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A Message from Natalie Martin



Impact with Empathy

This is the time of year when many of us reflect, share successes and make goals for the New Year, and we are no different here at the League office. We reflect on all the Placements, Projects, DIAD and trainings we've accomplished so far. How we have contributed our time and talent to these and how we will continue going forward. We review our goals and our strategic plan to make sure we are still on track. The goal is to be able to say, "we've done a great job" leading, learning and helping others and to identify where we can do better.

In the pages of this issue you will learn more about the fun night of dancing to LeAnn Rimes and celebrating women at *Grand Entry Gala*. Thank you to the committee and everyone who attended to help make it such a success!

We highlight Junior League's involvement in the FWSSR and our legacy of going out to "Yell & Sell" rodeo programs. We spotlight our continuing impact on our community partners through Camp Fire, SafeHaven and the fall Day of Giving.

The article "Life in the League: A Family Affair" shows the multi-generational bonds of a beloved JL family and the impact they have made in the League as well as the community. The League is better because of their service and their bonds are strengthened through our organization.

I encourage you to pause to not only look at what we have accomplished in the community but also what we have accomplished for ourselves. What do you want to gain from your Junior League year? How do you want to grow personally? What goals did you set at the beginning of the year, and are you on track to achieve them? If not, how can you do better? It is easy for me to live in the moment, to create a check-list and focus on "getting it done," but this time of year it is worth asking, "Is this accomplishing my goal?" Goals change and flexibility is key especially when we have the push and pull of volunteering, work, family – basically, life.

I encourage you to be bold and step out of your comfort zone. Attend one of our Diversity Trainings to view our community through someone else's eyes. Step out of your routine; drive a different way home; approach someone you do not know at one of our Member Monthly's or GMM's. Broaden your horizons in the new year to expand your view on life.

It is my hope as we move into the second season of our year, we continue to make an *Impact with Empathy*. There is so much as a group we can accomplish. Our membership is one of the strongest women's groups in the world, and together we can do great things! Hang on to your hats, it's time to continue making a difference.

Natalie Martin

2017 - 2018 President

Finding Your Herd

By Janie Latimer

The Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo (FWSSR) can't sneak up on locals any more than a person could "catch a weasel asleep." It's no secret that the FWSSR and the Junior League of Fort Worth have been in "cahoots" together for many years. Members have "herded" together in the acclaimed *Yelling and Selling* of rodeo programs and have been ushering in the festivities with the *Grand Entry Gala*.

Emily Ottinger is a "point rider" for Rodeo Program Sales along with 19 other committee members. Ottinger has seen many members find their inner seller, but she emphasizes the true purpose, "Our main goal is not only selling programs but positively interacting with the community. All you have to do is smile, yell and sell, and people will respond."



The commencement of the Rodeo is referred to as the Grand Entry, but proceeding that event is the *Grand Entry Gala (GEG)*. With the *GEG* becoming the Junior League's third fundraiser, the FWSSR opened the Will Rogers Coliseum to host the event. The *GEG* committee is comprised of 22 ladies who transform the space into a night with great music, food and a silent auction. This year's entertainment was LeAnn Rimes, a good friend of a *GEG* committee member. "We were excited to have LeAnn Rimes because she was the first female performer since the inaugural year. And she is a true Texan," **Blair Walker**, *GEG* Co-Chair, commented.

Through both *Yelling and Selling* of Rodeo programs and the *GEG*, money raised goes directly back to the Junior League to give to the community. Both committees want to thank all who slipped on their best boots and kicked some saw dust. See you next year!



GEG Co-Chairs Susanna Bartolomei and Blair Walker



Art Show Winners and JLFW Volunteers



LeAnn Rimes put on a fabulous show



GEG Honorary Chairs Jennifer and Philip Williamson



JLFW Board of Directors



Grand Entry Gala Committee

More Than Girls in Pearls

Helping to Heal: Hurricane Harvey

By Luci Hoad

On August 25, 2017, one of the most destructive hurricanes in more than a decade made landfall in Rockport, Texas. The catastrophic fallout from Hurricane Harvey could not have been predicted, but how quickly Junior League chapters from around the state and beyond responded was nothing short of amazing.

The Junior League of New Orleans took advantage of its unique geographical position to help families affected by sending ships full of much-needed items. Through existing resources, such as the diaper bank, additional contributions of gift cards and items for infant care were sent to supplement otherwise scarce baby supplies in the aftermath of Harvey.

Even Junior Leagues in the hardest hit regions found ways to focus their efforts on their surrounding communities despite being impacted directly by the storm. Julie Welder, President of the Junior League of Victoria noted on the Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI) resource board for information on storm outreach, "As our community's most immediate needs have been identified, the Junior League of Victoria has partnered with our local Emergency Operations Center and opened our historic O'Connor Proctor Building to temporarily house out-of-town first responders assisting us in our time of need."

Laura Bomer, the President of the Junior League of The Woodlands shared that even as her members braced to sustain severe damage, many evacuating without any certainty as to what might be left of their homes upon return, they continued to be "generous, kind, and ready to rebuild." They established a relief fund to ensure money was available once the rain stopped to serve the needs of members, community partners, and sister Junior Leagues as rebuilding efforts began, and to ensure partner organizations could continue their important work when regular business operations were back to normal.



