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**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LANSING**  
*Women building better communities®*

*We are here!*

## President's Message

*By Susan Lupo, President 2014-15*

I want to thank each of you for giving me this opportunity to serve as your president of the Junior League of Lansing. Thank you to all the outgoing board members who have taught me so much this year and to the incoming Leadership team who have put their faith in me and in our organization to impact our community. Also, thank you to our Sustainers who continue to guide us, help us and support us.

Our 2014-2015 Board of Directors and leadership team is 'on the ready' to continue on this wonderful tradition of successes. This is a great group of leaders that are extremely motivated. They are ready to carry on the successes of their predecessors.

Lansing is a community with many successful service organizations. Most organizations are volunteer-driven and community service focused—and so is Junior League. Yet, the Junior League has one additional component of our Mission that we deeply value and that makes us stand out among these other organizations, and that is training. We know the POWER that a trained volunteer can have on building better communities. We saw several examples of this during our 'Sustainer Spotlights' at our GMMs this year. Amazing Sustaining members who are doing and have done some remarkable work in the community—all resulting from the training received as members of the Junior League.

In Junior League, we are doing so much more than training women and impacting our

communities; we are changing our own lives. In my past nine years as a League member I have seen a personal transformation. I used to be terrified of public speaking and I have changed into someone who now is ready and willing to take the microphone and address a crowd at a moment's notice. Junior League has provided me that training and given me that confidence. The support system I have experienced in League has inspired me to be a better member and a better person. I have seen members rally around each other in good times—many marriages, babies and other personal celebrations and in the bad—members with life threatening illnesses, children hospitalized and deaths in their family. Never forget what a smile, kind word, or even dropping a note in the mail can do for a member; your understanding smile and kind word may make all the difference in their world.

In the upcoming year, I would challenge each of you to consider how you want to develop your own potential. For some of you, it might be social and networking aspirations and for others it might be a closer connection with the community or giving back to the community and for others yet, it might be learning new skills in a placement that is outside your field of expertise (or your comfort zone—like me with public speaking).

Let's not forget to share the impact of the Junior League story with the community. What we have accomplished within our community, what we are currently accomplishing and the great things



Susan Lupo

we will accomplish in the years to come with our focus on 'essential needs' and the potential for growing community collaborations and partnerships. The Junior League of Lansing is nearly 400 members strong—members who are community leaders, and members who have changed thousands of lives over the years by sharing the Junior League story of building better communities and helping families and children at risk.

The Junior League of Lansing is an organization of extraordinary women leaders. I look forward to working with all of you extraordinary women in the coming year as we will be changing lives in our community, and in turn, we will be changing our own. We are women building better communities.

## 2013 - 2014 Board of Directors

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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.

# NEW WEBSITE: LAUNCHED!

*By Anita Lindsay, Marketing Chair*

In March, the Junior League of Lansing launched a new website with a dynamic look and feel. The website includes a highly functional membership management platform which will allow for a streamlined method of processes to take place.

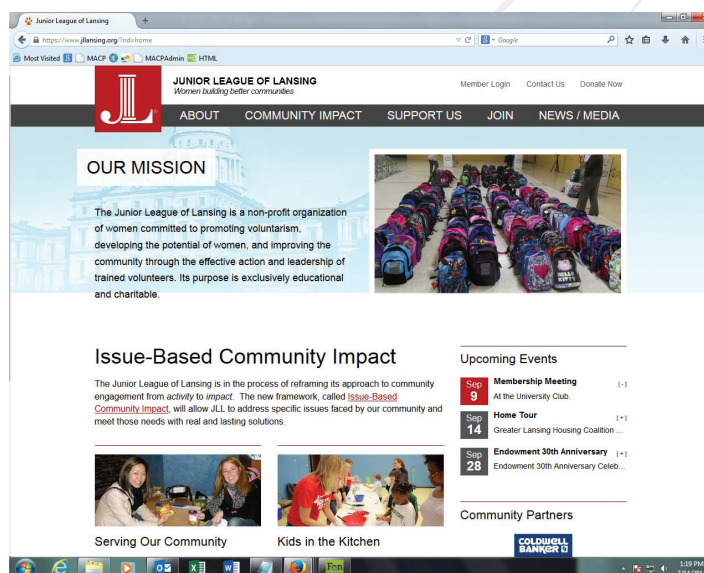
Members will have the ability to track their dues payments, donations, placements and requirements in the member portal section of the website. Communication can take place between different groups assigned, easily allowing committees and leadership to have discussions via email. Mass membership emails can also be sent through the website, opposed to using a separate online marketing resource.

Another great feature is the Seeing Spot mobile device app; find the link

to download this app on your member homepage. The app is available through the iTunes Store (for iPhones) or Google Play (for Android devices) and provides the entire League's membership directory to you on the go. Calling your fellow Junior League ladies has never been easier!

Thank you to all website planning committee members for dedicating your time and effort in the creation of this website!

For questions on the membership platform portion of the website, or to submit content suggestions for the public area of the website, please email [webmaster@jllansing.org](mailto:webmaster@jllansing.org).



# WELCOME, 2013-14 NEW MEMBERS

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## **Stacy Bogard**

Stacy joined the Junior League of Chicago in 2011. Originally from East Lansing, she moved back to the area and transferred to the JLL in the fall of 2013. She is currently on the Member Relations Committee, and served on the Special Events and Membership Services Committees while in Chicago. Stacy is the Assistant Director for Communications, PR and Marketing for the Michigan Association of School Boards. She enjoys traveling, watching way too many TV shows, craft projects, sporting events and concerts, and spending time with family and friends.



