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MISSION STATEMENT

Junior League of Lansing, Michigan is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

Education

Day at the Capitol, 2009

Gabe Johnson, Training Vice Chair & SPAC Chair



On March 11, several of our members attended the annual Day at the Capitol. This event is planned by members of the State Public Affairs Committee and is open to members of all Michigan Junior Leagues.

This year's DAC was one of the best attended DACs in SPAC history. Members of all leagues present got the opportunity to bend the ears of their legislators during lunch and to learn more about issues surrounding early childhood development, SPAC's Focus Area.

We were welcomed to the House Office Building by two incredible women—State Representatives **Joan Bauer** (D-Lansing) and **Kate Segal** (D-Battle Creek). Representative Bauer is a JLL Sustaining Member and Past President and Representative Segal is a JL Battle Creek Sustaining Member and former SPAC Chair. The two legislators later introduced DAC attendees during the House of Representatives session and arranged for a group photo to be taken.

Michigan State Council of Junior Leagues advocate Noah Smith arranged for a wonderful panel to speak to attendees and facilitated the day of hobnobbing and networking. JLL attendees included **Amy Suhrheinrich**, **Lisa Gnass**, **Kirsten Soltis**, **Stacey Young**, **Torye Santucci**, **Amanda Lake**, **Kate Powers**, and New Member superstars **Abbie Matthews** and **Mercedes Martinez**. A tour of the Capitol was followed by an afterglow at Tavern on the Square and an opportunity to chat with members of other Junior Leagues.

Thanks to JLL members for attending and a big thank you to Representative Bauer for making us feel so welcome.



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Junior League of Lansing, Michigan reaches out to women of all races, religions, and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and a commitment to voluntarism. The JLL strives in all endeavors to be sensitive to the special needs of our members and guests. If there is a special need, please notify the Education Vice President, Kate Quinn.

FOCUS accepts advertisements to help offset the publication costs. For advertising rates or to place an advertisement, please contact the Junior League of Lansing office.

FOCUS submissions are due by 5:00 p.m. on the Monday before each GMM. Email submissions should be sent to Focus@jllansing.org in Microsoft Word. Articles should include a title, author and author's placement. All photos should be digital and sent to the Focus email address with the word "photo" in the subject line. Photos must include a caption with the names of those pictured and the title of the accompanying article.

President's Message...

Amy Suhrheinrich, President



Community

I have just returned from vacation, as many of you probably have or will soon. The time spent with family and friends is irreplaceable and a breath of fresh air, especially after the winter we have had this year. Each year that I visit Grand Cayman, I am impressed with the efforts of the recovery from Hurricane Ivan and I always find time to read the book titled *Paradise Interrupted*. It is truly amazing to look through the photographs (including one of where we stay) and see what dire conditions and devastation the people encountered. Listening to stories firsthand, looking at photographs, and watching the process of rebuilding can only lead me to believe there is an amazing sense of community on the island. It is the people, organizations and collaboration that moves this situation forward to create a positive and lasting impact. Hurricane Ivan happened on September 11–12 over five years ago and still many signs of the devastation remain. I am sure that there are many islanders who developed to their potential in this experience and learned much about their surrounding community.

As a Junior League, it is part of our Mission to make an impact on our community. Community impact is the lasting result of initiatives that enhance people's quality of life through improvements in the way they live, work and play. Our purpose is to develop the potential of our members so we can perform effective voluntary service and civic leadership in our community. We choose projects, programs and activities that utilize the capabilities of our trained volunteers in hopes of producing positive and long-lasting effects for those who participate in, as well as those served by these activities and for the wider community. We need to know ourselves, our Mission, Vision and Reaching Out Statement in order to achieve community impact. We need to foster leadership, create opportunity and collaborate to do so. I hope that in this League year, you are in one stage of this process and looking forward to the next.

Through awareness and involvement, we are better able to serve our community. The collaboration among our sponsors, our Community Advisory Board and our projects is essential for us to move forward as an organization. With the new Leadership Team in place, we are on a great path to continue to support our Mission. Moreover, due to our continued visibility within our community, I anticipate that in a time of need, the community will look to JLL for leadership, facilitation and support.

As a membership, we are a very diverse group of women, but we are all a part of the same community. I am writing this article with the Junior League of Lansing 1948–2003 book in my lap and am so proud to see how many different ways we have made an impact in the Lansing community and in so many of our members' lives: Adult literacy, Caring About Kids, Ele's Place, Integrated Arts Programs, Lincoln Center, Special Olympics, Project on Aging, Impression 5, and the list goes on and on.... The AJLI President of 2000–2002 had the following to say regarding Junior League's involvement in communities: "We've made it to the ripe old age of one hundred by balancing tradition and change....We will remain vital and relevant because we will always try to find new ways to serve and new solutions to the challenges facing our communities."

I look forward to seeing our community involvement grow—Happy Spring!

Amy

Member Relations

Suzanne Johnson, Member Relations Chair



Spring Greetings to everyone! This month's Kudos awards went to **Jane Campbell**, our Dues/Book keeper who has been working overtime documenting all JLL members dues and to **Kate Powers**, who is chairing the Ad Hoc on two year board terms for the JLL. Kudos to you both!

Please join us at Dream Dinners in Frandor on Thursday April 23 at 7pm for a Girl's Night complete with adult beverages and appetizers! All members who come will be able to assemble a three serving meal off the Dream Dinners April menu free of charge, with the option to assemble additional meals at the regular price. What a great way to socialize with your JLL pals while preparing a meal for your family! Talk about multi-tasking! To RSVP for this fun event, please email me at: ssscjohnson@sbcglobal.net

Just wanted to give a friendly reminder to remember your Junior Pal and your Junior Pal gift after each GMM. All unclaimed gifts will go to the JLL office and any unclaimed gifts at the end of the year will go to a charity of my choosing. It has been brought to my attention that there are some gifts that have been unclaimed for quite some time now, if you think one of them is yours, please email me to arrange pickup. Thank you!

