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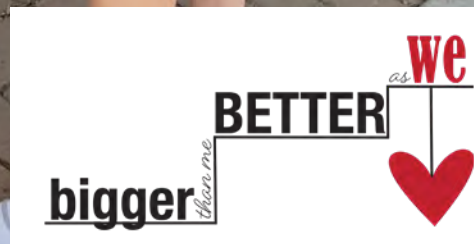
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President's Perspective

WELCOME to the first issue of the *The Lariat* for our 2022-2023 year! I am honored to serve as the 92nd President of the Junior League of Fort Worth and alongside the 11 other incredible women on the organization's Board of Directors. As we move closer to the centennial anniversary, I am consistently amazed by all our members have accomplished in our community over the years. Our League has flourished because 10 women in 1929 recognized the need for an organization to train women and serve our community. While the projects, placements and fundraisers have changed over the years, our Mission has remained consistent. And our legacy holds true – we are an organization of women, trained volunteers who show up, over and over again, to address our community's needs. To give. To lead. To make a difference.

Throughout the year, our *Lariat* readers will have the opportunity to learn about the ways Junior League members are supporting our community. You will learn more about the 8 grants totaling \$535,000 Junior League provided to area nonprofit organizations and the incredible programs and projects that those grant funds support. You will read about the 16th annual *Christmas in Cowtown Holiday Gift Market* coming up this October and the 10th annual Grand Entry Gala, where we will kick up our boot heels for a good cause, in early January 2023. We will share the story of our Provisionals and the impact they are making on Fort Worth ISD campuses through the Junior MINTS program. We will highlight the Junior League of Fort Worth Diaper Bank that is leading the way in addressing diaper need in Tarrant County, and we will highlight our new project – Paint a Playground – in partnership with Fort Worth ISD.

We will also highlight our women. The Provisionals, Actives and Sustainers that make up the 1,950+ members of the Junior League of Fort Worth, the 8th largest Junior League in the world.

I believe you will all share in the pride I feel when you read about the impact of Fort Worth's Junior League, and I believe the League will continue to thrive because we welcome all women who value our Mission and strive to further our vision for Fort Worth. As we move through the year, I hope you see hundreds of extraordinary women, collaborating with each other, our partner agencies and members of our community to tackle our Fort Worth's toughest issues and further enhance the lives of the next generation of women.

With deep gratitude,

Becky Escott
Junior League of Fort Worth
President, 2022-2023



Mission

The Junior League of Fort Worth, Inc. is an organization of women 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.

Vision

The Junior League of Fort Worth, Inc. will strive to improve our community by directing our resources to positively impact the well-being of children and families by providing a legacy of trained volunteers.

Today, the JLFW comprises approximately 2,000 members and is part of The Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc (ALJI) which constitutes one of the largest, most effective volunteer organizations in the world. For more information, please visit www.juniorleagufw.org.

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On a Healing Path:

ACH Child and Family Services Project

By Lauren Nixon

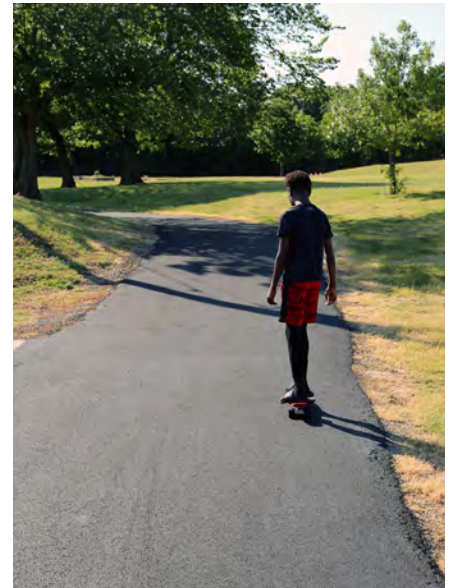
IN 1915 A GROUP OF Fort Worth women founded the organization now known as ACH Child and Family Services with a mission to protect children and preserve families. Today, ACH provides a continuum of care that includes crisis intervention, foster care and adoption, family services, residential services and community-based care. During 2022-2023, the Junior League of Fort Worth (JLFW) committed volunteer hours and \$70,000 in project funds to this organization that impacted more than 21,000 individuals in 2021.

“We love the continued support, giving spirit, and helping us fulfill our mission of protecting children and preserving families.”

