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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.

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The More Things Change, the More They Stay the Same

Tracy Jelneck, President

I know that many of you don't know me very well, so I thought that I would open by introducing myself. Besides, who doesn't like to talk about themselves? I am also going to explain to you why I joined League and what keeps me motivated and staying in League.

I am originally a Buckeye; born and raised in a small town on the outskirts of Akron called Tallmadge. I graduated from Miami University (Ohio). I moved to Michigan after being offered an auditing position with Sherwin Williams (the paint company), which is where I met my husband. After a tour of duty with Sherwin Williams I began working for the Office of the Auditor General, State of Michigan. I have been with the OAG for the past 15 years.



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I have been married to my wonderful husband, David, for 15 years as of this November. Our anniversary is the weekend before Thanksgiving so we usually spend it supporting the Junior League of Lansing because our Signature Fundraiser is traditionally that weekend. We have three beautiful children. Savannah is 11 and is in the 5th grade. Brianna is 8 (soon to be 9) and is in the 3rd grade. And Ethan just turned 7 on May 9th and is in the 1st grade. We have two other children at home — chocolate Labrador Retrievers. Molly is 3 and Max will be 1 in July.

Now that you know a little about me, I will move forward with why I joined the Junior League, which may also be the

reason why many of you joined League. I joined 13 years ago. I know that I don't look old enough to have been in League for 13 years, but it is true. I joined League because I wanted to meet people and give back to the community. Giving back to the community is something that members of my family and I have been doing most of our lives. In fact, I think that it might be genetic. Last summer my children convinced the babysitter to take them around the neighborhood seeking donations for the Capital Area Humane Society. What can I say, Junior Leaguers in training.

My husband and I started attending a church in Flint, and one of the ladies invited us along with the rest of the young couples to the Junior League of Flint's fundraiser, "Merry Marketplace." Everyone had attended before, and they were excited to go again this year. David and I decided to join them, and we had a blast.

This was the first time I attended a charity event, and my first time being involved in a silent auction. That being said, I bid on everything. When I got to the end of the tables I felt my heart beating really fast because I suddenly realized that I could win everything that I bid on and I would owe a large sum of money. But then I justified it by saying to myself that this is for charity, right? Well, not to worry, as I was overbid on many items. Lucky for me and lucky for the charity.

Although we had a lot of fun, I started to think more about that night, and what the Junior League of Flint represented. I asked my friend, Nancy, and two months later I was a Provisional (or New) member of the Junior League of Flint. I joined the Junior League of Flint in 1996-1997 and transferred to Lansing 2003-2004.

So what is League? The Junior League of Lansing 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. Or as the tagline to the Junior League logo states *Women Building Better Communities*.

But what is voluntarism? Is it the willingness of people to work on behalf of others without being motivated by financial gain? Sure. But voluntarism is also embracing the concept of volunteering. It is lifelong. It is never ending and it encompasses more than just the Junior League of Lansing.

Can you remember the first time you volunteered to do something? Was it when you were a child and asked Grandma

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if you could assist her in making chocolate chip cookies? Could it be when you were in grade school and you sat in the hall outside the classroom helping classmates 'get' their math assignment? Or was it in junior high school when your youth group met at the church and baked cookies to deliver to the shut-ins at church? Was it during your senior year in college when you sorted through the recycle bin at the local trash plant? Yes, believe it or not. I did do that and more than once.

However, my roommates and I had a rule – If trash sorting was your volunteer activity for Saturday morning, then you brought your robe downstairs and set it on the washing machine, where upon your return you would remove your clothing, immediately place them in the washing machine, don your robe, and hurry upstairs to take your shower – your very long shower. How about coaching your children in sports, teaching Sunday School, working with the youth at church, purchasing gifts for children in foster care, or bringing items to a monthly GMM to give to the identified organization?

All of these activities that I mentioned are ways of volunteering, and they are activities in which I have participated. As you can see, over the years the types of activities in which I participate have changed a little bit. I no longer need assistance making chocolate chip cookies. In fact, I have a friend who provides me with the ingredients and I make the batter for her and deliver it to her for baking. What do I do differently? I really don't know. Shoot, it's just the Toll House Cookie recipe that appears on the back of the bag. I don't know, maybe there is something special about my Kitchen Aid mixer or perhaps I make the cookies with tender loving care.

My most recent activities include teaching Sunday School, coaching my children in sports, and working with Junior League members to help build better communities. If you look out into the community, you will see a lot of past and present Junior League members chairing events for other not-for-profit entities or sitting on their boards helping to lead them to the next level. You will find that as you go out into the community, once people know you are a member of the Junior League you will start receiving all types of invitations to help at functions or sit on boards. That is because these people know that Junior League members are trained volunteers and that we know how to get things done.

As the activities in which I participate have changed, so has the reason that I stay in Junior League. As I have become more involved as a member of the Junior League, I have noticed what makes our organization different from other

not-for-profit organizations in the area. We are a training organization. We train our members how to be effective leaders. And training is why I remain a member of the Junior League.

One of my goals for this year is to work on the retention of information. Instead of just passing on the "The Notebook" to the incoming member I would like to see that same information stored centrally either in the office or online somewhere. I don't have much experience in League within communications, community or membership so it would be helpful (to me) to be able to access that information so that I could see what and when something needs to be done. Although the Junior League has bylaws and policies and a few procedures to guide us, as a member we don't always have the Big Picture. How much easier would it be if you didn't have to recreate the wheel every year or if you were to know how other committees within Junior League need and use your information.

The Association of Junior Leagues International has revamped the Members area of their Web site to encourage social networking amongst members. They have made it easier to connect with other leagues. You can create groups related to your current placement and ask other Leagues what works and what doesn't work. If you have not checked out the new capabilities of their Web site I encourage you to do so. Networking with other leagues is an amazing opportunity and privilege.

It is just incredible to see what these Junior League women do to live the mission – the same mission that will guide me and the rest of the current board members in all of the decisions that we will make in the coming year. And when a tough decision is upon you and it might be great for your committee, the question that you need to fall back on is this: Will it be in the best interests of the Junior League of Lansing? If that question is always in the back, or should I say front, of your mind then there is *no* way we can't succeed as an organization destined to build better communities.

