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A Message from Kristy Odom



Happy Holidays! As we find ourselves in the middle of the holiday season, it is easy to look back on the previous few months and feel a strong sense of gratitude for the wonderful community we live in, our amazing Membership, and our committed staff. To see all these parts working in synchronization is inspiring.

The proof is in the pudding, and this fall has been one for the record books. Our leaders, committees and Sustainers all came together to execute the dynamic fall General Membership Meetings, which had outstanding turnout and started the year off with a bang. Months of planning came to fruition at another amazing *Christmas in Cowtown*, thanks to Co-Chairs **Katie Stadler** and **Wendy Wright** and their committee. And our Members spent countless hours out in the community doing what they do best; **Leading Local** by sharing their gifts, talents, and time with others in need.

Wrapping up 2015, we will be hosting our December GMM at the fabulous Museum of Modern Art, where we will highlight the arts in our community and JLFW's wonderful relationship with the Van Cliburn Foundation. You won't want to miss this festive holiday meeting featuring one of the competition's premiere artists playing exclusively for us!

January is sure to set the stage for an impactful year of **Leading Local**, beginning with a very honored guest, **Ms. Lida Hill**, winner of the 2015 AJLI Mary Harriman Award. Her inspiring story of leadership and service is sure to pair well with our Placement Fair, featuring the agencies and organizations we will partner with in 2016 - 2017. Two days later, on January 11, we welcome award-winning artist, **Clay Walker** as entertainer at the 2016 *Grand Entry Gala*. Thank you to Co-Chairs **Loren Baker** and **Robin Bumstead** for leading their committee to create what will surely be a wonderful evening. And after a long-awaited return to the rodeo parade, our Rodeo Program Sales Committee, chaired by **Rachel Manning** and **Jenna Sykes**, will begin *Yelling & Selling* for the 59th time.

As you look forward to 2016, know your imprint on our community is invaluable. Continue to **Lead Local**, as you touch the lives around you by sharing your skills as a trained volunteer of the JLFW. I wish your families peace, love, and all the blessings 2016 has to offer!

Warmest regards,

2015 - 2016 President

League Focus

Get Ready to Yell & Sell

By LA Shephard

Get ready to be overcome by the infectious spirit of the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo (FWSSR) as you Yell & Sell the night away while raising money for the JLFW community projects. The JLFW has partnered with the FWSSR for more than 50 years, and the ladies of the League in the signature red boxes yelling and selling have become as much a fixture of the event as the cowboys.

“Our goal this year is to cross the 20,000 marker for programs sold,” said **Jenna Sykes**, Rodeo Program Sales Co-Chair. “The committee’s success is dependent on things like the weather and the generosity of others, so the only way we can accomplish this goal is if our sellers come with enthusiasm and passion for the Junior League’s community projects.”

Dates to Know

Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo Parade

January 16 at 11 a.m.

Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo

January 15 – February 6

JL Sustainer Night

January 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Want to be a prize-goer? Just sign up for your first shift and then show up for as many shifts as you can and sell your way to the top for the chance to win some fantastic prizes. Be sure to let the committee know you would like to participate as a prize-goer. Sellers will need to meet a minimum program sale number to be eligible for any prizes.

What’s new this year? The Rodeo Program Sales committee is debuting a brand new logo, and they’ve also joined the FWSSR Parade. The new logo embodies the spirit of the Rodeo Program Sales committee and they are so excited to kick off the rodeo season

showcasing the new logo at the parade. Bring the kids and come see the Junior League on Saturday, January 16 at 11 a.m.! The parade goes through downtown Fort Worth, and will happen rain or shine.

“We are so excited for the privilege of chairing this amazing committee,” said **Rachel Manning**, Rodeo Program Sales Co-Chair. “Rodeo Program Sales, for me is, a combination of hard work *Yelling & Selling* while spending invaluable time with your best friends in a condensed three-week period.”

Meet the Rodeo Program Co-Chairs

By LA Shephard

Rachel Manning is from Houston and attended Texas A&M University. She and her husband Jason have three pets; a golden retriever named Kinley, an adopted miniature schnauzer named Bubette and a cat named Mr. Bo Jangles.

Manning has been in the JLFW for eight years and served the League in a variety of placements, including Wings of Hope and Rodeo Program Sales. Through JLFW, Manning has learned to be an effective and ever-changing leader, wife and productive woman in our community. Manning says her Junior League role models are **Allisen Prigel** and **Melissa Kulig**, whom she credits for serving as a source of inspiration and teaching her effective leadership.

In Manning’s free time she enjoys horses and volunteers regularly with Wings of Hope combining her two favorite things - horses and volunteering. She also enjoys homemade pasta, especially when made by someone else!

Jenna Sykes is from Wichita Falls and attended TCU. She and her husband Kevin have a dog named Trigger. Sykes works for Lockheed Martin Aeronautics in the business development department. She has been a member of the JLFW for seven years and her placements have included Wings of Hope Foundation and Rodeo Program Sales Committee. “Each year with different leadership has brought new perspective, but overall my biggest take away from Junior League is to be a part of something bigger than yourself,” Sykes said. “Serving others and each other provides fulfillment.”

Jenna enjoys all things Rodeo! She is also a hand letterer and calligraphist, enjoys hunting, and is an event-planning enthusiast.

