CoxHealth with their Child Life Department. I had only planned to be here for a few months. To my surprise a position opened in my department toward the end of my internship, which I was ecstatic to apply for. Upon accepting that position in August I knew I needed to find a way to get involved in the community, not only because it's my passion, but also to help understand the resources available in the Springfield area that can help our patients and families.

I also knew absolutely no one in the Springfield area, let alone Missouri.

When I reached out to JLS, as I thought it would be a positive female influence for my life in a time of stress and anxiety in a new city, I was shocked to find I had a few days before the time period of taking new members would close. I thought it was a sign from the Lord that it was meant to be, and it was.

I have been able to learn a plethora of information about the Springfield area and great ways to get involved, while



meeting wonderful, helpful and inspiring women. Something this world needs to see a little more of!

How have the women in the Junior League made a difference in your life?

The women of Junior League have helped made the process of moving to a new city by myself a tad bit easier. It's easy to move to a new city and stay in my own box, however the women of Junior League have helped pushed me outside my box and encouraged me through all of it. This is something that will always stay with me as I move throughout my career. It is humbling and heart warming for a Kentucky girl living in the Missouri world. So much so that I hope as I progress through the League I am able to share that same encouragement and support to others who will be relocating to Springfield for the first time and wanting to get involved as well.

What did you learn about yourself during your Provisional year?

This year I learned I am stronger than I give myself credit for. I am somewhat introverted in new situations, thus when going to events and meetings

not knowing anyone, it can give me some anxiety. I found I am able to push myself outside comfort zones (with the assistance of other League members as well) and meet with and make many connections with other women.

What is your favorite Junior League memory so far?

My favorite memory so far has been the Habitat for Humanity Build. This is a foundation I volunteered with growing up in Kentucky. When I saw there was an opportunity to get involved with Habitat for Humanity again it was a little piece of home for me. I was also able to meet other women I hadn't interacted with before. The women I worked with that day were so determined and hard working it was inspiring and reassuring to see at 8 a.m. on a Saturday morning.

What are you looking forward to in your active years in Junior League?

I look forward to continuing my education of the Springfield area and their resources. This includes finding new and creative ways of getting involved and giving back to the League that welcomed me with open arms. I also look forward to doing the same for other Provisionals.



CHERI CLARK
BOUQUET OF ENTHUSIASM AWARD

Allison Jackson

“A beautiful soul.” “A ray of sunshine.” “A great promoter of the Junior League.” “A true asset to any team on which she serves.” “Beyond awesome.” These are direct quotes from nominations that we received for Allison Jackson.

Allison radiates positivity, is constantly smiling and is a true pleasure to serve with. Throughout her entire League career, she has given 110 percent. She has spent countless hours working tirelessly to go far beyond the call of duty. The work she is doing is changing the trajectory of our League membership and will leave a lasting impression long after our tenure.



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O’Sullivan, Marin Thompson

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Emily Letterman, Michelle Vespa

WINTER LEADERSHIP, NEW ORLEANS:
Rachel Fuhrman, Courtney Hayes

ANNUAL MEETING, DENVER: **Rachel Fuhrman,**
Nikki Holden, Courtney Hayes, Mary Bozarth

LEADERSHIP SPRINGFIELD

CLASS 35: **Rachel Fuhrman, Emily**
Letterman and Lindsay Lund

CLASS 36: **Monica Horton, Lori Rook**
and Danielle Wise



SPRINGFIELD CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE
ATHENA AWARD
Morey Mechlin

JLS BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES SCHOLARSHIP

**The Junior League of Springfield Building
Better Communities recipients are Larra
Keeth Alford and Chelsie Wilburn.**

**The scholarship is in its fourth year
and has awarded a total of \$7,000 to
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in a program eligible to receive a
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Human Rights and Community Relations**

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. The Junior League of Springfield
awarded two \$2,000 scholarships to
young women in our community in order
to assist with the expenses of their
college education. This year's winners are
Evelyn Scarrow and Carson Marquart.**



FOR ALL THE LITTLE THINGS

Thank you to the 2018-19 JLS Management Team who lead JLS into its 60th year and helped ensure 60 more.

WELCOME TO THE TEAM

The 2019 Provisional class gathered at Hickory Hills Country Club to toast their class and officially join the JLS ranks.



LADIES WHO LEAD

JLS past presidents gathered April 30 to enjoy each others friendship, reflect on their teams and share ways in which JLS continues to impact Springfield.

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