*JL Arlington received supplies to send to Houston**



JLFW bedding donations for evacuees in the city of FW



JLFW sends donations to Houston



Junior League of San Antonio donation center

Much closer to home, the Junior League of Arlington collected items to send to Houston while the City of Fort Worth prepared to welcome roughly 5,000 evacuees and reached out to the Junior League of Fort Worth for help. Members quickly activated as the League received word for needed bedding, clothing and toiletries for those arriving in town, as well as creating and managing children's activities to provide a sense of normalcy to the children staying at the city's shelter. The Community Opportunity Fund provided emergency funding to agencies who took in evacuees, while League members supported family members and friends impacted by the storm.

In the words of our President, **Natalie Martin**, with echoed sentiments throughout the Leagues across Texas, "It is wonderful to know that our League stands ready to help... We are here to help for the duration. We are so proud of our members and how they have gone above and beyond."

* Photo credit to Anderson Pettitt

100K Grant Supports Growth and Learning in Diamond Hill Neighborhood

By Hendrika Rhoad

As the Junior League of Fort Worth's (JLFW) largest fundraiser, the proceeds from *Christmas in Cowtown* allowed our chapter to give Camp Fire Diamond Hill Station a staggering \$100,000 for building renovations to its after school center, which provides a safe environment for at risk children. The impressive two-part project included both a renovation and upgrade of the facility, as well as the introduction and guidance of a new garden-to-table curriculum complete with instruction led by League volunteers.

Originally a Fort Worth ISD lunch building, the structure had not been updated since prior to Camp Fire taking over the building in the early '90s. The League's construction project included significant kitchen renovations, interior and exterior paint, updated flooring, lighting, ceiling tiles and fans, new desks, furniture and work stations and bathroom renovations.

It is with immense excitement after months of planning that JLFW was able to celebrate progress and partnership with Camp Fire Diamond Hill at a ribbon cutting in September, unveiling the new, fresh look of what is truly a welcoming refuge for children after school. The physical upgrades that are made possible by the League to a single building will not only allow teachers to advance their curriculum, and children to feel comfortable in a safe place, but more importantly, for Fort Worth's future generations to thrive.



Kitchen Before



Kitchen After



Classroom Before



Classroom After



Ribbon Cutting



New Educational Gardens



Cultivating Vegetable Crops



*Fun with the Chef
in the new Kitchen*

SafeHaven Adventure Camp: Helping Kids Be Kids

By Natalie Bowen

When hearing the word “haven,” one may think of a refuge or shelter, a place to find safety and be surrounded by support. That is the definition of SafeHaven of Tarrant County. Their mission is to end domestic violence for women and children through safety, support, prevention and social change. They have upheld that mission for more than 40 years.

This year, the Junior League of Fort Worth (JLFW) donated \$15,000 and invested four JLFW volunteers (200 service hours total) to support SafeHaven’s Adventure Camp summer program, as well as host field trips and activities throughout the year. SafeHaven’s goal is to help children and their mothers heal, and JLFW volunteers play a vital role in that healing by helping the children form positive connections, build new memories and gain exposure to safe experiences. Activities have included: visiting the Fort Worth Zoo, ice skating at The Parks at Arlington, swimming, attending a Texas Rangers baseball game, touring the Perot Museum of Nature and Science, playing games at iT’Z Family Food & Fun, movie nights, ice cream socials and a Halloween carnival.

Candace Cooks, SafeHaven Children’s Program Coordinator, shared, “The JLFW volunteers’ presence helps tremendously because it makes outings safer and more enjoyable, and more children are able to attend. The children find joy in hanging out with the ladies. In addition to field trips, the volunteers have helped sort donations and organize our toy closet. I look forward to continuing our partnership!”

Lynnette Kile, SafeHaven Adventure Camp Project Development Chair, reflected, “This placement has been eye-opening for me in understanding there are people who daily live in fear of abuse and domestic violence. It is nice to help the kids just have fun! At the Texas Rangers game, I sat with two boys, and we talked about college - why it is important to go, what colleges are in the area, what I studied, what types of jobs they are interested in and the doors education opens. That specific memory stands out to me because it was the first time one of the boys understood the meaning of the acronyms for local colleges’ names.”



Volunteers get to have fun too!



Ice Skating at The Parks Mall at Arlington



Halloween Carnival Set-up



More Halloween Carnival Set-up

>>> Did You Know? Each year, SafeHaven shelters more than 1,500 women and children, educates more than 31,000 students through prevention services, provides more than 141,000 meals in their emergency shelter, and connects more than 1,000 women with free legal support.

All In A Day's Work

Done in a Day Provides Quick Response to Community Needs

By Molly MacEwan

The purpose of the Junior League's *Done in a Day* (DIAD) is fairly simple – respond to community needs, which can be completed on a short-term basis, or within one day. But simple doesn't mean small. Just this year, through 85 events, the Junior League of Fort Worth (JLFW) will offer helping hands to more than 30 organizations in the community. So far, DIAD volunteers have worked more than 648 hours at over 45 different events. It is probably safe to say, that by May, it will be past the 1,000 hour mark!