When I went to the annual conference for the first time one year ago, the theme was Create, Change, Thrive. I can see the change in the type of volunteering that I have done over the years. I have moved from the social focus to the training aspect of being a member of the Junior League. The Junior League of Lansing has also incorporated a change by voting in a new Signature Project, Care Free Dental. However, as I look back at how things have changed I am reminded of the French proverb, "The more

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2009-10 Scholarship Award Winners Make a Difference

We congratulate the following individuals for their contribution to the benefit of our community, while never abandoning their goals of academic excellence. We hope the scholarship from the Junior League of Lansing will inspire them to remain in community service throughout their lives.

Amanda Flegal will graduate from Bath High School this spring with a GPA of 3.9 and is enrolled at Michigan State University for the fall semester. Her scholarship nominator stated that Amanda has “become one of the most involved students I have had the opportunity to work with.” She has worked to help the less fortunate members of our community through volunteer work at the local food bank. Amanda has also worked with the youth of our community on numerous occasions through Big Brothers & Big Sisters. She is a member of the National Honor Society and is very involved in Student Government. After serving as her class vice president for three years, Amanda has taken on the role of student government president this year. As president, Amanda was able to raise \$1200 for the Clinton County Food Bank and impacted numerous lives. Her nominator states “Amanda has truly raised the bar for leadership and philanthropy at Bath High School through her role as president. She served as a senior captain on both her basketball and softball teams and has spent numerous hours working with younger athletes through various sports camps. She has truly embraced her opportunity to be a role model in the Bath community.

Julie Motz will graduate from St. Johns High School this spring with a GPA of 4.0 and is planning to attend Michigan State University in the fall. Julie serves as secretary for the National Honor Society and has been involved in several community related activities through the NHS, including the Senior Citizen Community Christmas Luncheon

which is attended by more than 200 senior citizens each year. She is a member of Business Professionals of America and is currently the St. Johns Chapter’s president. Under her leadership, members of the chapter have been involved in community service projects as well as competing at the regional and state levels. Her activities as a member of BPA have included: Love Notes, which provides positive message cards for children facing surgery or illness, providing voter registration applications to high school students as they turn 18, and the freshman club rally. Through her church youth group, Julie has been involved in food bank drives, worked at Loaves & Fishes serving food to the homeless, volunteered at vacation bible school for elementary

students, and has worked to clean up the St. Johns City Park after the Mint Festival each summer. She helps to organize student projects as Marquee Committee Chairperson and has been involved in the Relay for Life for several years. In addition to her contributions to the community, Julie plays on the varsity tennis team while successfully balancing a rigorous academic schedule that includes several Advanced Placement classes.

Beth Hanna is currently enrolled at Michigan State University with a 3.8 GPA and will graduate in the spring of 2010 with a Master’s degree in nursing. She will practice as a Licensed Family Nurse Practitioner. Her scholarship nominator states, “Beth’s commitment to people

is one of the hallmarks of her personality. For her, it is ‘all about the people.’” As a college student, mother, wife, research nurse, family member and friend to many, Beth still finds time to give back to her community. Beth volunteers in the DeWitt schools providing tutoring and teacher support. She has been involved with Meals on Wheels, delivering food and companionship to the elderly and less fortunate. Beth enjoys donating food and gifts to families who are struggling during the holiday season and encourages her extended family to do the same. She solicits sponsorships and participates in 5k runs to support diabetes and cancer. For numerous years, Beth has volunteered her time to organize and work at the Michigan

“Dedicate some of your life to others. Your dedication will not be a sacrifice. It will be an exhilarating experience because it is an intense effort applied toward a meaningful end.”

– Dr. Thomas Dooley

Safety Conference. She assists the Healthcare Division in recruiting speakers and volunteers to educate conference attendees on issues concerning their wellness. Beth is currently employed as a research nurse in the Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine in the Department of Medicine at Michigan State University. She runs a program that identifies asthma deaths in Michigan in order to understand the factors that contribute to these tragic and preventable fatalities. The overwhelming success of this project has been attributed to the compassionate manner in which Beth communicates with the family members. Beth is a person who strives to give back to the community, while maintaining the highest educational, occupational and personal standards of excellence. ■

Mother’s Day Gift Bags

Daniela Cibelli, DIAD/DIAM Chair

We finished this wonderful year with Mother’s Day Gift Bags for 55 women at Cristo Rey Community Center. Their Mission is to care for the spiritual and social needs of individuals and families by offering services that encourage self-sufficiency and recognizing the dignity of the human person. Their services include health clinic, counseling, housing program, prevention, community kitchen, youth services and many more.

I would like to thank **Beth Cook, Kate Powers, Lynn Garrett, Nicole Maison** and **Torye Santucci** for taking their time to do the shopping. Happy summer! ■



New Member News

The Junior League of Lansing is pleased to welcome its newest Active Members:

Heather Conway
Rosie Dwyer
Amanda Garcia-Williams
Dawn Hall
Michelle Lange
Katie Lynwood
Pattie McNeil
Alana Reome
Meghan Sifuentes
Sheila Steger
Angela Thornton
Lynna Walta

Other new Active Members include:

Lea Ammerman is vice president of MSU Federal Credit Union's Call Center. She lives in Mason with her husband, Kevin, who is the director of operations and a paramedic with the Lansing-Mason Area Ambulance Service. Lea has two children, Lonnie and Kevin. Her hobbies include reading, walking, playing golf and cooking. Lea joined JLL to participate in opportunities to help others and to do her part to make the world a better place.

Jennifer Brewer works for the MSU Department of Medicine as a researcher. She is originally from Indiana and has lived in the area for the last nine years. She lives in Lansing with her husband, Ron, and her son Maxwell. Jennifer recently participated in a health services project in Ghana. She enjoys family outdoor activities, qigong, reading and shopping. Jennifer joined JLL to be involved in community service.

Laura Brown is originally from Cincinnati, Ohio, and has lived in the Okemos area for the past five years with her husband, Edward; daughter, Amanda, age 8; and son, Ian, age 3. She received her B.A. in Journalism from Ohio State University and is currently employed as a freelance editor. She is Girl Scout leader, Sunday school teacher and volunteers at her church and children's school. Laura enjoys biking, cooking, reading and gardening. She is looking forward to meeting new people and making an impact in the Lansing community through Junior League of Lansing.