Fund Development

Meeting Sponsor

Nicole Maison, Fund Development VP



The Junior League of Lansing would like to thank the March 2009 GMM Meeting Sponsor—**Mieshel Image Consulting, LLC**. If you support this dynamic woman and her company, please mention that you heard about her through the Junior League of Lansing.

Thank You!
Thank You!
Thank You!

Winter Interviews with Your Advisor

Nicole Godby, Nominating/Placement Committee Member



It's that time of year again Ladies, time for your Winter Interviews. This year we are taking a different approach. We will be using wufoo.com to conduct the interview. You should have received an e-mail from your Advisor with a link to the questionnaire. If you would rather have the interview conducted face to face contact your Advisor and she will be happy to accommodate you. Please remember that these Winter Interviews are just as important as the Fall Interviews.

Here is a sample of the questions you will see in the interview questionnaire:

What do you feel is the best use of your time at the GMM's?
How useful is the FOCUS for keeping you up-to-date with JLL's events, needs, and opportunities?
If you serve on a Board or Volunteer with another organization, please tell us about it.
Do you feel JLL is meeting its Mission?
What can we do better?
What type of training would you like to receive?

Please look for your Winter Interview e-mail from your Advisor. Thank you.

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April & May Birthdays

ACTIVES & NEW MEMBERS

Main, Jenifer 04/05
Smith, Sara 04/05
Ammerman, Lea 04/09
Soltis, Kirsten 04/09
Fishell, Barbara 04/15
Gresens, Marcia 04/17
Lange, Michelle 04/17
Cook, Beth 04/19
Bredahl, Stephanie 04/21
Nyquist, Nancy 04/21
Black, Patty 04/23
Gallagher, Katie 04/23
Sabolvic, Elizabeth 04/23
Matthews, Abbie 04/24
Young, Stacey 04/25
Breslin, Jasmine 04/26
Day, Beth 04/26

Donaldson, Leslie
Strong, Katie
Topolewski, Mel
Goebel, Elizabeth
Noyer, Lori
Lake, Amanda
Vogelsang, Ann
Cole, Peggy
Moore, Kristi
Hawver, Tiana
Hubbard, Sebeena
Tanis, Becky
Gregory, Kim
McNelly, Kristen
Suhrheinrich, Amy
Griggs, Samantha

SUSTAINERS

Blanchet-Kessel, Susan 04/01

Hathaway, Irene 04/03
Rachman, Naomi 04/06
Buckberry, Julie 04/07
Hopwood, Anne 04/09
Sproles, Charlene 04/10
Ault, Kathryn 04/12
Stevenson, Julie 04/12
Beekman, Karen 04/13
Guilford, Sue 04/13
Cochran, Susan 04/16
Ellis, Chin 04/16
Magee, Ruby 04/16
Seaman, Corrintha 04/17
Kennedy, Jan 04/22
Vlahakis, Betty 04/23
Rigel, Tunde 04/27
Grattan, Kristin 04/30
Olson, Mary 05/01

Krogulecki, Lisa 05/09
Loomis, Miriam 05/11
Hubbard, Karen 05/14
Mills, Sue 05/14
Whipp, June 05/14
Ridgway, Ruth 05/20
Drolet, Kathie 05/21
Nugent, Laura 05/22
Bitsicas, Jane 05/23
Siebold, Mary Rose 05/23
Colby, Kathy 05/24
Nowak-Baker, Darlene 05/24
Campau, Julia 05/27
Pirich, Mary Beth 05/27
Smith, Linda 05/28
Brogan, Chrissie 05/30
Princinsky, Joanne 05/30
Lindquist, Barbara 05/31

JLL Proposed 2009–2010 Budget

REVENUE

Account Description	2008–09 Budget	2009–10 Budget	% of Total Budget	Under/Over Budget	Responsible Council/Bd Member	Source of funding
DUES						
Active Dues JLL	\$ 9,425	\$10,075	6.67%	\$ 650	Membership VP	\$65*active members
Active Dues AJLI	\$ 5,075	\$ 5,425	3.59%	\$ 350	Membership VP	\$35*active members
New Member Dues JLL	\$ 870	\$ 870	0.58%	–	Membership VP	\$29*new members
New Member Dues AJLI	\$ 525	\$ 525	0.35%	–	Membership VP	\$17.50*new members
Sustainer Dues JLL	\$ 8,526	\$ 1,515	7.63%	\$2,989	Membership VP	\$49*sustainer members
Sustainer Dues AJLI	\$ 6,090	\$ 8,750	5.80%	\$2,660	Membership VP	\$35*sustainer members
Total Dues	\$30,511	\$37,160	24.62%	\$6,649		
FEES & OTHER INCOME						
Interest — Checking Account	\$ –			\$ –	Treasurer	
Transfer from Reserve Account			–		Treasurer	Finance Committee
Total Fees	\$ –	\$ –		\$ –		
FUNDRAISING						
Signature Fundraiser	\$57,778	\$50,774	33.63%	\$(7,004)	Fund Development VP	for a Net Income of \$41,629
Celebrity Luncheon	\$ 8,000	\$10,500	06.96%	\$ 2,500	Fund Development VP	
New Member Fundraiser	\$ –			\$ –	Fund Development VP	
Total Fundraising	\$65,778	\$61,274	40.59%	\$(4,504)		
FEES & OTHER INCOME						
Grant Revenue	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	3.31%	\$ –	Fund Development VP	
History Fund	\$ –		0.00%	\$ –	Fund Development VP	
Arrangements — Active	\$ 3,080	\$ 3,300	2.19%	\$ 220	Membership VP	\$22*active members
Arrangements — New Member	\$ 630	\$ 630	0.42%	\$ –	Membership VP	\$21*new members
New Member Retreat	\$ 900	\$ 900	0.60%	\$ –	Membership VP	\$30*new members
Late Fees			0.00%	\$ –	Membership VP	Generally \$0
Misc Income	\$ –		0.00%	\$ –	Treasurer	
Focus Monthly Newspr	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	0.66%	\$ –	Communications VP	Focus ads
Corporate Marketing	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	0.66%	\$ –	Fund Development VP	Meeting sponsors
Total Fees	\$11,610	\$11,830	7.84%	\$ 220		
ENDOWMENT INCOME						
Trnsfr from Endowment	\$26,650	\$22,500	14.90%	\$(4,150)	Treasurer	5% of Endowment Balance
Trsrfr from Building Acct	\$18,038	\$18,200	12.06%	\$ 163	Treasurer	
Total Transfers of Funds	\$44,688	\$40,700	26.96%	\$(3,988)		
TOTAL REVENUES	\$152,587	\$150,964		\$(1,623)		