According to **Brooke Scogin**, *Done in a Day* co-chair, November was a very busy month with an abundance of shifts and requests. The busy times vary, though, depending on the year and community needs. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and organizations need to apply at least 60 days prior to their event. For volunteers, shifts vary from helping setup fundraising events to helping with the Tarrant County Immunization Collaboration. Volunteers at the immunization clinic helped with setup and patient in-take.

For organizations like Cook Children's Medical Center, some of the events would not be possible without DIAD support. According to Jenna Howard, Cook Children's Donor Relations Coordinator, JLFW helps with their



Fort Worth Sister Cities
International Sundance Santas

signature events – the biggest fundraising events that require the most support and raise the most money. “We loved using JLFW Done in a Day volunteers for our last event, Pickin’ for Premies, benefiting our NICU,” Howard said. “They showed up on time and were ready to help in whatever way needed with a great attitude.”

Spring opportunities include the Fair MOUNTI-gras Parade in February, and The American Heart Association Go Red for Women Luncheon in March. Looking for something in late Spring? The Chron's and Colitis Foundation's Craft Cocktail Competition is in late April and May DIADs include the popular Fairmount Tour of Homes.

Signing up for a shift is easy - visit the member section of the JLFW website, go to Sign-Ups, click Done in a Day schedule, then click the calendar to view upcoming opportunities. Sign-ups open two weeks prior to the event and close three days before the shift. The no-show rule applies to DIAD shifts and active members may use one DIAD toward a General Membership Meeting credit.

Current DIAD Organizations: <https://www.juniorleaguefw.org/diad/>

A lifestyle blog advertisement for 'SO FORT WORTH IT'. The top half features a photo of a smiling woman with blonde hair, Christy Dunaway Smith, wearing a pink dress and holding a glass. Below the photo is a pink circular logo with the text 'SO FORT WORTH IT' and 'EST. 2012'. The bottom half of the ad is a yellow and pink banner with the text 'A LIFESTYLE BLOG BY CHRISTY DUNAWAY SMITH ABOUT EVERYTHING FUN & FABULOUS IN THE FORT'. Below this is a line of text: 'Featuring the latest in beauty, entertaining, fashion, jet-setting, the local social scene and more.' At the bottom are social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, Twitter, and YouTube, followed by the text 'FOLLOW SOFORTWORTHIT FOR PRIZES, GIVEAWAYS AND MORE!' and the website 'WWW.SOFORTWORTHIT.COM'.

Junior League of Fort Worth is excited to host our
Kids in the Kitchen Embrace Your Health Fair
on Saturday, March 3, from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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K*ids in the Kitchen* is a national healthy eating/get active initiative that provides an exciting and alternative approach to introducing children in our local schools to the fun and importance of living a healthy lifestyle. We are partnering with three of our Junior MINTS schools: Eastern Hills Elementary, Western Hills Primary, and Western Hills Elementary, in addition to Rivertree Academy and Leadership Academy at Como Elementary, to educate their students on the importance of eating healthy and being active! We are very appreciative of all of the organizations, Daniel Migael Foundation, JPS, The Reading Connection, Tarrant Area Food Bank, Moncrief Cancer Center and Fort Worth Drowning Prevention, just to name a few, who are selflessly donating their time and resources for such an impactful event!

5th Annual
Pancake Picnic

Save the Date!
April 14, 2018
at Cook Children's Medical Center



Pancakes Around the World

Paying it Forward

The Impact of November's Day of Giving

By Luci Hoad

In recent years the Junior League of Fort Worth's *Day of Giving* has become more and more successful. This is due to a combination of member growth, which means more volunteers are looking for different ways to help in the community, and a general excitement on the part of eager community organizations. This past November, 19 organizations benefited from the efforts of League volunteers who took the time to pack bags, paint walls and help in numerous other ways -- big and small -- for the benefit of the community.

Local organizations, A Wish With Wings and Project 4031, both serve families with medical needs and received help spreading seasonal cheer. League members prepared for a winter party and stuffed envelopes for mailing holiday cards. John Peter Smith Hospital received assistance organizing their community storehouse. Meanwhile, volunteers at Presbyterian Night Shelter sorted and put together holiday gifts for the residents and children, while those at Breakthrough Fort Worth broke into small groups with the Breakthrough students called "Career Huddles." In these small groups, students received specialized attention on topics like applying to college, picking a major, and deciding on a career.

Overall, 178 Junior League volunteers donated more than 500 hours of their time. This effort will be replicated in the spring when volunteers are sent out for April's *Day of Giving*. Whether it is mentoring exchanges like that of Breakthrough Fort Worth, or sprucing up an organization's facility by painting walls or building cubbies, the impact of the Junior League of Fort Worth and its volunteers is unmistakable.