Amanda Campbell is originally from Midland and has lived in the Lansing area for the past eight years. She is a graduate of MSU

and is the program director of Michigan Primary Care Association. Amanda currently resides in Lansing with her husband, Sean, and her two sons, Brendan, age 4, and Cole, age 2. She enjoys reading and hiking. Amanda joined Junior League to participate in community service and meet new people.

Chrissy Carr is an admissions counselor at NMU. She has B.A. from Manchester College in psychology, and is working on her M.A. from Northern Michigan University in Training, Development and Human Performance. She has a cat named Maggie and a saltwater aquarium. Her interests include traveling, maintaining her reef aquarium and eating at local restaurants. She has lived in the area since June after previously living in Marquette for four years. Chrissy is originally from Kendallville, Indiana. She has joined JLL to meet

I have the consolation of having added nothing to my private fortune during my public service, and of retiring with hands clean as they are empty.

– Thomas Jefferson

people, learn more about Lansing and to make a difference in the community.

Suzanne Carr is a mortgage loan officer with Capital Bank, has a B.A. in psychology from the University of Michigan and has lived in the area her whole life. She enjoys running with the Playmakers running group and long distance running. She has volunteered for Capital Bancorp 5K Run for JA and the Capital City River Run. She joined League to meet new people and is looking forward to helping various organizations in the community.

Jennifer Charette was born and raised in the Lansing area. She currently resides in Lansing with her husband, Michael; 2-year-old son, Addison; and two dogs, Winnie and Pudge. She received her B.A. in business administration and economics from Hope College. Jennifer is the regional manager for the Gillespie Group. She enjoys reading, running and spending time with her family. Jennifer is looking forward to getting more involved in the community.

Susan Fiorillo works in sales as a facility specialist at Smart Office Systems. She is married to Steve, a golf course superintendent, and has two children, Maria, age 12; Paul, age 9; and a dog

Pudge. She joined League to become more active in the community and have the chance to give back. She enjoys working out in her spare time, and she is also a board member for the Foundation for Haslett Schools. She has an applied arts degree from CMU and has lived in the area for 17 years.

Lori Fischer is originally from Moorhead, Minnesota, and is currently living in Lansing with her husband, Mark; daughter, Madison, age 5; son Jake, age 1; and her dog, Zoie. She received her B.F.A. in graphic design at St. Cloud State University and is currently the general manager of Dream Maker Bath and Kitchen Remodeling Company. She currently volunteers at her church and enjoys cooking, eating and spending time with her family. She joined Junior League to meet new people, explore volunteer opportunities and assist in the Lansing community.

Alison Glass is originally from Austin, Texas, and has lived in the East Lansing area with her husband, Chris; daughter Anna, age 6; and son Jack, age 4; for the past year. She received her B.A. from the University of Texas in applied learning and development. She is currently the owner of Alison Glass Organized Design. She enjoys design/decorating, organizing, color, art and spending time with her family. She joined Junior League to meet new people and get involved in the Lansing community.

Kelli Hughes is an independent regional vice president with Arbonne, International. She recently moved to Okemos from Houston, Texas. Kelli's husband, Doug, is a marketing professor at MSU. She has three children, Kymerli, Scott and Ashley. Her interests include health and wellness, cooking, reading, personal growth, travel and being with her family. Kelli joined JLL because she was looking for an active vehicle to get into the community to make a difference.

Kellyan Hull is a part-time preschool/enrichment teacher and a full-time mom. She has lived in Okemos for seven months with her husband, Chris, and children, McKenna and

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Congratulations To Our Newest Sustainers

The Junior League of Lansing would like to thank each one of you for all your hard work and dedication over the years in helping us to work toward accomplishing our Mission.



Cheryl Bartholic joined the Junior League of Lansing so long ago that she can't remember how long she's been in League saying only "it's been a long time!" Cheryl's placements have included Treasurer Elect, Treasurer, Endowment Treasurer (twice), President Elect, President and Tracking Chair. One of her favorite placements was as Treasurer "because you get to interact with all the councils, plus I learned a lot of leadership skills from Chrissy Brogan (President) and others on the Board that year." Cheryl joined League to make

business connections, but got so much more out of it than that – "great training and many lifelong friendships." Cheryl knew she made a difference when, years after her Presidency, she continues to see "some of the organizational/policy changes implemented during my Presidency still being used." Cheryl truly values the community connections, volunteer experience and leadership skills she got from League, stating that they have allowed her to be active on other community boards. Cheryl's favorite memory of League involves an informal "board retreat" to Las Vegas but that's all she'll say! What happens in Vegas... Cheryl looks forward to sustainer-hood but will miss meeting and interacting with all the new members that join the Junior League of Lansing each year. She lives in East Lansing and is an MSU grad and sports fan. She enjoys golfing, hiking and running (thanks to the "Bayshore Babes!"). Cheryl shares her free time with her eight great nieces and nephews and her golden retriever, Oaklee.



Ro Bellinger joined the Junior League of Lansing in 2001. She had recently moved to the area and wanted to meet new people and have the opportunity to do community service in the area. "A friend was talking about the Junior League of Lansing and had encouraged me to go with her to a new member event. I found that Junior League was a good fit for me." Rosalie has been on various committees including the Signature Fundraiser committee, Done in a Day Committee, Member Relations committee and has been a new member

advisor. Rosalie has enjoyed many volunteer opportunities with the Junior League, but one of her favorites has been the Caring About Kids, Done in a Day. "It is amazing how many lives we can touch when we all work together!" As she goes sustaining, Rosalie will miss meeting phenomenal women but will cherish the very good friends she has made and knows they will continue to be a big part of her life.