YELL & SELL

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RODEO PROGRAM SALES

Created by Charlie Howlett with a vision to compliment the official JLFW logo and the other committees.



It's Almost Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo Time Again

By LA Shephard



Break out your boots and cowboy hats and don't forget to buy tickets for the *Grand Entry Gala*, which kicks off the stock show and celebrates a partnership that is more than 50 years strong. The *Grand Entry Gala* will be held on Saturday, January 9, 2016 and tables are going fast.

New this year, the *Grand Entry Gala* committee is selling tickets for the chance to win a \$2,500 table for 10. The raffle tickets are \$50 each, available for purchase on the JLFW website, and the winner will be drawn at the December General Membership Meeting. Not only does this create publicity for the event, it also provides a cost-effective opportunity for a JLFW member to attend this exclusive event.

The honorary chairs for this year's event are **Kit and Charlie Moncrief**, who are long-standing and highly-involved members of the Fort Worth community. The event will be held in the same location as previous years on the dirt-floor arena of Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum, with an expected attendance of about 850 guests. The funds raised will go straight back to the community through Junior League efforts.

The evening line up starts with an Art Reception, which kicks off at 6 p.m., and the party doors open at 7 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by country-music star Clay Walker, who will take the stage at 8:30 p.m.

Catering will be provided by Reata Restaurant and the event will also include an open bar, raffle and valet parking. Attire is cowboy chic and boots. We hope to see you there!

Meet the Grand Entry Gala Co-Chairs

By LA Shephard

Loren Baker is originally from Fort Worth, and while she left home to attend Baylor University, she soon made her way back. She and her husband have three kids and two dogs. Until recently, Baker managed trade shows and events at Bell Helicopter and enjoyed traveling the world to some very memorable places, including Dubai, China, Singapore, Paris, London, and Chile. She now enjoys staying home with her children and diving deeper into volunteering in the community. Baker loves Tex-Mex food, the crisp Colorado air and traveling in general, along with spending quality time with her family.

Baker has been an Active in the JLFW since 2008 and her placements have included Double Exposure, Ronald McDonald House Foundation, PICU waiting room at Cook Children's, four years with *Christmas in Cowtown* and now helping with the *Grand Entry Gala*.

Baker appreciates the Junior League for its many talented women with different special talents and leadership qualities that help better the community.



Robin Bumstead is originally from Midland and attended Tulane University in New Orleans. She and her husband have four kids ranging from four to 15 years old, and a dog named Frank. In her free time Bumstead enjoys playing tennis and watching her kids play sports. In 2012, she co-authored a book about Fort Worth called *Goodnight Cowtown*.

Bumstead has been an Active in the JLFW since 2009 and her placements have included *Christmas in Cowtown*, Team Lead for NICU Helping Hands and two prior years

helping to plan the *Grand Entry Gala*.

Bumstead appreciates the Junior League teaching her just how fun it can be to give back to the community and is most excited this year to see the results of all the *Grand Entry Gala* committee planning and fundraising efforts.

League Focus

Christmas in Cowtown

By Luci Hoad

The 9th annual *Christmas in Cowtown Holiday Gift Market (CIC)* has once again exceeded expectations. More than 13,000 guests made it through the doors this year. When combined with the 700 people who attended the Preview Party and the 400 luncheon guests, the grand total exceeds 14,000 shoppers! This should not come as a surprise given the tireless work of the entire *CIC* committee dedicated to making this year's *CIC* the best yet. The event was touted by multiple popular Fort Worth blogs aimed not just at moms and trend-setters, but anyone looking for fun and fantastic shopping over the October weekend. Even the feedback on the floor of the market echoed the energy of the event with one shopper remarking that she felt this was the "best one yet," making comparisons to her trips to the Canton Marketplace!

Not only did this year's ticket sales break records, but the special events proved to be a huge hit as well. **Luke Wade** provided a great performance at the largest Preview Party in *CIC* history. Cook Children's Medical Center provided fabulous favor bags and **Joan Katz** offered encouraging words as the speaker and Honorary Chair at the luncheon. The Holiday Pavilion featuring local student choirs added an extra dose of holiday cheer.

Favorite items for shoppers this year included toy bow and arrow sets and PVC pipe tee-pee forts, both becoming must-have items for those with children on their Christmas list. Of course there were plenty of finds for the Fort Worth fashionista or home decorator as well, and the long lineup of new merchants kept even the most seasoned *CIC* shoppers guessing what would be around the next corner.

Even running out of bags and programs didn't seem to stem the steady tide of shoppers who continued pouring in well into Saturday evening, the market's final shopping day. Numbers should be confirmed later this month, but there is no doubt this will be a *Christmas in Cowtown* to remember!



Provisional Application Process - Welcoming New Members

By Mary Meadows

It's that time of year again - time to help grow our League by sponsoring a potential new member. A meet-and-greet for potential new members was held in September, allowing women to meet members of the Junior League of Fort Worth (JLFW) and find out what our League has to offer.

As a reminder, in order to sponsor a potential new member, one must have attended a first-time sponsor training session at least once during their League career. The sponsoring member will collect the completed application from the potential new member and fill out the attached sponsor form. If necessary, the proposing sponsor can help to identify additional sponsors and obtain signatures (each application must include at least one Sustainer and one Active signature). The proposing sponsor will then submit the application to the JLFW Headquarters starting November 1, 2015 and no later than January 15, 2016.