Volunteers assembled holiday presents and gift bags for patients at JPS



Books collected for FWISD at KPMG Family for Literacy event



Beautification project at Western Hills Elementary School



Care packages assembled and holiday cards written at the Center for Transforming Lives



Books and toys sorted for Cowboy Santa



Fashion Show models at James L. West Center



Gathering donations at Community Storehouse



Helping at Project 4031 with holiday mailings

Congratulations to the 2018-2019 Project Recipients



Mothers' Milk Bank
Make Room for More Miracles



The Salvation Army
Nutrition Enrichment



Make-A-Wish North Texas
Wish Room



Fort Worth Dream Park



The Women's Center
Critical Phone System Upgrade



Cristo Rey Fort Worth
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The Junior League of Fort Worth, Inc. is proud to fund a total of \$435,000 for 2018-2019.

Other Recipients:

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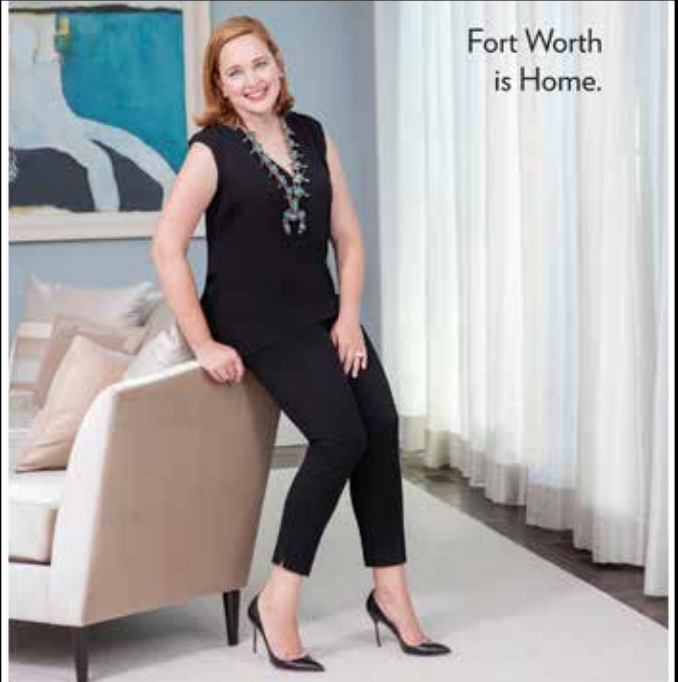
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Junior League of Fort Worth volunteers in action!

1. *Cocktails in Cowtown* Entertainment
2. *Christmas in Cowtown* Volunteers
3. Junior League Booth at *Christmas in Cowtown*
4. *Christmas in Cowtown* Ribbon Cutting
5. Sustainers Bush Library Trip
6. Junior MINTS at the FWISD Health & Safety Fair
7. "What Can I Bring?" Training
8. Catholic Charities Back to School
9. December Member Monthly Event at Bingo and Brews



Sustainer Spotlight: Getting to Know Gail

By Molly MacEwan

Ask **Gail Landreth** what her favorite placement or memory is from the Junior League of Fort Worth (JLFW), and her answers range from the *Van Cliburn International Piano Competition* to *Fort Worth Teen Court*. It's no surprise her advice on life in the League is to "vary your experiences and learn everything you can."

Landreth first learned about the Junior League down in the 'Big Easy.' Her admiration for the Junior League and the organization's projects in the New Orleans community drew her in, but a residency requirement did not allow her to join. As soon as she left New Orleans and arrived back in Texas, she began what is a continuing 36-year commitment to serving Fort Worth.

Landreth learned about Fort Worth as a Provisional – sitting in on city council meetings, touring Fort Worth correctional facilities, visiting publicly supported daycare centers, and even researching and interviewing speakers for Provisional meetings. "It was baptism by fire, but it was highly effective," she says. "In the years since, I have been on various community boards, most of which I learned about my Provisional year!"

Following that year, Landreth started with a *Suzuki Workshop* placement and has since touched every aspect of the Junior League. Landreth was an Active for 14 years and served as President from 1994-1995. She is currently the Sustaining Advisor to the Board, or as she says, "a shoulder to lean on if needed!"

What has been your biggest/most proud achievement in life thus far?

"Of course, my family is my proudest achievement. I am fortunate to have two out of three children here in Fort Worth, plus all four grandchildren."

Who would you invite to your dream dinner party?

"First of all, my dream dinner party would always involve a caterer and clean-up crew! Then, I'd give anything to have my grandparents back for just one hour to ask them all the things I never thought to when I was growing up."

What is the most important lesson life has taught you?

"Try to laugh at something every day - and I usually do - at myself!"



*The Landreth Family
Gail and Bill with daughter Anjie Bulter and family
and son W.A. and family*

What has been your favorite placement and why?

"I'm not sure I ever had a placement I didn't like - or at least appreciate for what it taught me! One interesting point that was made to me, when I was Chair of Project Research and Development, was by Val Wilkie, the long-time head of the Sid Richardson Foundation. When I asked him how to choose between projects that seemingly were "equal" in their applications, he told me to go with the one with people in whom you have the most confidence. That advice has served me well in the numerous boards with which I have been affiliated, and I believe it still is good advice for the Junior League today."

What is your favorite Junior League memory thus far?