EXPENSES

Account Description	2008–09 Budget	2009–10 Budget	% of Total Budget	Under/Over Budget	Responsible Council/Bd Member
INVESTMENT					
Bank Charges — Operating	N/A				Treasurer
Bank Charges — Payroll				\$ –	Treasurer
Total Investment Expense	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –		
COMMUNITY PROJECTS					
Signature Project	\$ 8,700	\$10,000	6.62%	\$ 1,300	Community VP
Community Serv Projects	\$ 1,000	\$ 500	0.33%	\$ (500)	Community VP
Community Sponsorship	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	3.31%	\$ –	Community VP
Done in a Day Projects	\$ 5,250	\$ 5,250	3.48%	\$ –	Community VP
Done in a Meeting	\$ 100	\$ 100	0.07%	\$ –	Community VP
Matching Gift Program	\$ 100	\$ 100	0.07%	\$ –	Community VP
Community Response Grant	\$ 4,400	\$ 4,400	2.91%	\$ –	Community VP
JLL Scholarship Fund	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,500	0.99%	\$(1,500)	President
New Member Projects	\$ 250	\$ 250	0.17%	\$ –	Membership VP
Community Impact Grant	\$ –			\$ –	Community VP
Total Community Projects	\$27,800	\$27,100	17.95%	\$ (700)	
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES					
Signature Fundraiser Expenses	\$15,000	\$10,000	6.62%	\$(5,000)	Fund Development VP
Tracking Team	\$ 100	\$ 100	0.07%	\$ –	Fund Development VP
Celebrity Fundraiser Expenses	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,100	0.73%	\$ –	Fund Development VP
Grant Writing Expense	\$ 50	\$ 50	0.03%	\$ –	Fund Development VP
New Member Fundraiser	\$ –			\$ –	Membership VP
Total Fundraising Expense	\$16,250	\$11,250	7.45%	\$(5,000)	

PROJECT EXPENSES					
Project Development (CRPD)	\$ 150	\$ 50	0.03%	\$ (100)	President Elect
Community Advisory Bd	\$ 100	\$ 50	0.03%	\$ (50)	President Elect
Nominating/Placement	\$ 750	\$ 500	0.33%	\$ (250)	Membership VP
New Member Recruitment	\$ 600	\$ 500	0.33%	\$ (100)	Membership VP
Public Relations	\$ 1,000	\$ 500	0.33%	\$ (500)	Communications VP
Bi-Annual Community Report	\$ –	\$ 3000	1.99%	\$ 3,000	Communications VP
Signature Project Committee	\$ 50	\$ 50	0.03%	\$ –	Community VP
Endowment Fund Contributions	\$ 400	\$ 400	0.26%	\$ –	Treasurer
SPAC Dues and Organiz dues/msc	\$ 3,450	\$ 3,450	2.29%	\$ –	Education VP
Public Affairs Committee	\$ 50	\$ 50	0.03%	\$ –	Education VP
College Scholarship Expense	\$ 300	\$ 300	0.20%	\$ –	President
Done in a Day Committee	\$ 50	\$ 50	0.03%	\$ –	Community VP
Community Serv Comm	\$ 50	\$ 50	0.03%	\$ –	Community VP
AJLI Dues Projects Active/Sustainer	\$ 7,816	\$ 9,923	6.57%	\$ 2,107	Membership VP
AJLI Dues Projects New Member	\$ 368	\$ 368	0.24%	\$ –	Membership VP
Total Project Rel Expense	\$15,133	\$19,240	12.74%	\$ 4,107	
EDUCATION EXPENSES					
Leadership Retreat/Ops Team	\$ 2,200	\$ 1,500	0.99%	\$ (700)	Education VP
Board Training and Retreat	\$ 1,000	\$ 750	0.50%	\$ (250)	President/Education
New Member Training + retreat	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,300	0.86%	\$ (200)	Membership VP
Mmbrshp Training & Edu	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,000	1.32%	\$ (1,000)	Education VP
Focus	\$ 8,500	\$ 9,260	6.13%	\$ 760	Communications VP
Historian/Librarian	\$ 25	\$ 25	0.02%	\$ –	President
Grant Writing Training	\$ 250	\$ 250	0.17%	\$ –	Education VP
Conferences — Pres	\$ 3,500	\$ 4,000	2.65%	\$ 500	Education VP
Conferences — Pres-Elect	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,500	2.98%	\$ 500	Education VP
Conferences — Membership/odi	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,000	1.32%	\$ (1,000)	Education VP
Mmbrshp Data Base Dev	\$ –	\$ –		\$ –	Membership VP
Sustainer History	\$ –	\$ –		\$ –	Sustaining Advisor
Total Education	\$26,975	\$25,585	16.95%	\$ (1,390)	
SUPPORTING EXPENSES					
Arrangements Facility fee	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,500	1.66%	\$ 300	Education VP
Arrangements	\$ 3,190	\$ 3,000	1.99%	\$ (190)	Education VP
Member Relations	\$ 700	\$ 500	0.33%	\$ (200)	Membership VP
New Sustainer Gifts	\$ 300	\$ 300	0.20%	\$ –	Membership VP
Sustainers	\$ 700	\$ 500	0.33%	\$ (200)	Sustaining Advisor
Mbrshp Scholarship	\$ 244	\$ –	0.00%	\$ (244)	Membership VP
President & Assistant	\$ 650	\$ 650	0.43%	\$ –	President
President Elect	\$ 200	\$ 200	0.13%	\$ –	President Elect
Membership Directory	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	1.46%	\$ –	Communications VP
Office Supplies	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	1.32%	\$ –	Treasurer
Council Copies				\$ –	Treasurer
Misc. Copies**	\$ 100	\$ 100	0.07%	\$ –	Treasurer
Council Postage				\$ –	Treasurer
Misc. Postage	\$ 100	\$ 100	0.07%	\$ –	Treasurer
Endowment Expense	\$ 600	\$ 600	0.40%	\$ –	Treasurer
Telephone	\$ 725	\$ 804	0.53%	\$ 79	Treasurer
Computer Software/Training	\$ 200	\$ 200	0.13%	\$ –	Communications VP
Computer Expense	\$ 200	\$ 200	0.13%	\$ –	Communications VP
Internet and Website	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,300	0.86%	\$ –	Communications VP
Equipment	\$ 200	\$ 200	0.13%	\$ –	Pres Elect
Miscellaneous				\$ –	Pres Elect/Treasurer
Finance Committee/Dues Expenses	\$ 200	\$ 400	0.26%	\$ 200	
Grant Expenditure	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	3.31%	\$ –	Fund Development VP
Total Supporting Expenses	\$21,009	\$20,754	13.75%	\$ (255)	
OVERHEAD EXPENSES					
Office Lease Expense	\$18,038	\$18,200	12.06%	\$ 163	Treasurer
Legal	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	0.66%	\$ –	President
Accounting/Audit	\$ 7,375	\$ 7,500	4.97%	\$ 125	Treasurer
Insurance Board	\$ 1,350	\$ 1,375	0.91%	\$ 25	Treasurer
Insurance PPL	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,550	1.69%	\$ 50	Treasurer
Payroll Salaries	\$10,825	\$11,150	7.39%	\$ 325	Treasurer
Payroll JLL Emplor FICA	\$ 825	\$ 850	0.56%	\$ 25	Treasurer
Misc Taxes	\$ –	\$ –		\$ –	Treasurer
Total Overhead Expenses	\$41,913	\$42,625	28.24%	\$ 712	
OTHER EXPENSES					
AJLI Dues Support Active/Sustainer	\$ 3,350	\$ 4,253		\$ 903	Membership VP
ALJLI Dues Support New Member	\$ 158	\$ 158		\$ –	Membership VP
Total Other Expenses	\$ 3,507	\$ 4,410	2.92%	\$ 903	
Total Expenses	\$152,587	\$150,964		\$ (1,623)	
Net Income (Loss)	\$ –	\$ 0		\$ 0	