Provisionals for the 2016 - 2017 year will attend a Provisional Acceptance Meeting in February 2016, followed by the May General Membership Meeting on May 5 and the Provisional Retreat on May 15 before the first Provisional Meeting in September 2016. More information about the process, along with Provisional applications, can be found on the JLFW website under the 'Join' tab. If you know someone who would be a great fit for the JLFW, then be a sponsor and do your part in continuing the legacy of the JLFW.

Congratulations to the 2016 - 2017 Board of Directors

The Junior League of Fort Worth, Inc. is very excited to announce the incoming Board of Directors who were approved by a membership vote at the November General Membership Meeting. These exceptional ladies have accepted the challenge of serving the League and the community over the next 18 months. They will provide leadership and guidance in many ways. Please congratulate them as they begin their journey.



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Community

Junior League Funds \$100,000 to ACH Services for 100 Year Celebration

By Leah Griffin

The Junior League of Fort Worth (JLFW) is thrilled to embark on a new project with ACH Child and Family Services as they gear up to celebrate their 100-year anniversary.

ACH was founded by a group of women in 1915 as a home to serve destitute women and children. A century later, ACH is still performing tremendous work in the community to protect children and preserve families, offering a continuum of services from family counseling to specialized services for teens and foster children.

The ACH Emergency Youth Shelter, the only shelter of its kind in Tarrant County, offers 24-hour immediate safe shelter and care to runaway, homeless and street youth as well as trafficking victims ages 10-17. Not only does ACH provide food and shelter, they also work to reunite the youth with their families, or find safe and meaningful alternative living arrangements. The shelter also provides outreach, education and case management services for homeless youth ages 17 and under.

As a signature project for the 2015 - 2016 year, the JLFW has donated \$100,000 in honor of ACH's 100-year anniversary to fund the construction of the shelter's new dining hall. Construction on the dining hall is underway and is expected to be completed by the end of the year, providing a much-needed space for dining, crafts, wellness activities, and meetings. In addition, the JLFW has provided a team of nine volunteers who develop and implement life skills classes at the shelter each week. These classes cover a wide range of topics such as healthy hygiene, nutrition, exercise, cooking, stress management,



decision-making and job skills.

"My placement with ACH is everything I thought it would be and so much more," said JLFW volunteer **Savanah Hollowell**. "When (the kids) open up and start acting themselves, it is so rewarding. Hopefully the time we spend with them and the connections we make stay seeded in them and help them along the way."



ACH Project Development Chair **Amber Robertson** agrees with these sentiments. "The classes and time spent with these kids have been hugely impactful," she said. "[The kids] are an under-served part of our community and these volunteers are making a real difference in their lives. ACH is an organization the Junior League should be honored to partner with. They're doing amazing work in this community and we can be proud to serve them and their efforts."

A graphic advertisement for Fort Worth Children's Dentistry. It features a central logo with a red Santa hat and the text "Fort Worth Children's Dentistry" above three small figures of children. Below the logo, the names of the dentists are listed: Dr. Jack Morrow, Dr. Drew Jamison, and Dr. Nelson Beville. The phone number (817) 739-3638 is prominently displayed in green. The address is 5521 Bellaire Dr. South, Suite 210, Fort Worth, TX 76109. The website FWKIDS.COM is written in red at the bottom. The entire advertisement is framed by decorative green and red scrollwork.

Center for Transforming Lives Financial Empowerment Services

By Leah Griffin

The Junior League of Fort Worth (JLFW) has been a long-time partner of the YWCA of Fort Worth & Tarrant County, an organization dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty for women and their families. Recently, in an effort to more clearly articulate the mission, the YWCA Board of Directors voted to change the name of the organization to Center for Transforming Lives.

"We adopted a new name but are still providing the same critical services such as homeless programs and childcare to our community," said Board Chairwoman Lisa Grady. "This name change more accurately reflects the hands-on services we provide to women and children in poverty."

The JLFW has partnered with the Center for Transforming Lives (formerly the YWCA) to provide eight volunteers, as well as \$30,000 in funding, to support their Financial Empowerment Program. This program aims to increase economic self-sufficiency among low-income adults in Tarrant County through financial coaching, financial education, matched savings accounts, individual development accounts and lending circles.

Prior to the inception of the project, League volunteers completed a series of volunteer coach trainings to learn

strategies for serving as financial coaches. Volunteers were then matched with a participant in the Financial Empowerment program. League volunteers meet with their participant on their own time to work toward the participant's individual financial goals such as budgeting, reducing debt, starting a savings plan, etc. As a result of the Financial Empowerment Program, from June 2013 to June 2014, 60 percent of participants used a budget, 32 percent eliminated or reduced debt, 51 percent opened or used a savings account and 49 percent saved more money.

"I have had the privilege of working with a woman who is a single mother of two, works part-time as a teacher's aide, survives with government housing assistance, and is attempting to pay back over \$15,000 in student loan debt for a degree she was unable to complete," said JLFW volunteer **Katie Anderson**. "I was very nervous at the beginning to be matched with a woman whom I would never have otherwise met, but it has surprised me how much we have in common. Although I don't face the exact same struggles as (she does), at the end of the day we both want to pay back our debt obligations, excel in our careers, and provide for our families as best we can."