"I loved volunteering at the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition and getting to know world-class pianists. I loved working at the Immunization Collaboration of Tarrant County when we gave free shots to kids at the Fort Worth Zoo. I loved taking my kids to see JLFW theater productions - featuring my friends - each year at the Scott Theater. I loved working with the youths at Teen Court, and seeing them earn their way out of a ticket, not just pay the fine. And I loved learning so much about historic preservation - a passion that I still have."

What advice would you share with Provisionals?

"Try everything! The League gives you many opportunities to stretch your capabilities. You can do this knowing that you are supported by all the other League members. We all want you to grow and be successful!"

Taking a Fresh Approach: Junior MINTS Impact in Local Schools

By Natalie Bowen

Mentoring, Inspiring, Nurturing, Tutoring and Supporting. You may know the Junior League of Fort Worth's (JLFW) Junior MINTS program has partnered for the past five years with four schools in the Fort Worth Independent School District (FWISD), including Eastern Hills Elementary (EHE), Western Hills Primary (WHP), Western Hills Elementary (WHE), and the Young Women's Leadership Academy (YWLA). What you may not know is the program was revamped this year, in an effort to meet each school's specific needs and strategically utilize more than 100 JLFW Provisional and Active members. Reflecting on the changes, **Natalie Martin**, JLFW President, shared, "We are different from other agencies in our flexibility to allow the schools to tell us what they need versus us telling them what we can give. By providing each school with its own JLFW Coordinator, we have been able to form deeper relationships with the schools personnel. One of the wonderful aspects of the League is our ability to learn and grow year after year."

An area of transition within the program at EHE, WHP and WHE is partnering volunteers with teachers, classrooms and grade levels rather than with assigned students. A teacher is able to let a volunteer know where help is most needed on any given day. Tasks could range from reading with a student to decorating a bulletin board. At all four schools, the volunteers are also focused on teacher appreciation, providing small holiday gifts and encouragements throughout the year. Beyond the four partner schools, the Junior MINTS are assisting, for the first time, with district-wide events, such as the College Fair and Health and Safety Fair. Regarding the Health and Safety Fair, Felipe Ramirez, ELL Home Liaison Counselor at the FWISD Student Placement Center, said, "Your volunteers beautified the event with their smiles and positive attitudes, helped us have a fun and safe environment, and made sure families connected with health and safety services. They did a lot of the heavy lifting and were key in making this event a success."

Below are unique needs the Junior MINTS have helped meet at each partner school this year:



Eastern Hills Elementary
Work Day



Eastern Hills Elementary
PTA Meeting

- **EHE** — purchased a basketball goal for the playground and created math and literacy centers

"The basketball goal will support our efforts to provide opportunities for our students to participate in Mayor Betsy Price's FitWorth Challenge. As an educator, one of the greatest gifts to receive is time. There is not enough time in the day to complete everything required to successfully meet the needs of our students. By providing assistance to our campus, you play a major role in our efforts to increase student achievement in a positive culture and climate," explained Veronica Benton, Professional School Counselor.

- **WHP** — made sensory activities for each classroom, hosted a Trunk or Treat event and coordinated an outing to Hall's Pumpkin Patch with more than 200 students and more than 150 of their parents

"Although there are so many great student experiences they have been a part of, this past October stands out to me in a unique way. They took more than five busloads of our students and their families to enjoy a hayride, complete a corn maze, and receive a pumpkin. We will forever be grateful for the special moments the Junior MINTS have created for our campus," states Brigit Blanco, Physical Education Teacher.



Western Hills Primary
Pumpkin Patch



Western Hills Primary
Sensory Lab Preparations



Western Hills Elementary
Girls on the Run



Western Hills Elementary
Math Carnival

- **WHE** — assisted with citizenship raffle and good attendance parties, spruced up the front entrance of the school with new potted plants and supported the Girls on the Run program with volunteer running partners

"I signed up to be a running buddy for the Girls on the Run 5K. Of course, I was assigned the fastest fourth grader at WHE, and it was difficult keeping up with her. She was so sweet and encouraged me the whole run! I thought it would be the other way around, but at the end of the day, she helped me to achieve completing a 5K. I am so thankful for the one-on-one time I was able to spend with her," shared JLFW Provisional **Amanda Massingill**.

"I looked forward to coming to WHE each week for the Girls on the Run program. Each practice was different. Some days were challenging when the girls did not embrace the lessons or want to run. Other days, I was really proud to see each girl reach or exceed her goal. They were excited to see me at each practice, so I hope I brought a fun, light-hearted attitude to the group," recounted, JLFW Provisional **Sarah Houston**.

- **YWLA** — attended field trips, facilitated monthly G.E.M.S. Who Lunch (Girls Excelling in Math and Science) program to help students develop confidence in public speaking, networking and communication skills and created a new monthly "Developing Me" seminar for sixth graders to gain leadership skills and feel comfortable meeting new people in new situations

"I enjoyed marching with the young ladies for The Day of the Girl. We marched from YWLA to the courthouse and then through downtown. It was empowering to see so many positive women and girls coming together. It made me proud to serve at YWLA. Participating in the G.E.M.S. program has taught me as much, if not more, about myself and my fellow volunteers as it has the students. Many of the questions we discuss make me think in a new way. I have enjoyed seeing how intelligent these young ladies are and learning about their backgrounds and goals," stated JLFW Provisional **Whitney Bessler**.