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 3, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lynn Fielder, Dawn Kroeger, Tracy Jelneck, Renee Knake, Kate Quinn, Alex Wiesner, Nicole Maison, Amy Suhrheinrich, Molly Chan

MEMBERS ABSENT: Becky Paalman

- I. Amy Suhrheinrich, President called the meeting to order at 6:41.
- II. Dawn Kroeger, Community VP deleted Section 8f from Agenda. Renee Knake, Membership VP added motion to reinstate Linda Burnham as a Sustainer.
- III. Amy Suhrheinrich, President called for a motion to adopt meeting agenda as amended. Lynn Fielder, Sustaining Advisor moved to adopt meeting agenda as amended. Dawn Kroeger, Community VP seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. Amy Suhrheinrich, President welcomed Michelle Thelen, Spring Fundraiser Chair to discuss the Spring Fundraiser. Discussion ensued regarding Spring Fundraiser. Date for the fundraiser is Tuesday, May 6th. Michelle Thelen will talk to Becky Paalman, Communications VP to discuss online transactions. Amy Suhrheinrich, President is going to email Michelle Thelen the policy for the budget plan for fundraising.
- V. Amy Suhrheinrich, President called for a motion to approve January 6, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes. Lynn Fiedler, Sustaining Advisor moved to approve January 6, 2009 minutes. Dawn Kroeger seconded. Motion carried.
- VI. Renee Knake, Membership VP moved to approve Betsy Svanda as Arrangements Chair. Nicole Maison seconded. No questions or discussion. Amy Suhrheinrich, President called the motion and motion carried by unanimous hand vote. Renee Knake, Membership VP moved to grant Kristin Rhorer a 12 month extension to complete new member training per Bylaw IV.1.a. Alex Wiesner seconded. Amy Suhrheinrich, President called the motion and motion carried by unanimous hand vote.
- VII. Tracy Jelneck, President Elect brought forth addition to Policy 3.3 to the Board. Dawn Kroeger seconded. No question or discussion. Amy Suhrheinrich, President called the motion and motion carried by unanimous hand vote.
- VIII. Renee Knake, Membership VP moved to reinstate Linda Burnham as a non-resident Sustainer upon condition of receiving her dues check. Lynn Fiedler, Sustaining Advisor seconded. No question or discussion. Amy Suhrheinrich, President called the motion and motion carried by unanimous hand vote.
- IX. Council Reports
 - a. Communications Council—Becky Paalman, Communication VP was absent. Amy Suhrheinrich, President passed along that the Focus Publication is increasing by a few thousand dollars next year. Becky Paalman, Communications VP will provide more information as soon as she has all the quotes and information. Discussion ensued regarding implementation of an earlier Focus deadline because of late submission of articles.
 - b. Community Council
 1. Community Service Committee—Discussion ensued regarding committee challenges with service drives.
 2. Done in a Day—no issues with DIAD
 3. Done in a Meeting—Kristin Hicks, Chair is having an excellent transition.
 4. Signature Project—Discussion ensued regarding a home for the project when we transition out of project. Discussion ensued regarding turning project into a DIAD.
 - c. Education Council—presented by Kate Quinn, Education VP
 1. Arrangements—Discussion ensued regarding how to cut money from the Arrangements budget. There will be a potluck in April arranged by Betsy Svanda, Arrangements Chair. Discussion ensued regarding meeting sponsors.
 2. Assistant to the President—Discussion ensued regarding scholarships.
 3. Training—Discussion ensued regarding date for transition meeting. Discussion ensued regarding possible speaker for April meeting. Board recommends a Sustainer Panel.
 4. SPAC—discussion ensued regarding additional placement for SPAC committee. Renee Knake, Membership VP will remind N/P to make an additional placement for SPAC.
 - d. Finance Council—Alex Wiesner, Treasurer presented.
 1. Dues/Bookkeeper—dues statements have gone out and dues are coming in. Discussion ensued regarding April 1st cut-off date for dues.
 2. Endowment—Alex Wiesner, Treasurer needs to get back with Cheryl Bartholic regarding 25 for 25.
 3. Treasurer Elect—Nikki Proulx is doing a great job.
 - e. Fund Development Council—Nicole Maison, Fund Development VP presented.
 1. Grant Development—the committee is going to apply for a Verizon grant.
 2. Signature Fundraiser—discussion ensued regarding status of thank you letters and tracking forms.
 3. Spring Fundraiser—update presented by Michelle Thelen.
 4. Tracking—Nicole Maison, Fund Development VP will follow up with Stacy Young regarding Spring Fundraiser.
 - f. Membership Council—Renee Knake, Membership VP presented.
 1. Membership Recruitment—discussion ensued regarding status of new members. Okemos High School has been secured as the new location for Kids in the Kitchen unless new members secure a new location. Discussion ensued regarding project red book policy.
 2. Member Relations—no issues to discuss. Board members were encouraged to nominate members for end of year membership awards and email their Chairs to encourage submission of names for awards.
 3. Nominating/Placement—Discussion ensued regarding