Child Study Center Jane Justin School

By Luci Hoad

The Child Study Center provides services for children with a variety of medical and psychological needs, and the Jane Justin School offers a chance for students with disabilities and behavior disorders to develop and master life skills which will enable them to be successful in more traditional educational settings. The JLFW placement with this organization will pick up steam in the spring, but the volunteers are already well on their way to helping the school plan and execute special events.

JLFW volunteers served to help check in participants at The Puzzle Scuttle, a family fun run that took place in late September to raise money for the Child Study Center. Party on the Plaza, the Child Study Center's annual fundraising event, was held in Sundance Square in late October and the JLFW placement team worked hard to help make it a success.

Throughout the year, JLFW volunteers will engage in clerical duties like helping design bulletin boards and assisting with classroom set up, as well as providing relief as a lunchroom monitor or classroom assistant.

Done in a Day Upcoming Opportunities

New DIAD's are being added frequently. Sign up on the website to make a difference with only a three-hour commitment. Here are some great upcoming opportunities:

**Texas Ballet Theater
Sugar Plum Fairy Children's Tea Party**
Sunday, December 13

**Wild About Smiles
Kit Assembly & Distribution**
Thursday, February 4, 2016

**Fort Worth Stock Show
Art Contest**
Tuesday, February 9, 2016

Design Inspirations
Wednesday, March 2, 2016
Thursday, March 3, 2016

Easter Seals

By Alisha Rosenthal

A new project for the 2015 - 2016 year is the Easter Seals of North Texas Computer Resource Lab. Easter Seals provides services to help children and adults with disabilities and/or special needs, as well as provides support to their families. The North Texas chapter of Easter Seals recently opened a computer lab space for their clients to use while searching for a job.

Prior to opening the lab, many disabled job-seekers were forced to use the public library's computer service, which has time limits and does not have technology to assist special needs adults. The JLFW helped to remove these obstacles by providing \$15,000 in project funds to help purchase equipment needed for the lab and to maintain the facility and equipment, along with a team of five volunteers to staff the lab and mentor clients throughout the job search process.

"So far, the project and placement is going well," said **Brooke Scogin**, Project Development Chair. "We have one evening shift per week and one scheduled Saturday shift each month." Scogin said in addition to those shifts, volunteers can help in the lab any time the Easter Seals office is open.

Scogin added, "This has been really great because it provides flexibility for our volunteers and allows the Easter Seals clients more access and support in the lab."



Love Never Fails

By Luci Hoad

This year the Junior League of Fort Worth has teamed with a non-profit Christian organization called Love Never Fails. The mission of this organization is to provide "a hand up, not a hand out, to at-risk and impoverished children through positive, caring relationships and educational support."

Love Never Fails has partnered with several Fort Worth area schools and provides a safe place for at-risk students to spend their after-school hours while involving them in fun, hands-on academic lessons as well as extracurricular activities like sports and arts. When the students are not working on academic lessons, they are also treated to in-depth character lessons as well as given the opportunity to learn about Kids-n-Action, a program that recognizes students around the world who are focused on helping their communities.

Junior League volunteers serve as mentors by offering tutoring, playing games and providing positive one-on-one interactions with the students. Some volunteers are matched individually with specific students, while others work with larger groups. Regardless of their roles, it is clear that JLFW members are making an impact on the next generation in a variety of ways through this placement.



Cancer Care Services

By Luci Hoad

With the holidays in full swing, the Cancer Care Services Placement team is hard at work on projects to help serve cancer patients and their families. In the fall, volunteers organized a food drive providing both canned food and money for purchasing turkeys and hams for Thanksgiving holiday dinners. Once items were purchased and donations were completed, volunteers put together baskets and delivered them to participating patients.

In December, JLFW members will help match families who are currently receiving aid from Cancer Care Services with both new and annual donors who want to "adopt" a family to help provide holiday gifts. Not only do JLFW volunteers match donors with recipients, they also call families to create a list of needed items and help wrap and deliver the presents. In situations where donors have given money, but are unable to take care of the shopping, volunteers step in to make sure it gets taken care of as well.

When reflecting on her two years serving in this placement, Team Lead **Lauren Bailey** remarks that one of the things making Cancer Care Services so special is the knowledge that she is helping provide a special and memorable holiday for those whose family members are living with illness.

Fall Day of Giving a Big Success

By Mary Meadows

Nearly 200 JLFW volunteers rolled up their sleeves and got to work on Saturday November 7 as part of the Day of Giving. This biannual event is an opportunity for League members to band together on two Saturdays per year to promote voluntarism and the JLFW Mission throughout the community while meeting the needs many nonprofit organizations have that may not have been met without the assistance of trained volunteers.



Gladney Center

This year, JLFW volunteers served 21 different agencies throughout the day, with the earliest shift beginning at 6 a.m. and the latest shift ending at 11 p.m. Many of the JLFW's existing partner agencies participated, such as Make-A-Wish, Ronald McDonald House, and Center for Transforming Lives (formerly YWCA). Throughout the day, volunteers provided assistance with whatever tasks were needed at each organization. Projects included organizing the many books that were collected in the book drive for Rivertree Academy; packing up the children's area at ACH Child and Family Services in preparation for their move to the new campus (which is a part of the JLFW signature project for 2015-2016); painting classrooms at Easter Seals; assisting children in shopping for winter clothes for the Kids Matter Around the Block program; teaching baking skills to residents at Gladney Center for Adoption; and assembling leveled readers to be used for reading intervention at Literacy United.