Mary Boyer I joined JLL in the fall of 2000, a few months after moving to Michigan from Chicago. I had an infant and a 2-year-old at the time and JLL was a great way to escape being "mommy" all of the time. It also turned out to be a great way to get to know my new community and meet great people and make lifelong friends. My placements have included Signature Fundraiser, new member advisor, DIAD, DIAM chair/DIAD vice chair,

community vice president, nominating/placement advisor, and nominating chair. My most rewarding placement is a toss up between DIAM chair and a DIAD committee member. DIAM was great because I was able to see the huge impact that JLL could have on a community group with only minimal effort on our part. I'll never forget the tears and "thank you's" at Otto Health Center when my kids and I arrived to drop off combs and band aids and granola bars. They had had a lice outbreak and had just run out of combs and didn't know what they were going to do. As a DIAD committee member, I was co-chair of Caring About Kids. To know that those kids would each have at least one Christmas present to open was very rewarding. My favorite placement was as community vice president. I felt that positive changes were made within the Community Council and I really enjoyed working with my Council and the Board for the greater good of JLL. While those Board meetings were long at times, they were always fun and productive. Chocolate covered peanut candy was the oil that greased the wheels that year! While I was sad to move to Ohio last year, it has been a very good thing for both me and my family. I am now involved in volunteer activities in Columbus and spend more time than I thought possible carting my kids Graham and Julia around to various activities and traveling with my husband, Ken.



Cristina Burnham joined the Junior League of Lansing in 2000, following in the footsteps of her mom, sustainer Linda Burnham. Cristina's placements included Signature Fundraiser co-chair, membership directory chair, community research project development committee (two years), a double placement as a provisional (new member) advisor and on the Done in a Day committee. Christina was also senior active for two years. Christina joined League to meet new and interesting people and to make a difference in the community — both of which she's done. "It was enjoyable to devote my time to meaningful volunteerism [and] I've made some fabulous, life-long friends." Christina lives in East Lansing with her two cats, Sammie and Buddie, and enjoys reading, shopping and vacationing. The thing she'll miss most about League? The Caring About Kids Done in a Day. "It's such a great feeling to be able to make sure kids have a memorable Christmas."



Susan Combs has been a member of Junior League for 18 years! She joined the Junior League of Kalamazoo and later transferred to Lansing. During those 18 years, Susan has had lots of placements — the ones that stand out in her memory include (in Kalamazoo) chairing the provisional (new member) committee, chairing the Fundraising Committee of Festival of Trees, chairing the newsletter committee, (in Lansing) acting as training chair twice, chairing the FOCUS committee and her time on the Board as education vice president. Her favorites include

her first year, as she met one of her now long-time friends serving as FOCUS chair and serving on the Board. Susan joined League to meet new people and to continue her volunteer efforts. When asked how JLL impacted her life, Susan answered: "JLL literally saved my life because it was a JLL friend, Pam Haynes, that I called when I needed to get to the hospital ASAP for an emergency C-section. Max and I are both fine now, but it was scary back then." Max,

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Brendan. Chris is the operations director at the Michigan Athletic Club. Kellyan's hobbies include being with her family, baking, working out, running and shopping. She joined JLL to meet other women, connect with the community and give back to the community.

Connie James is the administrator for the Michigan Alliance for the National Children's Study with MSU. Connie lives in East Lansing with her husband, Larry, a production manager. She has three children, Shanae, Camille and Bradley. She enjoys taking care of her family, shopping and socializing. Throughout her life, she has been involved with community organizations that help at-risk families, and remembers JLL was always there to help. She wants to be able to give back to the community, especially to those in need.

Brandi Jones is currently working on her M.B.A. at MSU while working as an office manager with *The Greater Lansing Business Monthly*. She also has her B.S. in kinesiology from the University of Texas at Austin. She has lived in the area for two years and is originally from Austin, Texas. She and her significant other, Roberto Yamanaka, have two dogs, Yogi and Lucy. She enjoys reading, watching movies and spending time with her dogs. She joined JLL to become more involved in the community, do great things for those in need and to surround herself with women who share her passion.

Kelly Komray, originally from Spring Lake, now resides in East Lansing. She is looking forward to volunteering and being involved in charitable activities. She also joined to meet new friends and for networking. Kelly also volunteers with the Young Lawyers Section. She is an attorney with Hanes & Associates, PLLC. She received her undergraduate degree from Hope College and her J.D. from Michigan State University. Kelly enjoys running, reading and being with friends and family.

Mercedes Martinez, or Meche, is a lifelong resident of Lansing. At home she has two cats, Smokey and Sparky. She is currently a student at Lansing Community College working toward a career in the nonprofit business world and believes the Junior League of Lansing will be a great learning experience and an opportunity to get involved in the community. She is looking forward to working with women who have a willingness and desire to improve the quality of life for other women and children in the Lansing area. In addition, she volunteers at the Ronald McDonald House twice

a month and for special events. She also works for the Oak Park YMCA with the Welcome Center Staff. Meche enjoys reading, politics, exercising and spending time with her friends and family.

Abbie Matthews is the director of music and dance ministries for Immanuel Community Reformed Church, RCA. She has lived in the area for three years and is originally from Ft. Wayne, Indiana. She has bachelor's degree in music in vocal performance with an English minor from Hope College in Holland. She volunteers for a church, so her list of volunteer activities is endless. She also has the opportunity to sing at several charity events each year with Singers on the Grand, a Grand Ledge-based singing group. She joined League to learn more about the Lansing area and to become more involved with the community. She also looks forward to getting to know the women of JLL. Her hobbies include music outside of her job, cooking, watching movies, especially classic musicals and writing music — she released her first CD in 2005!

Nanette Naser lives in East Lansing with her husband, Samer, and her children, Paige, Alice, Andrew and Jade. Her interests include cooking, gardening and photography. She is involved with her neighborhood association and Radmoor Montessori school projects. Nanette joined JLL to be involved in the community.

Faye Pickleman is an accountant at Jackson National Life and has a B.S. in accountancy from Ferris State University. She is married to Luke, the director of legislative affairs at MCCA. She enjoys sports, outdoor activities, running and skiing. She has lived in the area for one year, is originally from Saginaw and has joined JLL to become more involved in the community by volunteering.

Erin Skene-Pratt is the senior director of public affairs of the Michigan Nonprofit Association. She lives in East Lansing with her husband, Doug, who is the director of communications for the Michigan Education Association. Erin's hobbies include traveling, reading, wine, food and exercise. She joined JLL to network with other community members.