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- ing Signature Fundraiser obligations.
- g. Planning Council—Tracy Jelneck, President Elect presented.
1. Bylaws/Parliamentarian—meeting with Janet Freund regarding voting at February GMM.
 2. CRPD—CRPD committee members will be there to greet the project presenters. Renee Knake, Membership VP will have 5 different ballots for the vote.
 3. Secretary to the Board—no issues because she is awesome.
- X. Delegate, Decide, Discard
- a. Tracy Jelneck, President Elect already presented the Signature Project Process.
 - b. Ballot Guidelines will be moved to next board meeting. Any questions contact Becky Paalman.
 - c. Dawn Kroeger, Community VP presented the DIAD proposals. Discussion ensued regarding DIAD projects. Dawn Kroeger Community VP moved to extend time for 5 minutes. Lynn Fiedler, Sustaining Advisor seconded. Motion carried. Molly Chan, Secretary moved to remove Mother's Day Gift Bags from the list. Lynn Fiedler, Sustaining Advisor seconded. Amy Suhrheinrich, President called for a hand vote and motion carried unanimously. There will be 14 DIAD projects to be voted on in March.
 - d. Dawn Kroeger, Community VP presented a request from EPO for a \$500.00 sponsorship for its annual fundraiser. Molly Chan and Kate Quinn announced they were directly involved with EPO and would abstain from any vote. Discussion ensued regarding Community Scholarship budget. Dawn Kroeger, Community VP moved to grant EPO's request for \$500.00 for its annual fundraiser. Tracy Jelneck seconded. Lynn Fiedler amended the motion to vote to award \$1,000.00 to EPO. Renee Knake seconded. Discussion ensued regarding sponsorship levels. Amy Suhrheinrich, President called the vote and motion carried by unanimous vote.
 - e. Kaleidoscope Sponsorship presented by Dawn Kroeger, Community VP. Discussion ensued regarding objects to put in goody bag. Dawn Kroeger, Community VP will look further into objects and will make a decision.
- f. Sustainer Panel was chosen as speaking panel for April meeting.
 - g. Discussion ensued regarding line item budgets and where dollars could be cut to satisfy deficit. After review, the Board identified \$5,975.00 in the line item budget items where non-community response dollars could be cut. Alex Wiesner moved to extend time for 5 minutes. Tracy Jelneck seconded. Motion carried. Discussion ensued regarding Alex Wiesner's presentation at the Annual Meeting.
 - h. Amy Suhrheinrich, President asked the Board to send updated website items to Leslie Donaldson. Zoom Portal has responded to our requests for help and is working on updating website capabilities.
 - i. Alex Wiesner, Treasurer presented the Board with an updated policy regarding scholarship grants to active and new members. Discussion ensued regarding policy as amended by Alex Wiesner. Board should submit their ideas and concerns to Alex Wiesner regarding scholarship policy and it will be added to the next Board meeting.
 - j. Renee Knake, Membership VP moved to amend Policy 8.5 regarding Winter Interviews to include winter interviews being done electronically. Discussion ensued. No vote taken as motion was withdrawn.
 - k. Lynn Fiedler, Sustaining Advisor presented a revised PIG page for the Sustaining Advisor. The Sustaining Advisor position will be split into one Sustaining Advisor to oversee, and four sub-committee Sustaining Advisors.
 - l. GMM Agenda—Discussion ensued regarding changes or amendments to Agenda.
 - m. Motion to adjourn made by Lynn Fiedler, Sustaining Advisor. Molly Chan, Secretary seconded. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.



Respectfully Submitted,
Molly Chan
Secretary



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Sincerely,

Peter H. DeLong

Director of Sales and Sponsorships
Michigan State University Alumni Association

Membership Policy Change

Gabrielle Johnson, Bylaws/Policy and Parliamentary Chair, SPAC Chair



RATIONAL: Nominating Placement feels that the fall and winter interviews are equally important and should have the same point value. Also, the change in language will allow Nominating Placement to conduct the winter interview as best fits membership—either via phone, in person or email.

PREVIOUS POLICY

8.5 Membership Placement Points

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Procedure: Each Advisor (for both Actives and New Members) is responsible for keeping track of requirements for each of her advisees. Each requirement is given a point value based on the level of the commitment. Any added meetings or special meetings held are given no point value.