"I think Day of Giving is so special because it is the true embodiment of our League mission of promoting voluntarism and improving our communities through effective action," said Day of Giving Chair **Christy Livingstone**.



Fortress Youth Development Center

"I heard it time and time again from our Day of Giving agencies they could not do what they were doing without the help of our volunteers, and as always, our agencies are impressed by how much our Members can accomplish in three hours when they are working together."

The Day of Giving committee, led by Livingstone, also included **Emily Hughes**, **Jennifer Kalil** and **Leslie Wade**, who worked tirelessly to ensure the day went off without a hitch. At the end of the day, more than 600 hours of service were given to the community, making a significant impact on the participating agencies and the clients they serve. The spring Day of Giving event will be held on Saturday April 2, providing another fantastic opportunity to Lead Local alongside old friends and new. We hope to see you all there!



Wish with Wings



Catholic Charities



A huge THANK YOU to our incredible volunteers who braved the cold, rainy weather on Saturday morning to shop with the kids at Around the Block-Southlake. A total of 874 children were able to receive new clothes, shoes, a backpack, and books because of your help.



Junior League of Fort Worth volunteers in action!

1. JLFW members donate needed supplies to ODWIN
2. Rodeo Program Sales new *Yell & Sell* Logo
3. Recovery Resource Golf Tournament
4. *High Heels & Holly Luncheon*
5. Fun with Luke Wade at *Christmas in Cowntown*
6. Rivertree Academy Fall Carnival
7. October GMM at Jean Roach's home with surprise guest TCU Quarterback Trevone Boykin
8. *Christmas in Cowntown*
9. October GMM at Victoria Herman's home



Junior Leaguers of Old

An Excerpt from *The Corral*, 1965



HAPPY NEW YEAR to all of you from your professional members. We hope that 1966 will be the best year yet for our League and for each individual member.

Our group is once again a very busy bunch of gals; therefore, we want to continue acquainting you with our activities.

PAT PURVIS, is working with Beverly Ross in FLAIR. This is an interior decorating "house". They have started out on a small scale while learning the ropes. For the last two years they have been doing a lot of foot work visiting the various shops in the Dallas Trade Mart and the Dallas Decorating Center in order to learn the business. Pat's placement is writing "Round-Up" for our Corral.

By numbers the most popular career chosen by our girls is the grand contribution of teaching the young.

MINERVA ROBERTS, is teaching Kindergarten at Alice Carlson. This summer she plans to go back to Texas Christian University and acquire her masters degree in ed-

ucation and counseling. She is well aware of the old saying that one should never quit learning.

CLAUDIA POLLARD, is a science teacher at McLean Junior High School. She has initiated a new science source in the ninth grade. This course, "Life and Earth", exposes the child to specific wonders of his natural environment. Claudia is the Junior League representative to the Fort Worth School Board.

ARA SULLENBERGER, is the Head of the Mathematics Department at our Fort Worth Country Day School. She teaches ninth and tenth grades and also instructs the Honor Math Class. She is the Corral treasurer.

VIRGINIA STEDMAN, is at Country Day School also. She teaches fifth grade and is in charge of the entire program for admissions and psychological testing.

OLIVE SWENSON, is the very able Secretary to Headmaster, Peter A. Schwartz, at Country Day. She is also Registrar. In ad-

We're More Than Just Girls in Pearls!

By Mary Meadows

As the 'Kareer Korner by Kaye' article from 'The Corral' in 1965 indicated, there was certainly a time when Junior League members with careers outside the home were the minority. This dynamic helped lead to the stereotype of Junior League women as frivolous, gossipy socialites in pearls portrayed in movies like "The Help". But the Junior Leaguer of today has moved beyond that stereotype; the Junior Leaguer of today is a strong, smart, powerful woman, often successfully juggling leadership roles in the League with demanding careers, additional community involvement and family obligations.

On October 22, Sustainer **Kim Blouin** led a training session entitled 'Those Girls and Their Pearls'. The training focused on moving beyond the old stereotypes and applying the valuable skills learned in the Junior League to the career world. Blouin, a wife and mother of two, is Vice President of Strategic Development at Star Telegram Media Services, serves as the JLFW Education Council Sustaining Advisor, and held numerous leadership positions throughout her Active years in the JLFW. Her combined experience made her the perfect person to share advice on how to incorporate community involvement experience into corporate leadership



Training attendees walked away with valuable tips on how to foster the skills learned in the Junior League to improve workplace performance, and how to include League experience on a resume. After all, the skills League members use day in and day out through placements and leadership roles - such as budgeting, organization, and communication - are the exact skills employers look for when hiring or promoting. One of the most important take-aways from the session was to be confident about and proud of JLFW responsibilities.

Stay tuned for more information on upcoming training sessions, and take advantage of these opportunities to learn something new and grow both personally and professionally.

Sustainers

Sustainers and Actives Building Bridges

One of the goals described in the current Strategic Plan is to offer opportunities for Sustainers and Actives to volunteer side by side. This goal is being implemented by reaching out to Sustainers to volunteer for special events such as Done in a Day and Day of Giving, each of which includes a three-hour volunteer shift.