— Megan Stephenson

Project funds supported the construction of a four-foot wide ADA compliant bike path around ACH’s Wedgwood campus. The path provides a safe space for the children who live in homes on the campus to walk, ride bikes and play. Megan Stephenson, Volunteer Services Manager for ACH, shared, “Physical activity is essential to the healing, emotional development, health and wellness of children who have experienced abuse.” The path also gives residents a secure place to enjoy the outdoors and foster community among the campus residents.

Stephenson also shared, “I was so happy to have Junior League of Fort Worth volunteer this year with the RTC for the Wellness Sessions...The connections that were made were what meant the most; your enthusiasm, patience, and willingness to serve ACH will never be forgotten. We love the continued support, giving spirit, and helping us fulfill our mission of protecting children and preserving families.”



Voices of Latina Women in the JLFW

Conversations with Dr. Tara Reed, Diversity & Inclusion Chair

I RECENTLY HAD THE PLEASURE of interviewing three outstanding members of the Junior League of Fort Worth as a kickoff to our D&I three-piece article covering diverse voices in the League. Each of these members represent our Latina sisters and each are powerful in their own right! However, together their voices make music and teach us so much more about culture, community and collaboration.



Rachel Navejar Phillips



Jessica Wash



Dr. Clara Cantu

Tara: What does being in Junior League mean to you as a Latina woman?

Rachel: My maternal grandmother had to drop out of school in the second grade to care for her brothers and father and to work the cotton fields. While not having a formal education herself, she taught me so much. One of those lessons was to give back to the community you live in.

Clara: As a Latina, I truly feel honored to be in such an historical international organization. In my time in the League, I have seen progressive movement in the area of diversity and inclusion and I'm proud as a Latina to sit in a leadership seat and advocate for continued progress.

Jessica: It means I'm making a positive impact; it means when I'm out volunteering in our community that families and little ones are seeing a person that looks like them. It means representation so that we look like the communities we serve, it means that anyone can do anything, it means that I can be part of real change, and it means that I have a voice to do something great.

Tara: As JLFW reaches 100 years, what do you hope to see more of in terms of leadership, inclusion and community affiliation?

Rachel: We have come leaps and bounds over the last 100 years as a League. As we move forward, we need to make sure to tell our whole story- all of the communities, schools and organizations we serve, and show the faces of all of those women serving. I also cannot wait to celebrate the day when the first member of color is elected to serve as President of our League!

Clara: Recruitment needs to conscientiously put in place to foster relationship with young adult women of color so they can see the benefits of joining such a powerful organization for the community, but also for networking that could aid these ladies in the future.

Jessica: I am proud of how Junior League has put Diversity and Inclusion in the forefront and how we're continuously looking for ways to improve. I feel like it's a part of every conversation and love how important it is to our League.

Tara: What connections do you feel The League needs to make in our local Latina community to become more inclusive?

Rachel: We could utilize our bilingual speaking volunteers more to make deeper connections within various communities within Fort Worth.

Clara: I believe we should be more involved with young women in high school and college, such as speech contests or essay contests and target the Latinas in schools. I guarantee most of them don't know of the Junior League and all its splendor. However, through outreach to both high school and college students we can build our future Provisionals inclusive of more women of color.

Jessica: I think as a Latina, it is my responsibility to do my part as a member of the League to go out into communities and events and recruit ladies to join. We have an amazing League, but imagine how much better we would be by getting even more ladies from different backgrounds to join. In addition, we can always be more visible at Hispanic Chamber events and other Hispanic organizations.

The Diversity & Inclusion Committee would like to thank **Rachel Navejar Phillips, Dr. Clara Cantu and Jessica Walsh** for taking the time to talk with us and share their stories with our members. To read the full interview, please visit: www.JuniorLeagueFW.org/JLFWvoices.

Mayfest

By Madeline Hunt

MAYFEST CONTINUES to be a Fort Worth tradition that is highly anticipated in our community year-round. As outlined in a social media post by “Fort Worthy History” this spring, while the first *Mayfest* was held in 1973, its history began many years before. “In 1967, the chairman of the Junior League Project Research Committee, **Phyllis Tilley**, recommended looking for a way to clean up and revitalize the Trinity River. Through her tenacity, the Junior League developed the Trinity River Project.” By 1973, through Tilley’s persistence, Mayfest was a reality and was incorporated as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization in 1987.

The event has allowed more than \$2.3 million to be given back to our community, and today the *Mayfest* Central Committee supports the festival by assisting with key activity areas and guiding general volunteers across the festival.