Current point values:

General Membership Meetings

Per meeting attended	2 points
Per meeting not attended but advance notice given . .	1 point
Signature Fundraiser	2 points
Spring Fundraiser (if any)	2 points
DIAD	1 point
Fall interview	3 points
Winter interview	
If phone interview held	2 points
If roundtable held	1 point
Timely payment of dues	1 point

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Scope: Membership

Monitored by: Membership Council

Effective: February 2009

Community

Done in a Meeting

Kristin Hicks, Done In a Day Committee




The membership supported **Haven House** for the March DIAM project.


Haven House provides housing and support to homeless families who are transitioning to permanent housing.

Thirty-one members participated and a total of \$149 dollars was collected. The money will be used to purchase the requested items of dish soap and deodorant. Thank you ladies!






Condolences . . .



The Junior League of Lansing extends sincere condolences to the family and friends of Sustaining member **Margaret "Peg" Dickman** who passed away February 25, 2009 at the age of 86. Peg had been a member of the JLL for over 60 years. Her life long support of the Junior League of Lansing will be missed by all those who knew her.



Recognize Excellence — Six Annual Awards

Members of the Junior League of Lansing are invited to recognize and celebrate the exceptional participation of their fellow JLL volunteers by submitting nominations for six Annual Awards. The Annual Recognition Awards will be presented at the May 13th meeting. Nominations are due by April 14, 2009.

Forms may be mailed to: **Renee Knake, 1439 Meadowbrook Lane, East Lansing, MI 48843** — or turned in at the GMM
Please call Renee at 517-337-2954 if you have any questions.

Community Service Award... Given to a JLL member (Active or Sustainer) who has contributed significant, outstanding volunteer time and effort to improve the quality of life of the Lansing community, either through her own community involvement or League Placement.

I nominate _____

This person exemplifies excellence in community service because _____

Placement Award... Given to a JLL member (Active or Sustainer) who consistently goes “above and beyond” her placement “job description” or, in addition to her regular placement, assists other committees or projects in an outstanding manner.

I nominate _____

This person exemplifies excellence in her placement because _____

Spirit Award... Given to a JLL member (Active or Sustainer) who embodies the spirit of Junior League volunteerism in her actions and interactions in the community and with other JLL members. This person consistently inspires others with her caring, understanding, enthusiasm and pursuit of excellence embracing the values of JLL.

I nominate _____

This person exemplifies the JLL spirit because _____

Leadership Award... Given to a JLL Active member who demonstrates outstanding leadership abilities and who motivates and inspires others to further the vision of the organization.

I nominate _____

This person demonstrates outstanding leadership because _____

Super Sustainer Award... Given to a JLL Sustaining member who has given of her time and talents to support the efforts of the organization.

I nominate _____

This Sustainer demonstrates an admirable commitment to JLL because _____

Super New Member Award... Given to a JLL New Member member who has given “above and beyond” of her time and talents to support the efforts of the organization.

I nominate _____

This New Member demonstrates an admirable commitment to JLL because _____

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 10, 2009 • Hannah Community Center, East Lansing

- I. **Amy Suhrheinrich**, President called the General Membership Meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. Last call for Done in a Meeting was made. There will be two changes to the agenda. Tracy Jelneck will discuss Fund Development items for next year. Shelly Bugg and Susan Soper will discuss Community Service items for Jamie Hutchinson who is out of town.
- II. **Amy Suhrheinrich**, President called for a motion to approve the February GMM minutes. Deb Robinson moved to approve the February GMM minutes. Lori Noyer seconded. Motion carried.
- III. **Shelly Bugg** and **Susan Soper** discussed the Household Item drive for Refugee Services. Items can be brought to the office until April 1, 2009. Race for the Cure will be April 26, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. JLL has a Race team and a website if you would like to sign up for the JLL team. Discussion ensued regarding t-shirts for the Race
- IV. **Daniela Cibelli** discussed the vote for next year's Done in a Day projects. We have 14 projects total, and we need to narrow the projects down to 10. Members are asked to vote for their top three projects they would like to volunteer on and help. While Nominating Placement went to count the votes, Amy Suhrheinrich, President discussed why the Spring Fundraiser is being changed and how the change came about. Amy Suhrheinrich, President introduced Michelle Thelen to discuss the Spring Fundraiser.
- V. **Michelle Thelen** discussed the details for the Dodge ball event. The event is open to families, friends, and all community members. The games start with the age group of 5 and go up from there. Members are asked to buy tickets to the event and support the fundraiser. Where the celebrities fit in has not been determined yet. The ages can be mixed on the teams. The teams are coed. Points will be awarded to members who sell the most tickets or bring the most people to the event. The member who has the most points by the next GMM will get a facial, pedicure, and manicure at Mirabella Salon.
- VI. **Tracy Jelneck** discussed a possible fundraiser with Art Van. Details were discussed. Art Van will pay for all expenditures; JLL would have to sell 600 tickets. Discussion ensued and questions were answered. Tracy Jelneck will send out a broadcast email with all the details.
- VII. **Alex Wiesner**, Treasurer discussed the updated actual to budget for November/December. Discussion ensued regard-

ing the budget, budget requests and decreases for the budget. Please review your budget and email Alex Wiesner with any questions you may have.