The bond between Sustainers and Actives has always been an important one, and many members treasure their memories of having a special Sustainer advisor, mentor or sponsor. It is the hope of Sustainer Chair **Peggy Sims** the Sustainers will get involved in these events, not only as an opportunity to be involved in the community and enjoy the company of other League members, but to enjoy what JLFW has to offer without requirements!

Sustainers, join in and volunteer with some amazing young JLFW leaders. Events will be advertised in the monthly League eblasts as well as on the Sustainer page online. Community Vice President **Carrie Cappel** has identified the events listed as a perfect fit for Sustainers to join with Actives.

Save These Dates to Volunteer

Thursday, February 4, 2016

DIAD Cook Children's Oral Health Coalition

Wild about Smiles Kit Assembly and Distribution. Morning and mid-day shifts available. Volunteers will help assemble 20,000 oral hygiene kits for distribution to elementary schools. Sustainer members will have the opportunity to sign up on or about January 18.

Saturday, April 2, 2016

JLFW Spring Day of Giving

There will be various opportunities and times to volunteer alongside Actives and make a big impact across Fort Worth. Sustainer sign up will be announced closer to the event.

Save the Date!

Sustainer of the Year Luncheon



Thursday, February 11

Colonial Country Club



Nominations for Sustainer of the Year are open on the Member homepage - nominations must be submitted by Friday, December 11.

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Meet the Sustaining Advisors to the Board Councils

By Alisha Rosenthal



Marty Leonard

Sustaining Advisor to Board of Directors

First Active Placement: Volunteers of America Unwed Mother Facility
Favorite Placement: JLFW President or Provisional Chair



Linda Bradford

Sustaining Advisor to Finance Council

First Active Placement: Rodeo
Favorite Placement: Mother's Milk Bank and Arrangements Committee



Suzanne Sanders

Sustaining Advisor to Membership Council

First Active Placement: AIDS Outreach Center
Favorite Placement: Project Research & Development Committee Chair



Janeen Lamkin

Sustaining Advisor to Community Council

First Active Placement: Project Development Committee for the Summerbridge Program

Favorite Placement: Project Research & Development Chairman and JLFW President

Lamkin said the Summerbridge Program at Fort Worth Country Day School started in 1993. She explained, "At that time, Fort Worth was the first site in Texas to initiate this collaboration between FWISD and Fort Worth Country Day."



Chandler Grisham

Sustaining Advisor to Administrative Council

First Active Placement: Instructor at the Parenting Center
Favorite Placement: Leadership Fort

Worth and then as the League's Board Member for that organization.

Grisham comments, "I learned so much about our community and made some wonderful friends."



Sandra Tuomey

Sustaining Advisor to Nominating Committee

First Active Placement: Training Committee
Favorite Placement: JLFW President and *Christmas in Cowtown* Co-Chair

Tuomey comments, "It's really hard to pick a favorite so I would have to say it's a tie between JLFW President and Co-Chair of the first *Christmas in Cowtown*. Loved them both immensely!!"



Kim Blouin

Sustaining Advisor to Education Council

First Active Placement: Committee Member of the Project Research & Development
Favorite Placement: Project Research & Development Chair



Gail Landreth

Sustaining Advisor to Fund Development Council

First Active Placement: Suzuki Institute Workshop, a concentrated summer placement on the campus of TCU which

taught kids violin using revolutionary methods.

Favorite Placement: JLFW President

Landreth had the following to say about her experience as JLFW President: "We planned, we laughed, we cried, we experienced success, and of course, we experienced a disaster or two! It was such an honor for me at the time, and it still is a pleasure whenever I reflect upon my year."

The Junior League of Fort Worth is very lucky to have such wonderful support from our Sustainers. Be sure to check the Spring issue of *The Lariat* to meet the Advisors for some of our wonderful committees. Their knowledge and guidance is very much appreciated.

Just a Reminder

Please send in your Nominations for **Sustainer of the Year!**

A link is available on your member homepage or contact the League

Provisionals

Pancakes! Pancakes!

By Alisha Rosenthal

The Junior League of Fort Worth's 3rd Annual Pancake Picnic in partnership with Cook Children's Medical Center will take place Saturday, April 9, 2016. A team of 11 Provisionals are organizing the event and working to engage the patients of Cook Children's Medical Center, JLFW's partner agencies, additional Cook Children's surrounding clinics and the local community, with a goal to ultimately extend the reach and impact of this year's event. This year's theme is "Come Munch and Crunch and Have Some Fun... Pancakes, Pancakes for Everyone!" based on Eric Carle's Book, *Pancakes, Pancakes!*



"It has been such a gift to work alongside **Christina** (Bargas), **Meredith** (Belew), **Becky** (Escott) and our Provisional team to create a memorable experience for the children of Cook and our community," said Provisional **Brenda Rios**. "I love how we are able to dream big, then ask, 'How are we going to make it happen?'" Provisional **Monica Wyatt** added, "Creating a unique and unforgettable experience for each and every patient is my goal. It brings tears to my eyes knowing each child will remember this experience for years to come, knowing all of the diligent planning and coordinating we have put in has been well worth it."

Save the Date

**Pancake Picnic
Saturday, April 9, 2016**

Junior M.I.N.T.S Lead Local

The following letter was sent to the JLFW headquarters by a teacher at Western Hills Elementary School in Fort Worth. Way to go Junior M.I.N.T.S., you are truly making a difference in the lives of teachers and students!