Held this year from May 5-8, *Mayfest* 2022 was a great success thanks to the efforts of The Junior League of Fort Worth’s volunteers. Due to a shortage of community volunteers, our ladies stepped up to the task. Whether it was volunteering in the Children’s Area, the merchandise tents, or the beer gardens, this group of all-star ladies helped to execute the first *Mayfest* in two years.

One member in particular really stood out per **Paige Hamilton Cooper**. “**Alexandra Rohloff** was an all-star. She was one of the ones who stood in the sun all day taking tickets, willing to jump in anywhere, and always had a smile on her face. She just killed it!”





Welcome 2022-2023 Provisionals!

By Lauren Nixon

The Junior League of Fort Worth (JLFW) proudly welcomes the 2022-2023 Provisional class. These 136 women bring a wealth of talent, enthusiasm and leadership to our organization.

PROVISIONAL MEMBERS represent women in varied stages of life, with ages ranging from early twenties to seventies. Most work outside the home, with attorneys and sales professionals as the top two jobs of this cohort. The class also has representatives who are retired, stay-at-home parents and running self-owned businesses. Most of the women, 74 percent, reside in Fort Worth, with Arlington and Aledo rounding out the top three hometowns. While most are native Texans, several have lived internationally, including in New Zealand, the Dominican Republic, Korea, Germany and Peru.

Provisional Co-Chairs **Savannah Petronis** and **Jessica Walsh**, along with the provisional leadership team, guide the women through their year. “I am super excited about being with such an awesome group of women so often on a regular basis and building those relationships with them personally and also watching them be built within the groups,” Petronis said.

The Provisional class gathered in May for a welcome retreat at Casa Mañana. This retreat marked the first one held in-person since 2019 and showcased an organization supported by the JLFW as the host site. In addition to learning about the JLFW and

their requirements for the upcoming year, Provisional members got to connect with each other in small groups and their sponsors at a champagne toast.

Provisional members will continue to serve the community through the Junior MINTS placement. This year two new schools were added to the program, and leaders anticipate a return to fully in-person programming. Petronis and Walsh shared the Provisionals will also host a major philanthropy project, with details forthcoming. “It will be big and awesome!” Petronis said.

Walsh continued, “We’re excited to be in-person, we’re excited for the new year, and we’re excited to see the impact that these ladies will have in the community. We have a lot of leaders who will do amazing things in the League.”



JLFW commits hours each year through volunteers assisting riders in their lessons, acting as sidewalkers for the riders and leading the horses during the sessions, while also donating their time at fundraisers and other special events.



Wings of Hope

By Madeline Hunt

WINGS OF HOPE offers equine-assisted activities, learning and discovery for children and adults with unique physical, mental and emotional challenges. The Junior League of Fort Worth, Inc. (JLFW) has partnered with *Wings of Hope* for more than a decade. Per *Wings of Hope* Project Development Chair **Lauren Quiroz Lyster**, our commitment to the agency has been both as community placement and project partner. JLFW commits hours each year through volunteers assisting riders in their lessons, acting as sidewalkers for the riders and leading the horses during the sessions, while also donating their time at fundraisers and other special events. One

such event is the Chisholm Challenge, a horse show for riders with disabilities that is held at the Will Rogers Coliseum, which also serves as a kick-off event for the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo.

Through project funding from JLFW, *Wings of Hope* will upgrade their facilities with an office renovation as well as the development of a new Discovery Room, which is part of their two-phase, two-year project. After 25 years in the same space, the office renovations will benefit the staff, volunteers and clients. The Discovery Room will provide *Wings of Hope* with an indoor space for the Equine Assisted Learning and Equine

Discovery programs. This newly built space will be constructed alongside the Discovery Trail and will allow the organization to enhance and increase partnerships with area school districts through their “Field Trips with a Purpose” experience.

The goal is to have the office remodel largely completed early this fall. With the construction in-progress and set to be completed soon, the focus of the project is choosing the finishes for the space that will reflect the organization’s identity. Volunteers will also provide support for daily lessons as well as at events such as the Round-Up.

Wings of Hope was founded on the belief that there is amazing potential within each individual, and abilities are greater than disabilities. “I’m a lifelong equestrian and know firsthand that relationships with horses can be therapeutic,” said Lyster. “Wings of Hope provides an inclusive and accessible way for its riders to connect with horses, and it is truly inspiring to see the reactions that come from the riders as they build those relationships.” JLFW is proud to partner with this organization to help provide hope and healing through these equine-assisted activities.