- VIII. **Suzanne Johnson** presented the Kudos Awards. Jane Campbell received a Kudos for her hard work as dues/book-keeper. Kate Powers received a Kudos for her work on the ad hoc committee for two year board terms. Easter Egg Hunt is at Jumpin Jax and the cost is \$5.00 per child. Download waiver form from Jumpin Jax website and make sure your child has socks. Dream Dinners night is rescheduled to 7:00 p.m. on April 23rd. Suzanne Johnson will send a broadcast email regarding whether or not Jumpin Jax will allow children under 2 at the Easter Egg Hunt.
- IX. **Heather Conway** and **Alana Reome** discussed the Kids in the Kitchen event taking place this weekend. The new members have raised \$1100.00 for the event. Kudos to all of you!
- X. **Kim Watters** announced that advisors will be emailing members regarding the winter interview process. Winter interviews will be done on line by a quick survey. Let your advisor know when you have completed the winter interviews. Discussion ensued regarding the Round Robin Placement Fair to take place.
- XI. **Tracy Jelneck** announced the new leadership team. Have a great year, Ladies!
- XII. The Round Robin Placement Fair began.
- XIII. **Gabe Johnson** discussed the SPAC meeting at the Capitol tomorrow.
- XIV. **Betsy Svanda** discussed the winter interview questions as they pertain to Arrangements. April GMM will be a Sampling Supper. A broadcast email will be sent out to discuss details.
- XV. **Kristin Hicks** announced 31 people participated in the DIAM collection collecting \$149.00 and one deodorant.
- XVI. The DIAD results were announced. A listing of all the events voted on will be put into Focus
- XVII. **Amy Suhrheinrich**, President called for a motion to adjourn. Kate Powers moved to adjourn the meeting. Kate Quinn seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.



Respectfully Submitted,
Molly Chan, Secretary



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All donors will be recognized in upcoming
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Anniversary Party on September 13, 2009.
We hope to see your name listed in our
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_____ \$25 _____ \$250 _____ \$2,500 \$_____ Other

Name (as you would like it to appear in the Focus)

Please make checks payable to the JLL Endowment and
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Membership Changes

- (NM) **Brewer, Jennifer**
Delete all work information
- (S) **Dickman, Margaret "Peg"**
Deceased
- (A) **Gnass, Lisa**
Cell: 517-749-9242
Executive Director, Ronald McDonald House of
Mid-Michigan
W: 517-485-9825
- (A) **Jelneck, Tracy**
Delete work email
- (A) **Maison, Nicole**
1246 Runaway Bay Drive, Apt 3B
Lansing, Michigan 48917-8758
- (S) **Rachman, Naomi**
Resigned
- (S) **White, Gail**
Email: gaildowd@myway.com

Dear Jill,

*I have heard there will not be a Celebrity Luncheon this
year. is this true?*

Lookin' for a Luncheon Lola

Dear Lola,

*It is true or at least it won't be a celebrity luncheon as
you've known it in the past. Although the Celebrity Luncheon
was very successful last year and the Texas Roadhouse very
accommodating, there are a few changes happening. The
Spring Fundraiser Committee researched a new idea and
came to the Board with a plan to satisfy the goals for the
Spring Fundraiser. It should be very exciting and meets the
goals outlined in the PIC. The Committee felt that in this
economy it would be difficult to ask the servers to each sell 20
tickets to our event. The purpose of this fundraiser is not only
to raise funds to support our Mission, but to increase our visi-
bility in the community and to allow our membership to gain
valuable fund development training. In order to reach a new
group of community members, the Committee has decided to
have a family-fun oriented Dodgeball Tournament. Both chil-
dren and adults are encouraged to participate in an event
held on Saturday, May 2nd. And Lola, do not worry as Lunch
will be included in your admission ticket to the event! Plus
there will be local celebrities there. So a new twist on what
we've known in the past, but why don't you consider gather-
ing up a few of your friends to join the fun.*

Sincerely,

Jill

Junior League of Lansing's **Celebrity Dodge Ball Tournament**

East Lansing High School
Saturday, May 2, 2009

Festivities start at 11:00 am • Games begin at 12:00 pm

Gather a team and compete in age brackets with and against local celebrities. Or, you can sponsor a corporate team. Remember, if you don't have game...maybe your kids do!

Contact the Junior League of Lansing for more information or for team registration form!

Registration deadline for teams is April 15, 2009

Phone: (517) 324.3734 • Email: office@jllansing.org

The tournament will consist of multiple divisions based on age. Play will begin at noon, based on a bracket, tournament structure. Winning teams will be given trophies. Prior to start of the tournament, there will be open play, giving players a chance to mingle with the celebrities. Lunch will be provided to all dodgeball players.

Each team may have up to ten players, but no fewer than six, including the captain.

Age Groups:	5-7	8-10	11-14	15-18	\$100 per team includes lunch
	19-30	Over 30			\$150 per team includes lunch
	Corporate Sponsorship:				\$300 per team

Spectators are also needed to cheer on the teams! Admission for spectators is \$10 and includes lunch.

Purchase 50/50 raffle tickets for \$5! Visit the Bake sale for your favorite sweet treats!



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Presenting the 2009–2010 Leadership Team

Tracy Jelneck, *President Elect*



It is my pleasure to introduce you to the Incoming Leadership Team.

Communications Council *Shelley Mielock, Vice President*

- Public Relations & Marketing Chair, *Leslie Donaldson*
- Public Relations & Marketing Vice Chair, *Jen Pace*
- Publications Editor, *Katie Gallagher*
- Publications Editor Vice Chair, *Torye Santucci*

Community Council *Lisa Gnass, Vice President*

- Community Service Committee Chair, *Shelly Bugg*
- Done In A Day Chair, *Kristin Hicks*
- Done In A Day Vice Chair (DIAM), *Thuy Pham*
- Signature Project Chair, *Ann Vogelsang*
- Signature Project Vice Chair, *Lisa Meny*

Education Council *Tiffany Dowling, Vice President*

- Arrangements Chair, *Tiana Hawver*
- Assistant to the President & Scholarships, *Kimberly Garrison*
- Training Chair, *Gabrielle Johnson*
- Training Vice Chair & SPAC Chair, *Kirsten Soltis*

Finance Council *Nicki Proulx, Treasurer*

- Dues/Bookkeeper, *Becky Myers*
- Endowment Treasurer, *Alex Wiesner*
- Treasurer Elect, *Julie Morgan*

Fund Development Council *Becky Paalman, Vice President*

- Grant Writing Chair, *Bridget Seitz*
- Signature Fundraiser Chair, *Michelle Thelen*
- Signature Fundraiser Vice Chair, *Amanda Purdy*
- Spring Fundraiser Chair, *Diane Sloan*
- Tracking Chair, *Amy Lothamer*