I want to send a sincere "THANK YOU" to the Junior M.I.N.T.S. for our Blue Bonnet and Blue Mesa lunches this week. They were so yummy!!! For two 30-minute periods, I was able to relax and enjoy. It was thoughtful of you all to remember us. May God bless each and every one of you.

The Junior M.I.N.T.S. program touches so many lives. What a great way to serve the community and **Lead Local!**

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Provisionals

AT A GLANCE

INFORMATION BASED ON RESPONSES TO A SURVEY OF PROVISIONAL MEMBERS

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MEMBERS IN PROVISIONAL CLASS

79%

OF PROVISIONAL MEMBERS LIVE IN FORT WORTH PROPER

Profession



■ Advertising/PR (7%)
 ■ Design (3%)
 ■ Education (16%)
■ Law (9%)
 ■ Medical (18%)
 ■ Non-Profit (10%)
■ Other (33%)
 ■ Self-Employed (3%)

College Attended



■ TCU (40%)
 ■ Texas A&M (11%)
 ■ Texas Tech (16%)
■ UT Austin (7%)
 ■ Other (25%)

Holiday Happenings

PIE PREFERENCE

62% PUMPKIN

38% PECAN

New Year's Eve Plans

52%

PJ'S AND BUNNY SLIPPERS ON THE SOFA

48%

HIGH HEELS AND SEQUINS OUT ON THE TOWN

You'll shoot your eye out!
- A Christmas Story

Santa! I know him! - Elf

I don't KNOW, Margo!
- Christmas Vacation

Buzz, your girlfriend...WOOF!
- Home Alone

Best line from a Christmas Movie

It came without ribbons. It came without tags. It came without packages, boxes, or bags. Maybe Christmas doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas means a little bit more.
- How the Grinch Stole Christmas

I just like to smile, smiling's my favorite. - Elf

I'm sorry, this is our family's first kidnapping. - Christmas Vacation

Love actually is all around.
- Love Actually

Member Focus

General Membership Meetings are Off With a Bang

By LA Shephard

The ladies of the JLFW piled into the Cendera Center on September 10, eager to kick off the 2015 - 2016 year with the first General Membership Meeting (GMM). It was an evening jam-packed with exciting events and announcements. The Rodeo Program Sales Committee was there *Yelling & Selling* this year's signature Kendra Scott fundraiser earrings, which raised \$3,000 in one hour! Members also stocked up on the brand new JLFW t-shirts and caps, perfect to wear while out and about serving the community throughout the year. For every t-shirt purchased, a school uniform is donated to a student in need! Communications Vice President **Renita Garrett** unveiled the new and improved JLFW website and announced the member-wide closed Facebook page, and Membership Vice President **Abby Flack** announced several important changes to the Standing Rules (including a change in shift work requirements that is proving to be a big hit among members!) In addition to all of this, directories were handed out, 2015 *CIC* ornaments were sold and *CIC* yard signs and posters were distributed.

Back by popular demand, the October Neighborhood Meetings took place in the homes of Sustainers who graciously hosted fellow JLFW members. In the spirit of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the meeting highlighted **Joan Katz**, four-time cancer and heart disease survivor, who was announced as the 2015 - 2016 *CIC* Honorary Chair. Katz joined the League in 1983, just six months after undergoing chemotherapy, and credits the League with her "official reentry back into life." The 2016 - 2017 slate of projects was announced to be voted on by Actives in good



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standing at the November GMM. In addition, the 2016 - 2017 JLFW Board of Directors slate was unveiled, pending member approval at the November GMM.

The November GMM was offered both during lunchtime and during the evening. The noon meeting featured guest-speaker Carol Kocek, Executive Director for The Center for Transforming Lives (formerly YWCA), who addressed poverty in the community and its impact on families, women, children, and education. Heather Reynolds, the Executive Director of Catholic Charities of Fort Worth, spoke on this issue at the evening meeting.

The December General Membership Meeting will be held at Fort Worth's Museum of Modern Art. Stay tuned for more details on this meeting!

President Kristy Odom is pleased to announce the details of the January General Membership Meeting. "The January GMM is going to be SO special," Odom said. "We will be going cowgirl chic at River Ranch featuring the 2015 Mary Harriman Award Winner, Lyda Hill! So special to have such an amazing local leader come speak to our Membership. Preceding the meeting, we will also be hosting the Placement Fair for 2016 - 2017 placements. It will be such a FUN night!"

Additional meetings to include on your calendar:

February GMM/Annual Sustainer of the Year Luncheon

Colonial Country Club

Thursday, February 11, 2016

March GMM

Neiman Marcus Fashion Show

Thursday, March 10, 2016

April GMM (Voting Meeting)

JLFW Headquarters at 12 noon or Cook Children's at 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 7, 2016

May GMM and Annual Meeting

Location TBD

Thursday, May 5, 2016



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Membership

Membership Vice President's Report

August 1 - October 31, 2015

TRANSFER IN

Katie Dyslin A
JL Arlington
Chelsea Franklin A
JL Austin
Jill Gerloff A
JL Flint Hills KS
Jenny Miller A
JL Tulsa
Lauren Moore A
JL Chicago
Ashley Peeders A
JL Annapolis MD
Chandler Walters A
JL Oklahoma City