Meghan Swain is an executive director at Michigan Head Start Association and is married to Anthony Kuch; they have one child, Killian, age 8, and a pet, Ella. She has bachelor's degree in business administration from Davenport University, and enjoys working out, cooking and spending time with family and friends. She joined JLL for the

networking opportunities and to become more involved in the community.

Melissa Topolewski is originally from Port Huron and has lived in the area for the past three years. She received her B.S. and master's from Central Michigan University in administrative science. She is currently working as a lobbyist at Kheder Davis and Associates. Melissa is busy planning a wedding with her fiancé, Paul Seifert, a senior support technician at Auto Owners. She enjoys working out and spending time with friends and family. Melissa spent time in Mississippi assisting after Hurricane Katrina. She is looking forward to various volunteer opportunities and meeting new people.

Angela Vlahakis works at MSU in student receivables/billing. She attended Northwood University and has a degree in hotel management and business administration. She has lived in the area for the past three years but was born and raised in East Lansing. She enjoys spending time with family and friends, entertaining, volunteering and traveling up north. She is also a Philoptochos board member at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. She joined League to meet new people, give back to the community where she grew up and develop lifelong friendships. ■

New Member Celebration

Christie Lemon, New Member Recruitment Advisor

On April 21, 2009, the new members celebrated the completion of their training with a wonderful evening at Beggar's Banquet in East Lansing. We want to thank these women for all their hard work and dedication. Over 25 women attended the event, which included valuable League information, a delicious meal and socialization. We would like to wish all the new members well as they begin life as Active members in the Junior League of Lansing.

We would like to thank **Lynn Fiedler**, sustaining advisor, for her very informative talk on what to expect as an active and sustainer in League and thank active **Becky Paalman** for her very helpful presentation on the Web site. A special thank you goes out to **Amy Suhrheinrich** for spending the evening with us, to **Courtney Schnelker**, vice-chair and **Shelley Mielock**, chair of New Member recruitment, for a job well done and always with a smile. ■

New Member Recruitment Has Begun

Courtney Schnelker, New Member Recruitment Chair

It is that time of year already, as we are looking for women who are interested in joining the Junior League of Lansing! Our recruitment events will begin this summer, so if you know someone who may be interested in League or someone who may just want to learn more about who we are and what we do, please pass along their name and contact information.

As you think of women who may be interested, it may be helpful to start with women who are involved in your life, whether a coworker or a neighbor, in your book club or your playgroup, or in another organization or not involved in anything. If you would like

You're Invited!

us to come to an event to share information about JLL, we are there! Please send all names/contact information or group suggestions to Courtney Schnelker at courtney.schnelker@gmail.com. ■

June, July & August Birthdays

ACTIVES

Santucci, Torye	06/06
Thelen, Michelle.....	06/07
Brown, Laura	06/09
Brewer, Jennifer.....	06/18
Johnson, Gabe.....	06/21
Schick, Jennifer	06/26
Lanstra, Emilie	06/27
Jelneck, Tracy	07/06
Gnass, Lisa	07/09
Rhorer, Kristen.....	07/11
Jones, Brandi.....	07/14
Myers, Becky.....	07/18
McHenry, Ann	07/19
Naser, Nanette.....	07/22
Campbell, Jane.....	07/23
Callaghan-Keefer, Lisa.....	07/26
Slone, Diane.....	07/26
Emler-Dardas, Angela.....	07/28
Shewsbury, Rochelle.....	07/30
Schuppner, Nicole.....	08/01
Godby, Nicole	08/02
Carl, Stacy.....	08/03
Bugg, Shelly	08/07
Campbell, Amanda	08/08
Brick, Gina.....	08/11
Schaub, Jessica.....	08/11
Steger, Sheila	08/12
Johnson, Suzanne.....	08/18
Paalman, Becky	08/19
Svanda, Betsy	08/19
Meny, Lisa.....	08/24
Pricco, Kristen.....	08/27

SUSTAINERS

Burnham, Cristina	06/23
Duda, Barbara.....	06/02
Duffield, Darrell.....	06/02
Frangos, Tula.....	06/03

Irwin, Phyllis.....	06/03
Joslin, Marge	06/04
Brooks, Ginny.....	06/05
Nichols, Christy.....	06/07
Hollister, Diane.....	06/10
Schwendener, Polly.....	06/12
Mooney, Nance	06/14
Couling, Meredith.....	06/18
Nugent, Marilyn	06/18
Zsigo, Kerry	06/18
Freund, Janet.....	06/23
Hirt, Linda.....	06/23
Tarquini, Noreen.....	06/23
Brewster, Susie.....	06/26
Drake, Jane	06/26
Hacker, Jo	06/26
Spencer, Marcia.....	06/27
Dansby, Linda	06/28
Wilson, Patty.....	06/30
Linnell, Pat.....	07/01
Oade, Donna	07/01
Rosekrans, Elizabeth.....	07/01
Stone, Melody.....	07/01
Petersmark, Debbie	07/02
Lasch, Suzanne	07/04
Stapleton, Joan	07/04
Croom, Patty.....	07/05
Liechty, Mary	07/05
Bartholic, Cheryl.....	07/06
Crouse, Patty.....	07/07
VanDeventer, Jackie	07/07
Merando, Marcia.....	07/09
Hamilton, Barbara	07/10
Hauser, Shirlean	07/11
Chambers, Jeannie	07/12
Moore, Denise.....	07/13
Freiberg, Barbara	07/14
Chan, Gengen.....	07/15
Abbott, Amy	07/16
Allman, Ellen	07/16
Legg, Joan	07/16