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Sustaining Membership

By Camilla Taylor Wilson

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— C.S. Lewis, author



AFTER 22 YEARS as a Sustaining Member, Sustainer Chair **Peggy Sims** wants you to know there's so much to look forward to as a Sustaining Member. "We have the largest Sustainer membership within the Junior League," said Sims. "While some Leagues may have more Sustainers, The Junior League of Fort Worth has more Sustainers who pay annual dues than any other League in the AJLI!" Our thriving and vibrant Sustainer community is more than 1,100 members strong, which is amazing, but it can make transitioning from Active to Sustainer status intimidating. To help ease the transition, JLFW offers a Sustainer Lite group within the larger Sustainer membership. Newly transitioning Sustainers gather several times throughout the year to ease the transition from Active to Sustaining membership.

Sustainers play a tremendously important role in the League. They support our Mission and keep the League flourishing with their dues and continued commitment to our service commitments in the community. Our Sustaining members' roles in the League may change, but they continue to shine in our League and outside it. One amazing recent example is Sustaining Member, **Kathe Ambrose Goodwin** on the recent publication of her first book, "Love Remembers: Holding on to Hope and Faith in the Face of Early-Onset Alzheimer's."

There are many ways for Sustainers to continue cultivating Junior League relationships and volunteer opportunities. From the monthly birthday club, Mah Jong classes and numerous special interest groups, to the annual Sustainer Fall Social and our upcoming rodeo party with The Junior League of Dallas, there's something for everyone.

For questions about Sustainer Lite or membership after Active status, please contact Peggy Sims.



SUSTAINER EVENTS

- The Sustainer Lites (Sustainers in their 30s and 40s) – Our newest Sustainers gather socially to connect with fellow members early in their Sustainer career.
- Sunshine Singers – Our most get-around-town Sustainers singing their way to bring joy and comfort to our senior citizens in assisted care centers.
- Sustainer Birthday Club – This group meets each quarter for a happy hour social.
- The Sustainer Day Book Club – Book Club meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at the JLFW HQ.
- Tarrant Area Food Bank Volunteers are in the planning stages to resume volunteering this fall. This group meets every 2nd Thursday from 9 a.m.- noon at the TAFB.

**Interested in giving lessons
for Mah Jong? Contact
Peggy Sims.**

Tarrant Area Food Bank Junior MINTS School Pantry Project

By Jordan Rolfe Stimpson

"The Junior MINTS School Pantry Project serves as a community pillar to ensure that we lessen the effect of food insecurity in our community."

— Dr. Christina Hanson

ESTABLISHED IN 2018, The Tarrant Area Food Bank School Pantry Program provides food to children in need while reducing the barriers to access food that many families face. This is just one way the Tarrant Area Food Bank (TAFB) and The Junior League of Fort Worth (JLFW) are meeting citizens where they are to ensure needs are met and food is available to children in our community. This program aims to support the educational and social development of students by providing a reliable source of food outside of the school day. Prior to COVID-19, the School Pantry program was operating

at 22 schools with each pantry serving approximately 300-400 families per month. Today, the program serves 90 schools.

Through the Junior MINTS School Pantry Project, JLFW has made a commitment of \$100,000 and six volunteers. With JLFW funding, the Project established five new school pantries and will maintain those pantries for three years. It is estimated that this Project will serve 1,500 families each month or approximately 4,350 individuals. JLFW volunteers support the School Pantry Program by overseeing





JLFW MINTS volunteers and supporting pantries at Fort Worth ISD school campuses. JLFW volunteers also support the School Pantry Program by serving as volunteers at the Tarrant Area Food Bank's Volunteer Center at 2600 Cullen Street in Fort Worth.

A school principal by day, Project Chair **Dr. Christina Hanson** knows firsthand the positive impact the Junior MINTS School Pantry Project is making in our community. "The Junior MINTS School Pantry Project serves as a community pillar to ensure that we lessen the effect of food insecurity in our community," said Hanson.

The Junior MINTS School Pantry Project is one of four projects that was approved as a multiyear project and will

continue into 2022-2023. The Junior MINTS School Pantry Project addresses the JLFW impact areas of physical and mental health. Both the Tarrant Area Food Bank and The Junior League of Fort Worth look forward to continuing the positive impact in serving all ages in our community for many years to come.



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Bigger than Me. Better as We.

Meet the New Board of Directors.