TRANSFER OUT

Virginia Barnum S
JL Salt Lake City
Rachel Caudle A
JL Shreveport-Bossier
Janie Latimer A
JL Tyler
Molly McClung A
JL Dallas

STATUS CHANGE

Mireya Gideon
A to NRA
Samantha Jordan
A to S

REINSTATE

Anne Abshire S
Terri Gossett S
Kim Steinberg S

REINSTATE / TRANSFER OUT

Melis Gumuser
JL Austin

CONDOLENCE

Chandler Grisham S
Loss of mother
Susan Irvin S
Loss of sister
Teel Leaverton S
Loss of sister

Pam Pigman S
Loss of mother

Mandy Purselley A
Loss of father-in-law

Rachel Rosenbaum P
Loss of grandmother

Wendy Stanley S
Loss of Brother-in-law

Katherine Ware S
Loss of brother

IN MEMORY

Claudette Maersch
Watson
Sustainer 50+
August 9, 2015

Engagements & Weddings

Amy Porter
married
David Radcliffe
September 5, 2015

Brooke Tomlin
engaged to
Daniel Green

Rachel Navajar
engaged to
Edward Phillips

Little Leaguers

Our Growing Community

Morgan & Kelly Kostohryz



Active
Son, Hudson Francis
March 29, 2015

Jenny & Bryan Becan

Active
Son, Christopher William
June 7, 2015



Alexis & Kyle Lane



Active
Son, William Kyle
July 28, 2015

Clara & Samson Cantu

Provisional
Son, James
August 25, 2015



Adrienne & Jacob Wacker



Active
Son, Leighton Kurt
September 1, 2015

Stacey & Patrick Collier



Active
Son, Pierce Fitzpatrick (Fitz)
September 18, 2015

Laura & Matt Morgan

Active
Daughter, Anna Faye
September 19, 2015



Joy & James McHugh

Provisional
Daughter, Arya Josephine
September 21, 2015

Becky & Taylor Escott

Active
Son, Brandt Hampton
September 23, 2015



Claire & James Vess

Provisional
Son, Cooper James
September 26, 2015



Regan & WA Landreth

Active
Daughter, Sarita Jane
October 2, 2015



Savanah & Christopher Hollowell



Provisional
Son, Ry'king (King)
Adopted October 3, 2015
Age 4

Loren & Trevor Baker

Active
Son, Paxton Anders
October 8, 2015



Traci & Ryan Ellinwood

Active
Son, Neal Rader Taylor
October 10, 2015

Jennifer & James Brezina

Active
Daughter, Monroe Ann
October 12, 2015



Charity & JT Aughinbaugh

Active
Daughter, Claire Catherine
October 31, 2015



Renita Garrett Communications Vice President

Renita Garrett, the 2015 - 2016 Communications VP, has been an Active in the League for the past two years. She is a Dallas native, but she calls herself a "Cowtown Convert." In addition to her work with the League, Garrett sits on the board of Samaritan House, serves as the Chair of the Fort Worth Art Commission, and is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She has also been involved with establishing the local DFW Chapter of the National CARES Mentoring Movement. Garrett is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, and she has spent the last 12 years as a Management Consultant in the project management and technology industry, and is currently working with Sendero Consulting. When she is not working or doing volunteer work, she enjoys spending time with her husband, Tre, and two adorable dogs, Mason Boule & Toussaint Olivier. Garrett says the Communication Council's goal this year is to "tell the story" of the amazing things the JLFW is doing in the community.

Alice Pritchett Nominating Chair

Alice Pritchett is serving as Nominating Chair for the 2015 - 2016 year. Pritchett is a native of Houston, and attended the University of Texas at Austin for her bachelor's degree and MBA. She and her husband, John, have two boys, 11-year-old John and nine-year-old Philip, who attend Trinity Valley School, where Pritchett also works as Associate Director of Admissions. Pritchett first joined the JLFW in 2004, and credits her mother as her inspiration to join after watching her serve in the Junior League of Houston. "I remember her in her yellow uniform serving in the tea room as a provisional when I was little, and working on the Star of Texas Cookbook," Pritchett said. "She had so much fun and showed me that giving back was important." Pritchett is a member of the Kupferle Health Board, and when she is not working or volunteering, she loves spending time with her family and girlfriends and attending her sons' games. She is looking forward to working with her wonderful committee and supporting the Board of Directors throughout the year.



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October 6, 9:30 a.m.
October 13, 6:00 p.m.

OPEN HOUSE (PK-12)

October 27, 5:30 p.m.

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November 12, 8:00 a.m.

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October 28, 9:30 a.m.

OPEN HOUSES (K-8)

November 15, 2:30 p.m.
February 4, 6:00 p.m.

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January 21, 9:30 a.m.



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OPEN HOUSE (K-12)

November 4, 5:30 p.m.

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January 26, 11:00 a.m.

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February 9, 6:00 p.m.



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KINDERGARTEN EVENTS

Coffee, October 8, 9:30 a.m.
October 26, 4:00 (with children/rsvp)

OPEN HOUSES

November 17, 5:30 p.m. (K-12)
January 14, 11:00 a.m.
February 19, 12:15 p.m. (Middle School)



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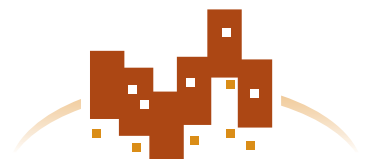
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