Perry, Mary	07/20
Haddad, Jody.....	07/21
Whiting Dobson, Lisa.....	07/22
Engle, Carri.....	07/24
Hotchkiss Cathie.....	07/24
Sheldon, Nancy.....	07/24
Hines, Jan	07/25
Rahimi, Carol	07/27
Born, Marty	07/28
Boyer, Mary	07/13
Crites, Amy.....	07/28
Draggoo, Lauri.....	07/30
Jones, Prudy	07/30
Schaberg, Barbara.....	07/30
McKay, Ellen.....	08/01
Condon, Georgia	08/03
Jakubiak, Karen.....	08/04
Brodbeck, Margaret.....	08/05
Dubenion-Smith, Shela.....	08/07
Crooks, Patti	08/12
Brown, Sue.....	08/15
Lazar, Cathy	08/18
Reed, Jan	08/19
Culpepper, Marilyn	08/20
DesJardins, Marilyn.....	08/21
Maas, Mary Ellen	08/21
Hagan, Barbara	08/22
Gillespie, Pamela	08/23
Parker, Candy.....	08/23
Quinn, Karen.....	08/23
Cooley-Sutherland, Louise	08/24
Weichman, Jamie	08/24
Hagan, Pat	08/26
Burns, Judy	08/27
Grettenberger, Sandy.....	08/27
Martin, Nan.....	08/27
Schaefer, Virginia	08/28
Stebbins, Jackie	08/29
Hayes, Annie.....	08/31
Wirtz, Barb	08/31

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Susan's son, is now a very active 4 ½! Susan plans to volunteer more at her son's school and to focus on her coaching and training business. She is the past president of the Professional Coaches Association of Michigan and still serves on that Board. She enjoys working out at the MAC, seeing theater in Stratford and taking trips with her son. Susan is looking forward to going sustaining but will miss "the energy of smart, caring women" and all of the "wonderful 'Mom' information from this dynamic network of women."



Meredith Couling joined the Junior League of Lansing in 2000 and became an active member in 2001. She joined as a way to get involved in the community and to meet new people. The meeting new people part quickly took over as the provisional class of 2000 bonded during the provisional class and transitioned that energy into many "girls' night out" activities. The friendships made during those first few years have transcended many life-changing events. Meredith credits the Junior League with a lot of wonderful leadership and management

experience that helped with career transitions. Placements on Signature Fundraiser, member relations, Webmaster, FOCUS, communications and the Board provided wonderful training. Favorite placement is a toss-up between Signature Fundraiser chair which is hard and all-consuming but so rewarding in the end and president-elect which was so short and sweet and with a sad conclusion. In 2007, after finally marrying Bruce, she had to relocate to Chicago. In an effort to try and immediately get involved in the community and suck up any free time, she transferred to a suburban Chicago league but quickly found that the friendships, loyalties and experiences built in the JLL could not be replaced. With thoughts about going sustaining this year, it was an easy decision to tie her life-long membership to JLL. One of Meredith's favorite memories of JLL was chasing a squirrel through Patriarche Park during the Easter egg hunt when he kept running away with the plastic eggs in an effort to swipe the candy inside. The highlight of her years in JLL is all of the times that the group came together to support a member or a cause, especially the first year of the Komen Race for the Cure. League has provided great insight into the needs of any community and has made it easy to pick opportunities for volunteering which Bruce and I continue to do through Susan G. Komen and Habitat for Humanity. As an official Sustainer living in Chicagoland - Meredith hopes to be able to welcome the sustainer bus trip into downtown next fall!



DeAnna Fenech joined the Junior League of Lansing in 1998. DeAnna's placements included the Holiday Happenings (Signature Fundraiser) committee, chair of the Holiday Happenings committee, the nominating placement committee, nominating chair, placement chair, membership vice president, Done in a Day committee, assistant to the president, secretary to the Board and senior active. When asked to choose a favorite, DeAnna has a hard time, saying instead "I enjoyed all of my placements for different reasons, but truly enjoyed

making lifelong friends while on the Holiday Happenings committee. Some of the women that I worked with are no longer in JLL, but we still get together. This committee was a ton of work, but every bit as rewarding." DeAnna joined League to get involved in the community — she found that the Junior League of Lansing focused on the areas in which she wanted to make a difference. She

knew she had made a difference when she delivered all the gifts from the Caring About Kids/Shop Till You Drop Done in a Day. "It is such a small thing that makes such a large impact." DeAnna always gives 100 percent to everything she is involved with and does so with an enthusiasm that's contagious; she received the Spirit Award after organizing a group of women to give the JLL office a facelift. DeAnna is not afraid of a challenge and took on Chair of the Holiday Happenings Committee while pregnant with her second child. Everything was going along great when her daughter decided to arrive early — Maison was born at home (!!) a couple of weeks before the event. Although DeAnna did not attend, all of her hard work paid off and the event went off without a hitch. DeAnna lives in Okemos with her husband Jeff, her son Logan (10), daughter Maison (8), son Griffin (7) and daughter Breyer (3). When she is not chauffeuring her children to their various activities, DeAnna enjoys running, teaching bible study, reading and taking pictures. While DeAnna looks forward to life as a sustainer, she will miss the monthly meetings — a guaranteed time to see friends.



Barbara Fishell joined the Junior League of Lansing in 1999 at the encouragement of her good friend, Mary VanWieren. Mary said, "I would not only be helping our community but I would be meeting and developing friendships with some great women. She was right!" Barb was amazed at the caliber of women in the Junior League, continually impressed with the willingness everyone had to get the job done and the professional manner in which they accomplished it. "Because of them, I feel more open to volunteering in the future."

During her active membership with JLL, Barb has been on the Signature Fundraiser committee, FOCUS, DIAD Committee and the Signature Project committee. She has served as the dues bookkeeper, a new member advisor and as assistant to the president. Out of all her placements, her favorite was as a new member advisor. "I really enjoyed getting to know our New Members in a closer environment. This placement also took me back in time when we visited former projects. It reminded me of the many accomplishments Junior League has made over the years and what a significant impact we have made in our community. It made me feel very proud to belong to such an outstanding organization." One thing Barb has managed to avoid in all of her placements is public speaking. "I remember having an immediate panic attack when I learned that I was going to have to make a speech at our May meeting. However, Nancy Nyquist graciously agreed to give my speech for me. I can't thank her enough." This is what Barb will miss the most — the understanding and caring members of JLL. However, she knows she will take the friendships with her. Barb enjoys MSU sports, gardening, reading and visiting with friends. She plans to spend more time with her great nieces and nephews and would like to get back into photography.