By Jordan Rolfe Stimpson

ROOTED IN PASSION, armed with grit and clothed in determination, 10 dedicated women sought out to make a difference in their community and formed the Junior League of Fort Worth (JLFW) in 1929, just months before the Great Depression. Fast forward 93 years and a global pandemic, the League now has more than 1,900 members and this year's Board of Directors remains as dedicated as ever to tackling critical needs in our vibrant city through strategic action and the leadership of trained volunteers.

The Board of Directors oversees and manages the activities, property, and affairs of The Junior League of Fort Worth. The Board stewards our governing policies and ensures the alignment of the JLFW Mission and Vision through all levels of the League via strategic planning, financial management, policy administration, operations and communications. The Board meets once a month; however, they have a group text thread that pings several times a day, often hourly, with new ideas and solutions to problems most members will never know existed. This year's Board

has more than 120 years of Junior League service combined. To prepare for this League year, the Board retreated to a family ranch for leadership training, team building exercises and good ol' country fun that included fishing, axe throwing and campfires.

More than just a 2022-2023 theme, "Bigger than me. Better as we." is a declaration of who JLFW is as an organization. "Bigger than me" reinforces JLFW members are driven by selfless service, showing up in countless ways

BETTER ^{as we} bigger _{than me}



that our community needs. “Better as we” is a reminder that JLFW members, together, are what make the League the incredible organization it is. Members are the heart of The Junior League of Fort Worth. This year’s Board is ready to build on what the League has learned in past years while planning for the years to come.

The last three years have proven that JLFW can successfully operate remotely, however with a new League year upon us, the Board is looking forward to seeing members back in the community and engaging in League activities whether at headquarters or community placements. Junior League of Fort Worth President **Becky Escott** says it best, “Link arms, encourage one another, learn from one another and pour into each other as we serve.” A project the Board is excited to roll out this year is Paint a Playground. Aimed to decrease childhood obesity and bolster kids’ mental health by providing elementary campuses in Fort Worth ISD with the tools, locations, and inspiration to make active play a daily priority, JLFW will help to invigorate elementary school playgrounds throughout our city by selecting and painting the designs for several different games on the school’s blacktop. Along with painting, the League will also provide new equipment including balls, bean bags and other items to go along with the new painted activities.

Since 1929, JLFW leadership has proactively identified areas of need in our city and taken swift action to address those needs. A dynamic and diverse group of women, this year’s Board will continue to carry out the legacy of leadership and dedication to Fort Worth.



Gittings Spotlight

on Your Board of Directors



CHRISTINA BARGAS

2022-2023 Nominating Chair

Christina Bargas is this year's Nominating Chair. Originally born in Germany, Christina grew up in Bradenton, FL, and attended The University of Florida before making her way to Fort Worth for her husband, Rick's, US Navy military service. They will celebrate 11 years together this November! Christina and Rick are proud parents to Alyssa (3) and Garrett (2). A member since 2012, her favorite placement to date is Little Leaguers, "Starting this new program last year and getting to introduce my daughter and so many League children to our community was such a blessing." Provisional Pancake Picnic will always hold a special place in her heart after seeing the joy and excitement of many patients at Cook Children's. Christina credits the League for giving her life-long friendships, many rewarding experiences and love for our city.



MEREDETH BELEW

2022-2023 Vice President of Membership

Meredeth Belew is this year's Vice President of Membership. Meredith was born and raised here in Cowtown and currently resides with her rescue terrier mix, Mabel. After joining the League in 2009, her two favorite placements have been Rodeo Program Sales Chair, where she fell in love with the League, and Diaper Bank Chair, because of the growth she witnessed in the program. Meredith's love for the Rodeo runs deep, "Serving and chairing on that committee was like being at a summer camp with my best friends while making an impact on our community!" She fondly recalls the programs arriving after the Rodeo had begun and rallying her fellow members to set a sales record at the time. For Meredith, being in the League means falling in love with serving others, community growth and strong friendships.



BECKY ESCOTT

2022-2023 President

Becky Escott is this year's League President. As a Fort Worth native, Becky can't imagine living anywhere else with her husband of 13 years, Taylor, their two children – Lainey, 10, and Brandt, 7, and their two precious Labrador Retrievers, Molly, and Rudy. A member since 2011, Becky notes that her experience has evolved into a much greater love of community and values that she hopes to pass along to her children. When thinking about her time in the League, she says, "My favorite JLFW memory is the day that I was asked to serve as President. I was at my parents' house (supposedly to take a picture for them) and had no clue it was coming. Next thing I knew there was a knock at the door, and I was immediately surrounded by several past JLFW Presidents, all of whom are dear friends, the Nominating Chair, and my mother, who has also served as JLFW President. Hearing their votes of confidence in me taking on the role was just completely overwhelming and so very special."