"What stands out the most to me is listening to the girls discuss their answers to various questions they receive. In response to the question, 'If you could be any person in the world, who would you be and why?,' one of the younger sixth grade girls said simply, 'I would be a grown-up, any grown-up, so I could go help those in need recover from the devastation of the hurricanes.' I will never forget the earnestness of her voice or the determination in her eyes when she answered," reflected, JLFW Active **Misty Smethers**.



YWLA Ben E. Keith
Job Shadowing



YWLA
Day of the Girl

From the classroom to the playground and from lunch conversations to field trips, the Junior MINTS make a positive difference in the educational experience for local teachers, students and families. In line with JLFW's desire to make an Impact with Empathy, **Natalie Martin**, JLFW President, said, "Each of our partner schools needs a large amount of help to provide their students with the best chance for success. Our community is growing each day, and the stress on our school system is immense. The growing vitality of our community depends on a solid school district to not only provide a safe learning environment, but to also train our future workers to bring economic growth. JLFW is blessed to be part of a growing year to make an even larger impact at our partner schools. The passion and drive of each JLFW volunteer serving with the schools is truly inspiring!"



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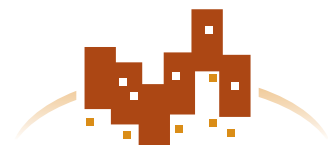
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Nominating Committee Slate

2018 - 2019 Candidates to be voted on at the April General Membership Meeting

The current Nominating Committee has prepared a slate of candidates for the 2018 - 2019 Nominating Committee. The list of candidates below will be voted on at the April General Membership Meeting. If you have questions regarding the Nominating Process, contact **Becky Escott**, 2017 - 2018 Nominating Chair.

Candidates: Median Age and Over (vote for four)



Christina Bargas

Placement: Finance Vice President
Previous Placements: Asst. Finance VP, Provisionals (2), Tarrant Area Food Bank, Double Exposure
Non-Placements: All Aboard Class, ODI Rep.



Carrie Moore

Placement: CIC PR/Marketing - Layout Designer
Previous Placements: Communication VP, Placement, CIC Co-Chair & Asst. Co-Chair, CIC PR/Marketing, YWCA, Double Exposure
Non-Placements: Community Opportunities Fund



Brittyn Brender

Placement: Community Impact Educator
Previous Placements: Placement Chair & Asst. Chair, Membership Advisor: Community, First Tee TL (2), First Tee (2), CIC Special Events, Transfer Class
Non-Placements: All Aboard Class



Shelley Simon

Placement: CIC Asst. Co-Chair & Asst. to Chairs
Previous Placements: CIC Merchant Hospitality TL, Assistant to the Board, Recovery Resource TL (2), Education VP, CIC JL Booth Chair, Arrangements Co-Chair, In-League Relations Co-Chair, Wings of Hope, Camp Aurora TL & Volunteer



Cherri Cannon

Placement: Member Monthly Co-Chair
Previous Placements: CIC Merchant Relations, Catholic Charities Outings, MINTS
Non-Placements: All Aboard Class



Robyn Windham

Placement: Leave of Absence
Previous Placements: Colonial Co-Chair, NICU Angels TL, Membership Advisor: In-League (2), Double Exposure



Christy Livingstone

Placement: Community VP, Leadership FW
Previous Placements: PNS PDC, Day of Giving Chair & Committee, Individual Placement, Mayfest (6), WARM Place, Double Exposure



Monica Wyatt

Placement: Kids in the Kitchen Co-Chair
Previous Placements: Annual Fund Co-Chair, Pancake Picnic
Non-Placements: All Aboard Class, ODI Rep.

Candidates: Under Median Age (vote for three)



Elyse Menger

Placement: CIC Special Events Asst. Co-Chair
Previous Placements: CIC Assistant to the Chairs, Provisionals, MINTS
Non-Placements: Community Opportunities Fund, All Aboard Class



Keely Nezworski

Placement: Mayfest Central Committee
Previous Placements: Rodeo Committee (3), MINTS
Non-Placements: All Aboard Class



Laura Mitchell

Placement: Mothers' Milk Bank TL
Previous Placements: Fortress Youth PDC, Provisionals TL & Committee, Tarrant Area Food Bank, Double Exposure
Non-Placements: Adm/Prov. Committee



Rachael Quisenberry

Placement: GEG Silent Suction Co-Chair
Previous Placements: GEG Decorations, CIC JL Booth Chair & Committee, Mayfest, Double Exposure



Blair Moore

Placement: Leave of Absence
Previous Placements: Provisional Philanthropy TL, NICU Helping Hands, Mayfest Central, Provisional Philanthropy Project



Sarah Schimpff

Placement: Public Relations Chair
Previous Placements: Kids in the Kitchen Co-Chair & Volunteer (2), MINTS
Non-Placements: All Aboard Class

A League of Their Own: Family and Philanthropy

By Janie Latimer

There's no doubt that women who give their time to serve the local community are extraordinary. When you find three extraordinary women in one family, now that is exceptional. We had the opportunity to visit with **Jennifer Johnson**, her daughter, **Erica Pifer**, and Jennifer's "sister-in-love," **Elizabeth Hester**, to learn how serving became a part of their lives and how the Junior League of Fort Worth (JLFW) shaped their identity.