Marcia Gressens was introduced to JLL by her sister, a sustainer, and she joined in 1999 in an effort to meet friends and learn how to make a difference. During her years with League, Marcia has worked on the Holiday Happenings/Signature Fundraiser committee three times (!!), FOCUS, tracking chair, Done in a Day committee and was vice chair and chair of the Signature Project FEAST. FEAST was her favorite — "it was the best experience. The most work but by far the best experience both

years I worked on it. I have always enjoyed working on the bigger committees and have met some wonderful friends through League.” Marcia knew she made a difference when she worked on FEAST – “you could see an immediate impact not only with the children but the committee members.” The Junior League of Lansing has given Marcia a greater sense of volunteerism and she has been proud to be part of this “amazing group of women that are very supportive of one another.” When asked for a JLL highlight, Marcia points to the May meeting in 2000 when she was recognized as an active member of Junior League. Marcia lives in East Lansing with her husband and two fabulous children, Gunnar (4) and Sabrina (2). Marcia enjoys tennis, golf, sailing and gardening and plans to use her “extra” time volunteering at her children’s school. Although she is looking forward to sustaining, Marcia will miss the monthly meetings as they provide the perfect opportunity to chat with friends and catch up.



Julie Howe joined the Junior League of Lansing as a provisional member in 2001. Her first active placement was on the arrangements committee where she was able to meet and greet members at every meeting. Julie enjoyed arrangements so much, she was chair of the committee in 2003. Additional placements for Julie were new member advisor, DIAD committee and member relations. Julie also was on the JLL board as vice president of education. Some of her fondest memories of League are

hosting the first movie night as arrangements chair and Progressive in Old Town while on member relations. Over the last 8 years, Junior League has provided great satisfaction for Julie through volunteerism, leadership, training and the great friends that she has made. Julie is a Partner at Pace Howe Design, providing commercial interior design services for higher education, corporate, hospitality and healthcare clients. She and her husband, Bill, will be keeping busy with their soon-to-be 15-year-old twins, Morgan and Sydney, and all of their activities. Julie hopes to continue her volunteerism for the community and is looking forward to becoming a sustaining member of Junior League.



Nicole Maison has been a member of the Junior League of Lansing for nearly nine years, joining in the fall of 2000. Her placements in League have included DIAD, CRPD chair, community vice president, provisional (now called new member) advisor, senior active (while living in Baltimore, MD) and fund development vice president. Nicole holds a master’s in social work from Michigan State and has been involved with volunteering from a young age when she would go with her Mother to a group similar to Junior

League. Nicole joined League to give back to the community and to meet other women in the area after many of her friends moved away after college. Her favorite placements were her two terms on the Board. “I liked being on the Board and learning the processes involved. Each board I was on had wonderful and dynamic women. It was a close group and you get to learn a lot about one another.” Another highlight of Nicole’s time with League was being on CRPD when membership voted on St. Vincent’s as the Signature Project. “It was great to see and hear about so many non-profit organizations within the community and hard to pick just one.” Nicole learned a lot through League placements and training opportunities and is most thankful for the close friendships she has made.

Karen Olson joined the Junior League of Lansing in 2001, continuing a long standing family tradition. Karen’s mother was a member when Karen was



younger, and she remembers hearing stories about the Cedar Chest from her. Karen joined at the encouragement of her cousin, Shelley Olson, who joined at the encouragement of her mother, Mary Olson, a past president of the Junior League of Lansing (1970’s). During her active years with JLL, Karen was involved with grantwriting, FOCUS, DIAD/DIAM (3 years) and grant development. Her favorite placement was DIAD/DIAM. “I loved being involved with so many different organizations in greater Lansing. By organizing a DIAD project,

you get to see the direct impact of what our members do. My favorite was buying a whole shopping cart full of flipflops for St. Vincent’s Home for Children with money collected at a DIAM. I got a lot of very strange looks! Several people asked what I was doing and I was able to tell them about JLL.” Karen joined League because she wanted to meet new people and get involved in volunteer work — she feels she accomplished both goals. “I have made some very dear friends through JLL,” and JLL has given “me a greater sense of what a nonprofit can accomplish.” Karen lives in Lansing and was married May 30, 2009. Life after active membership in League will include travel with John, her husband, more knitting and more reading. Karen also enjoys cooking and going to festivals of any kind. She looks forward to finding another type of regular volunteer work — either working with seniors, a literacy group or the Women’s Center of Greater Lansing.



Deb Robinson has been a member of the Junior League of Lansing for 11 years, starting with her provisional (now called new member) year in 1998. Her placements in league have included: two years serving on the Signature Fundraiser, one year as membership recruitment co-chair, two years as dues bookkeeper, two years on nominating placement, one year as arrangements chair, one year as secretary to the Board and one year as assistant to the president. Deb joined League to meet new people and to become involved in helping people

in the community. One of her favorite DIAD projects is Caring About Kids – Shop ‘Till You Drop! As a registered nurse, she loves helping people, especially children. This particular project touches her heart every year because it helps children in the foster care system. The Junior League has helped Deb to grow as a person and has brought her many new friendships. She will truly miss being an active member, but looks forward to contributing to League as a sustainer. Deb stays busy home schooling her children and keeping up with their many activities. Deb has been married for nine years and lives in Lansing with her husband, Will and their children John (6), Ellie (4) and Jake (1).



Pam Ruth joined the Junior League of Lansing in 1992, she transferred to the Junior League of Saginaw Valley in 1995 and transferred back to the Junior League of Lansing in 2007. While with the Junior League of Lansing, Pam has been on the Community Research Project Development (CRPD) committee, Ballentine Stepping Stones committee, SPAC and Grant Development. While with the Junior League of Saginaw Valley (JLSV), Pam served as president, president elect, treasurer (2 years), nominating/placement advisor,

CRPD Chair (2 years), program committee member and Festival of Trees committee member. Pam joined the Junior League at the suggestion of an

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acquaintance she admired, who told her about the high caliber of women in the organization. "I wanted to be a part of a women's organization that had so much to offer and made a difference in the community." Pam knew she had made a difference when she reflected on all the accomplishments of the JLSV at the end of her presidential year. "I put a lot of effort into facilitating business that year and making sure it all went smoothly." Serving as president of League was Pam's favorite placement. "It was an incredibly rewarding experience. The opportunity for leadership development was top-notch, but the best part was working with so many great women to make things happen in League and the community." Pam lives in East Lansing with her husband, Joe, and their two wonderful daughters, Jennifer (11) and Julia (7). Pam is looking forward to being a sustainer, but will miss the opportunity to spend time with a wonderful group of dynamic young women. She will always remember the warm welcome she received when she transferred back to the Lansing League.