MEMBERSHIP VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Christmas in Cowtown: The "Sweetest" Season of the Year

By: Camilla Taylor Wilson

CHRISTMAS IN COWTOWN (CIC) is like a warm fuzzy blanket we all enjoy wrapping ourselves in as the year winds down. It's a fun and festive event filled with old and new vendors and the wonderful traditions of our Junior League of Fort Worth. *Christmas in Cowtown* 2022, will be the 16th year of the shopping soiree, and the unofficial theme this year is "Sweet 16." The event's decorations will be reminiscent of a Christmas candy shop. "Guests can expect to see fun candied theme decorations and the use of pastel greens, pinks, and reds. It's sure to be a sweet time!" said **Kathleen Carter**, Fund Development VP.

The nostalgia and tradition are great, but that doesn't mean we aren't looking forward to the new. This year's





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— Kathleen Carter

Christmas in Cowtown will feature 257 vendors from all over the country, some new, some fan favorites. The CIC committee will offer Pick a Package gift certificates this year in the concourse to simplify your shopping experience, and

this year, the Preview Party will feature gourmet appetizers, live music, and a private shopping experience with easy and fun tidbits for those shoppers looking for something more mobile.

Christmas in Cowtown continues to be a bright star for the JLFW. Since the beginning of the fundraiser, we've raised \$6,000,000; last year, we raised more than \$800,000! We would love to knock this year out of the park by bringing in \$1,000,000 and 19,000 guests. So, get your tickets early, and tell a friend about this beautifully planned event.



Join us to toast Honorary Chair **Suzie Russell** at the Preview Party or Private Shopping on Thursday morning.



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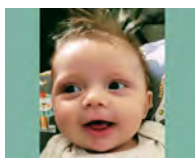
Artemis Nichole Pringle

Laura Grubb welcomed her granddaughter, Artemis Nicole Pringle, on April 4, 2022. Parents are Malea Grubb Pringle (The Junior League New York City, New York) and Benjamin Pringle.



John Mitchell II

Alicia Murphy and John Mitchell welcomed their son, John "Jack" Mitchell II, on April 14, 2022.



Eros Zakmil Jabri

Lauren and Nidal Jabri welcomed their son, Eros Zakmil Jabri, on May 16, 2022.



Batts Bishop Reynolds

Caroline and Dillon Reynolds welcomed their son, Batts Bishop Reynolds, on May 16, 2022.



Otto Manuel Reeb

Hannah and Drew Reeb welcomed their son, Otto Manuel, on June 20, 2022.



Ericson Ann Pifer

Erica and Sean Pifer welcomed their daughter, Ericson Ann Pifer, on July 1, 2022.



Victor Leon Mercado-Carillo

Hannah and Adrian Mercado-Carillo welcomed their son, Victor Leon Mercado-Carillo, on July 22, 2022.

Life in the League

ENGAGEMENTS



Mary Hannah Pruett became engaged to Thomas Brunke on May 17, 2022.

MARRIAGES



Diane Sturdivant married Michael Cisneros on March 12, 2022.



Tishara A. Jackson married Terrell M. Shaw on Friday, April 22, 2022.



Elise Kensinger married Hayden Lambert on April 23, 2022.



Laura Foran married Casey Berend on July 30, 2022.



Lizzy McNamara married Philip Chapman on August 27, 2022.

GRADUATIONS



Megan Farrelly graduated in May 2022 from the McCombs School of Business at The University of Texas at Austin, earning a Master of Science in Technology Commercialization.

CONGRATULATIONS

DaNae Couch-Lowe on being named Associate Attorney for Canterbury, PC in April 2022.

Sierra Lykins on being awarded the Emerging Philanthropist of the Triennium award from the Tri Sigma Foundation.

Laura McWhorter on being named the 2022 Outstanding Professional Fundraising Executive by the Texas Health Resources Foundation. She will receive The Ben Franklin Award at the annual National Philanthropy Day Luncheon on Tuesday, November 15, 2022.

Magellan Taylor-Brickey on receiving the inaugural Outstanding Alumnae Association Board Member award from Alpha Delta Pi.

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