"The JLFW opened my eyes to the needs in our community. We're here to serve. The community needs us to serve. The JLFW has raised funds to put programs in place where there was none," Jennifer commented on the impact seen since her Provisional year. She joined the JLFW with friends shortly after returning from college. "We knew of the responsibility to serve the community, so we did it together."

Because of Jennifer's enthusiasm for the JLFW, her sister-in-law Elizabeth was confident she would join when she planted her roots in Fort Worth. "It was a way to integrate back into the community. The ladies I have gotten to meet have become my best friends. I may not have met them in my normal day-to-day life." Elizabeth's niece and Jennifer's daughter, Erica transferred to the local chapter three years ago, but she has known the JLFW since she was 8 weeks old. "I always knew my mom was involved, but I realized the impact of her work when she got the "Old Shoe" award. I always knew I would join. I wanted to dedicate my time and meet other women who were similar to me. This is the best decision I've ever made, finding that sense of community."



Elizabeth, Jennifer and Erica



Elizabeth and Erica in Albert, TX
visiting the family ranch



Elizabeth, Erica and Jennifer in
Fredricksburg, TX



Jennifer, Elizabeth and Dana
Farrell at Grand Entry Gala



Daughter and future JL member,
Abigail Johnson, Jennifer and
Erica at Christmas in Cowtown

Many things have changed in the JLFW over the years, but all three women agree the changes are for the best. There are more opportunities for face to face interaction with the community, more diversity in every facet and more women serving in dynamic leadership positions. Written on the napkins during our visit was the phrase: "Stop Unpurposefully Volunteering." These ladies have given, and continue to give, their "time and treasure" to the JLFW, but what they've gotten out of their involvement has shaped who they are today, extraordinary and exceptional.

Spring Trainings

Don't miss the opportunity to attend these amazing trainings:

Baby Steps to Graduate School

Tuesday, February 20 12 noon

Tarrant Regional Water District and Our Community

Tuesday, February 20 6 p.m.

Connecting in a Disconnected Time

Tips on Building Strong Family Relationships

Thursday, February 22 6:30 p.m.

Personal Finance

Tuesday, March 20 6:30 p.m.

Live Your Bucket List

Monday, March 26 6:30 p.m.

Tarrant Area Food Bank Tour

Tuesday, April 10 6:30 p.m.

History of Fort Worth

Presented by Sustainer Jerre Tracy

Monday, April 16 6 p.m.

Junior League Budget

Tuesday, April 17 6:30 p.m.

Blue Zone Purpose Workshop

Wednesday, April 25 6 p.m.

The TALK Will Happen Sooner Than You Think!

Tuesday, May 8 6 p.m.

Registration opens 45 days prior to the event. Click the Training option under the Sign-Up link on your member homepage.

Then

and

Now



Junior League has played a vital role in the success of the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo for decades, Yelling and Selling to make a difference in the community.



Mayfest continues to be a labor of love for the women who help coordinate and facilitate one of the city's largest events.

Membership

Membership Vice President's Report

August 11, 2017 - January 10, 2018

TRANSFER IN

Chelsea Brown A
JL Dallas

Jill Ellis A
JL Louisville KY

Heather Hix A
JL Waco

Kimberley Lambert A
JL Palo Alto Mid-Peninsula

Ebony Mikle A
JL Arlington

Courtney Mooring S
JL Palo Alto Mid-Peninsula, CA

Mary Perry S
JL Houston

Lacy Pritchard A
JL Dallas

Marisa Reynolds A
JL Dallas

Linda Springer S
JL Amarillo

Nancy Sticksel S
JL Amarillo

Renee Underwood S
JL Lubbock

Emilee Upson A
JL Dallas

Bobbie West A
JL Dallas

TRANSFER IN/RESIGN

Allie Schrader A
JL Little Rock AR

Barbara Williams A
JL Dallas

REINSTATE

Tracy Barry S
Kim Belton S
Kelly Curd A
Elise Ellis S
Kristen Ethridge S
Kelly Keller S
Carter Martin S
Karen O'Neill S
Sheila Page S
Lezlie Pinto S
Donna Ray S
Margaret Scheideman S

CONDOLENCE

Donna Adams S
Loss of mother-in-law

Carol Anderson S
Loss of mother-in-Law

Maryanne Anthony S
Loss of Father

Louise Appleman S
Loss of brother

Kathe Ambrose Goodwin S
Loss of sister

Charity Aughingaug A
Loss of aunt

Missy Johns S
Loss of father

Sarah Nader S
Loss of husband

Susie Phillips S
Loss of mother

Mary Anne Polson S
Loss of mother

Tiffany Rubenkoenig A
Loss of grandfather

To the family of Kathryn Lowden Schutts,
Sustainer Emeritus
Suzy Rhodes (S) loss of mother
Pat Schutts (S) Loss of sister-in-Law
Heidi Schutts (S) Loss of mother-in-law
Emily Jones (S) Loss of grandmother