Katie Strong joined the Junior League of Lansing as a provisional member in 2001. She enjoyed her first active placement on the DIAD committee where she chaired the Mother's Day Gift Basket program. Katie has served as chair for both the placement and Signature Project committees. Additionally, she served as president for our league in 2007-2008. During her service with the Signature Project and as president, she was introduced to our Signature Project partner St. Vincent Catholic Charities (STVCC). Currently,

Katie is serving on the Board of Directors of St. Vincent Catholic Charities and governance committee as her community placement. Katie is a past-president of the Michigan State Council of Junior Leagues and currently serves as training co-chair. Finding one favorite aspect of League is nearly impossible for Katie. From local, state and national leadership training opportunities, to cherished

friendships, Katie has enjoyed every moment of her League experience. Professionally, she is the clinical placement director for the Department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders at Michigan State University and the president of Strong Speech Consulting, Inc., a private practice providing services to assist individuals in improving their communication potential. She and her husband, Philip, look forward to continued opportunities to serve the community and support JLL through sustaining membership.



Beth Ann Whitaker Since joining the Junior League of Lansing in 2001, Beth Ann has been on the Signature Project committee, a provisional (new member) advisor, a nominating and placement advisor, and on the community service and CRPD committees. When asked for her favorite, Beth Ann replies: "They all had their advantages – I guess I liked provisional advisor and nominating placement. Just great, fun committees." Beth Ann joined League to help the community and to meet people. League

has really made her feel connected to the area — "everywhere [I go] I see someone I know!" Beth Ann has met some really wonderful people who she really respects; she uses them as an example when deciding how she's like to address a situation or achieve a goal. Beth Ann has a B.A. from James Madison University, an M.B.A. from Villanova University and expects to receive her Ph.D. from Michigan State University in 2009. During her "free time," Beth Ann enjoys reading, movies, travel, research and spending time with her family. Beth Ann lives in Haslett with her husband, Chuck, and children Rob (16), Amy (14) and Dennis (8). When asked what Beth Ann will miss most about League, her response was: "the people." Beth Ann truly enjoyed getting to know a lot of fantastic women. The Chicago bus trip will always remain a highlight of her League years. ■

The More Things Change, the More They Stay the Same

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things change, the more they stay the same." We may change the type of fundraiser that we have, the projects that we support, or the reason that we remain in League but our Junior League Mission remains unchanged.

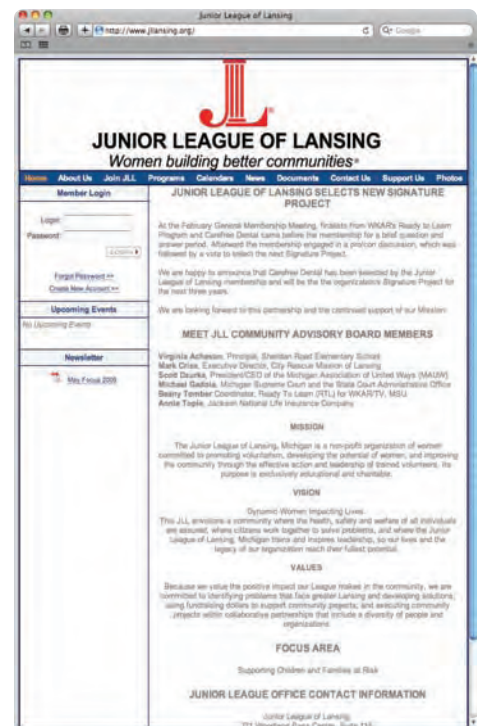
Now that I have shared a little about myself, why I joined League and what keeps me coming back I will leave you with this one aha moment. One evening while rushing home from work to

few additional dollars for being late. Now I have solved that problem, as I have a high school student come to the house and stay with the kids until I get home. And thank goodness, since every major artery into and out of Lansing is under construction.

As we continue to rush around each day, it is comforting to know that each of *you* carve time out of your busy schedule to give to the Junior

The Junior League of Lansing Web site is an excellent source of information on JLL Programs, our Mission and Membership.

League. I encourage *all* of you this upcoming year to focus on our mission and think about what you would like to accomplish as a member of our organization. I look forward to serving you and being a part of the Board of Directors. Take a deep breath, relax and enjoy the upcoming years as we "Create the Future." ■



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Cheryl Bartholic

Final Goodbye from the 2008-2009 Board

At the May GMM, the 2008-09 Board bid farewell and extended a huge heart-felt

“Thank YOU!” to the committees for a job well done. To view their complete speeches,

please visit the Junior League of Lansing Web site at www.jllansing.org. ■



A Letter of Thanks: City Rescue Mission

Friends: bad news isn't hard to find. We watch the news or read the paper and see story after story of people hurting and lives in chaos. It is so easy to complain about injustice and to feel compassion for those in need, but putting action to compassion takes true determination and a generosity of spirit. You have gone beyond "seeing" and begun "doing." Your actions will have an eternal impact in the lives of thousands of men, women and children who come to the Mission for help this year.

On behalf of those who will be helped by your generosity, we want to thank you for your gift of food and for your help in the food pantry. Without people like you, we would be unable to provide food, shelter and clothing to men, women and children in the capital area. Thank you for helping us help others!

In Christian Service,
Mark Criss
Executive Director

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Our goal is to have every member of the Junior League of Lansing New Member, Active, Sustainer, NonResident Active and Sustainer contribute a minimum of \$25 to the Endowment Fund as we celebrate our 25th Anniversary.

All donors will be recognized in upcoming issues of Focus and at our year-end Anniversary Party on September 13, 2009. We hope to see your name listed in our \$25 for 25 EVERY MEMBER Drive in the next issue of Focus!

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