Membership Council *Suzanne Johnson, Vice President*

- Membership Recruitment Chair, *Courtney Schnelker*
- Membership Recruitment Vice Chair, *Ivana Marinig*
- Membership Relations Chair, *Stacey Young*
- Nominating Chair, *Kim Watters*
- Placement Chair, *Kate Powers*

Planning Council *Betsy Svanda, President Elect*

- Bylaws/Policy/Parliamentarian Chair, *Christie Lemon*
- Community Research/Project Development Chair, *Patty Black*
- Secretary to the Board, *Lori Noyer*

Sustaining Advisor *Kris Kildea*



Absentee Ballot for the April 14, 2009 General Membership Meeting

If you are unable to attend the April GMM, please use the Absentee Ballot

Refer to Redbook Bylaws, Article VII, Page 13, Section 4

1. Mark your Ballot
2. Place Ballot in envelope
3. Seal the envelope
4. Write your name and the word "Ballot" on the envelope
5. Put sealed envelope into larger envelope
6. Mail ballot

Ballots MUST be received BEFORE the start of the April 14th GMM.

Mail to: Renee Knake, 1439 Meadowbrook Lane, East Lansing, MI 48823

Note: Renee will present any absentee ballots unopened to the Nominating Chair

<p style="text-align: center;">ABSENTEE BALLOT Finance Council • 2009–2010 Budget</p> <p>MOTION: The Finance Council moves to approve the Junior League of Lansing 2009–2010 Annual Budget as presented at the April 2009 GMM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ Yes _____ No</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ABSENTEE BALLOT Finance Council 2009–2010 Budget</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ Signature</p>
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Kids in the Kitchen

Alana Reome & Heather Conway, Kids in the Kitchen Co-Chairs



The 2009 Kids in the Kitchen event was held on Saturday, March 14th, from 8 am–4:30 pm at The Ronald McDonald House of Mid-Michigan.

The JLL New Members held three sessions: session one was attended by St. Vincent's Home for children; session two was attended by Elmhurst Elementary, grades 3–4; and session three was attended by Pattengill Middle School.

Each participant received a goodie bag and a bag of groceries to take home. The event featured speakers such as Troppo's executive chef Jason Keusch.

Thank you to everyone for making this a fun and successful event!

Above right: JLL New Members at Kids in the Kitchen.

Right: Chef Jason Keusch demonstrating how easy it is to have fun while making healthy snacks.



Community Service News

Jamie Hutchison, Community Service Chair



The Community Service Committee has been active this year! We held a mid-year school supply drive, which although small, was appreciated by Otto Middle School.

Next there was the clothing drive. **Debra Landis** headed this drive up and we would like to send her THANK YOU to all that contributed to the clothing drive. It was a big success. Debra stated, "[w]e collected a full car load of clothing from many Junior League members and others from the community. A very heartfelt thank you to all that supported our effort."

The clothing collected was donated to the St. Lawrence resale shop. The St. Lawrence resale shop is where all EVE (End Violent Encounters) mothers and children staying in the domestic violence safe house get their clothing from.

What is next for the Community Service Committee? The Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure! Contact **Shelly Bugg** at 517-336-1987 or email her at sbugg@sbcglobal.net for more information. GO TEAM JUNIOR LEAGUE!!!

SUSAN G. KOMEN FOR THE CURE RACE INFORMATION

Team Name: **Junior League Lansing**

Date: **Sunday, April 26, 2009**

Time: **2:00 p.m.**

Place: **State Capitol**, downtown Lansing

Course: The 5K Run/Walk is a **downtown loop** beginning and ending on Capitol Ave. in front of the State Capitol.

Participants: **Everyone is welcome:** women, men, and children of all ages. Individuals of all athletic abilities and challenges are encouraged to participate. To help ensure a safe event, we will not allow in-line skates, bicycles, or pets. Baby-joggers and strollers will be allowed, but are asked to start at the rear of the event.

Registration: **Register 3 ways:**

Online: <http://race.komengreaterlansing.org/goto/juniorleague.shellyann> follow the link above to register and make donations for team Junior League Lansing on a secure site. **Online registration closes: Tuesday, April 21 at 11 p.m.**

By Mail: Complete an entry form (available at Playmakers, Panera Bread Cafes, and Grand Traverse Pie stores), sign the waiver, and enclose your payment to Komen Greater Lansing Race for the Cure®, P.O. Box 4368, East Lansing, MI 48826. To make sure your mailed-in entry form is received before the Race, we ask that your postal entry is **post marked by April 20, 2009.**

In Person: Anytime through 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 25, 2009 at Playmakers, 2299 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos, (517) 349-3803. Late Registration is also available on Race day from 11:00 a.m. until 1:45 p.m. **Please note that registration fees increase on April 22, 2009.**

Calendar of Events

April

- 7 Board Meeting
- 14 GMM Placement Cards due
- 14 End of Year Membership Award Nominations deadline
- 28 Leadership Transition meeting at the home of Renee Knake



May

- 2 Spring Fundraiser
- 5 Joint Board Meeting
- 13 Celebration Meeting, Country Club of Lansing

NEXT FOCUS DEADLINE

Monday, April 13, 2009 • 5 pm

All articles must be sent in Microsoft word with Times New Roman 12 pt font. Email all articles as attachments to Focus@jllansing.org

Education

Sampling Supper!

Betsy Svanda, Arrangements Committee Chair



Get ready for some sampling of Junior League's best chefs....us! At the April General Membership Meeting each Advisor group will be assigned something to bring for the members to sample. Be creative with your listed item. Fabulous prizes will be awarded!

Amy Sue Melville & Nancy Nyquist Advisor Group—

Appetizers

Kate Powers & Jessica Schaub Advisor Group—Drinks &

Dishes (plates, cups, utensils, napkins)

Kristi Moore & Hillary Henderson Advisor Group—

Desserts

Nicole Godby & Susan Lupo Advisor Group—Main

Dish/Salad

April General Membership Meeting

Hannah Community Center

6:30 pm



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