Elaine Small S
Loss of mother

Moira Taylor S
Loss of grandmother-in-law

Charlotte Munn Ward S
Loss of mother

IN MEMORY
Martha Rowan Hyder
Sustainer Emeritus
August 17, 2017

Angela Ambrose Cochran
Sustainer
August 23, 2017

Kathryn Lowden Schutts
Sustainer Emeritus
September 24, 2017

Gloria Voelkel Settle
Sustainer Emeritus
January 8, 2018



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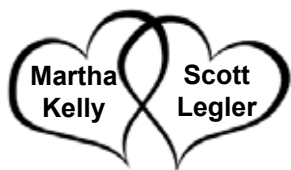
Life in the League Announcements

By Hendrika Rhoad

Praises and Promotions!

Congratulations to **Dyana Pari Holzworth** (Active) on her promotion to Senior Vice President at U.S. Trust, the private bank of Bank of America

Here Come the Newlyweds!

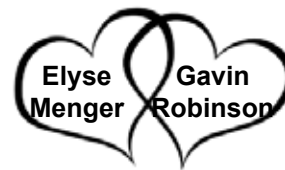


Married on
September 2, 2017



Married on
December 16, 2017

Happily Engaged



Welcoming Little Leaguers to the World!

Angel & Jared Mikeska
Active
Daughter, Madalyn Grace
April 21, 2017



Laura & Matthew Morgan
Active
Son, Rhett Hollis
October 9, 2017



Morgan & Kelly Kostohryz
Active
Daughter, Margot Whitney
July 12, 2017



Brooke & Dan Green
Active
Son, Boley David
October 14, 2017



Eryn & Britton Norris
Active
Son, Grover Jack
August 28, 2017



McKenzie & George Montague
Active
Daughter, Merritt Ryan
November 1, 2017



Savannah & Richard Petronis
Active
Daughter, Campbell Cora
September 22, 2017



Whitney & Kyle Watkins
Active
Daughter, Connelly Elizabeth
November 15, 2017



Lauren & Greg Aycock
Active
Daughter, Charlotte Rose
September 25, 2017



Erin & Alex Bryant
Active
Son, John Charles "Jack"
December 11, 2017



Savanah & Christopher Hollowell
Provisional
Son, Remington Cole
October 2, 2017



Kate & Craig Team
Active
Daughter, Margaret Jane
January 3, 2018



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Wed., January 17, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

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Fri., February 9, 2018 at 12:15 p.m.

UPPER SCHOOL (9-12) OPEN HOUSE:
Tues., February 13, 2018 at 12:15 p.m.

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Katherine Curtis

2017 - 2018 Communication Vice President

Katherine is serving her eighth year in JLFW and holds her Bachelor of Science from TCU and an MBA from UT at Arlington. She has more than 16 years of fundraising experience and holds a Certified Fundraising Executive (CFRE) designation. Katherine works as the Chief Development & Communication Officer for Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains and is actively involved in the Association of Fundraising Professionals Fort Worth Metro Chapter and TCU's Alumni Association.

An avid TCU fan and lover of all things family and Disney, Katherine was introduced to life in the League at the age of 4, serving alongside her mother in Memphis. She has since made her home in Fort Worth with her husband, Ray and son, Josh. Her advice to Provisionals: "The League is what you make of it. Find someone who has more experience in the League that is on a path you want to follow and reach out to her for advice."

Leslie Hunt

2017 - 2018 Membership Vice President

Leslie was born and raised in Arkansas, earned her bachelor's degree from Westminster College and came to Texas to earn her juris doctorate at Baylor Law School. She began her legal career at Decker Jones Law Firm and joined JLFW to become friends with dynamic women committed to improving the community. Her placements have all been meaningful over the past nine years, but Hunt is especially appreciative of the opportunity to serve as Placement Co-Chair. It was during that time she began to fully understand the breadth and impact of our League members. Leslie's law practice focuses on employment, probate and business disputes, and she also serves as an Officer and Member of the Board of Trustees for Ronald McDonald House Fort Worth.

Leslie loves college football season (go Razorbacks) and spending time with her husband, Joey and their six-year-old daughter, Pearl. She also enjoys trying new restaurants and indulging in The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills when she has the chance!



Christy Livingstone

2017 - 2018 Community Vice President

Christy Livingstone works as the Director of Admissions and Outreach with Fusion Academy, a private school in Southlake. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from TCU, and has spent the majority of her career in the non-profit sector working on behalf of children and adolescents. Christy actually learned of JLFW when working at her first job out of college, the Crime Prevention Resource Center, collaborating with JLFW volunteers on a project.

She has been married to a fellow horned frog, Bryan, for nearly 16 years. They reside in Roanoke with their rescue pups, Sadie, Abby, and Buffy. Together, they enjoy eating out at many of the fabulous restaurants in Cowtown, catching all of their favorite bands in concert and spending fall weekends watching football.



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