## **Erin Bryant**

Erin is a nanny and newlywed new to the Lansing area originally from Chelsea, MI. As a lifelong song and dance girl she graduated from Belmont University in Nashville, TN with a degree in Music Education and Vocal Performance. Her first date with her husband was the MSU fake field goal game against Notre Dame, and she's been a diehard Spartan ever since.



## **Kayla Byrd-Daniels**

Kayla is from Homer, Michigan, a small town in southern Michigan. She attended Michigan State University and received a BS in Physiology and went on to attend Thomas M. Cooley Law School where she received her Juris Doctor. She passed the July 2012 Bar and started her own firm in January 2013. Her practice focuses on family law, criminal defense, and estate planning. She currently resides in Lansing with her husband Patrick and two Alaskan Malamutes, Moxie and Niko.



## **Frances Carley**

Frances returned to Michigan three years ago to take a job with the Senate Fiscal Agency and is glad to be back in her home state. She previously lived in California for several years, where she received a Master's degree in Public Policy from UCLA and worked in the nonprofit sector for organizations that focused on youth, arts, and social services. Currently she's in her third season playing cello with the Mason Symphony Orchestra and is an active volunteer with the Refugee Development Center and MICA. Frances is looking forward to participating in the volunteer and networking opportunities available through Junior League!



## **Lauren Colton**

Lauren is the Information Architect & Editor at Gravity Works. A graduate of James Madison College at Michigan State, Lauren and her husband live in Williamston with their dogs. She speaks about how precise, audience-targeted language improves user interaction, and she contributed to Professional Mobile Application Development (Wrox Press). Lauren is a GiveCamp organizer and dedicated bibliophile.





### **Jenny Corr**

Jenny is a graduate of Michigan State University where she earned her degree in 2006. She currently works as a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant Licensed (COTAL) at Holt Senior Care and Rehab. Jenny was married this past summer and enjoys working out, traveling, shopping, and eating. She enjoys having a good time and is looking forward to involvement in the Junior League of Lansing!



### **Janae Frantz**

Janae Frantz is 30 years old and lives in Lansing with her partner Stephanie. She is the owner of THE pedi-CURE, a Reflexology & Nail Practice, located in Okemos. She is passionate about providing therapeutic services to her clients as well as giving back to the community both through service work and donating 10% of THE pedi-CURE sales to charitable endeavors. She looks forward to being a member of Junior League and working alongside other passionate women who strive to make a positive difference.



### **Abigail Gowman**

Abigail is from Rochester Hills, MI. She went to Hope College for her undergraduate degree in History and Political Science. She graduated from the Michigan State University College of Law in May 2013 and is now an in-house attorney at IBM. In her free time she likes to take her dog, Loki, for walks and go to Zumba!



### **Meghan Loughlin-Krusky**

Meghan is currently a Fourth Grade Teacher and the Assistant Principal/Curriculum Coordinator at St. Thomas Aquinas School in East Lansing. She feels she has the best job in the world and wouldn't trade her experience of educating the young minds that will one day lead our great city, state, and country for anything. Beyond teaching, she loves spending quality time with her husband and daughter, running, working out, reading, and using her time and talent to serve those most in need.



### **Jamie March-Besier**

Jamie is originally from the Hillsdale area in southern Michigan. She graduated from Adrian College in 2012 with a BA in Criminal Justice and Japanese Studies. She is currently in her second year of study at MSU College of Law. Throughout her entire collegiate career, she has enjoyed participating in volunteer activities and looks forward to pursuing further volunteer opportunities with the Junior League.



### **Sarah McGuire**

Sarah McGuire is a transfer member from the Junior League of Indianapolis and is currently a member of the DIAD/DIAM Committee. She is in her 4th active year in the Junior League and has served as a member and chaired several committees in Membership and Community Outreach. Sarah was raised in East Lansing and is a graduate of Butler University. She is looking forward to serving the Junior League of Lansing!



### **Amy Palus**

Amy currently works in the Healthcare Professional Services Group at Fifth Third Bank. In that role, she works with individuals and small practices to understand their goals and to help them reach those goals by offering advice as well as specialized products and services. She has been in the financial industry for almost 20 years. She is married to her high school sweetheart Jeremy and has 3 children: Gage, Lauren, and Jaedyn. She is currently serving on the Ovid-Elsie School Board as a Trustee and is involved in W3, Junior Achievement, and the Rotary Club of St. Johns. She loves serving the communities she lives and works in. She received her Bachelor's degree from Northwood University and is currently working on her Master's in Healthcare Administration from Central Michigan University.



### **Tara Ragauss**

Tara works at Consumers Energy in Jackson, MI as the Education Programs Manager. In this position, she oversees educational outreach programs for Michigan students focused on safety and energy. She has a B.A. in Education from Grand Valley State University and an M.S. in Accounting, also from Grand Valley State University. Tara and her family have lived in the Lansing area for almost 8 years.



### **Aimee Ross**

Aimee is from Perry, MI and currently lives in Holt. She attended Michigan State University and graduated with her Bachelor's degree in Finance. For the past twelve years she has worked in the healthcare benefit strategy industry, with nine of those years at the State of Michigan and the last three at Truven Health Analytics as a Consultant. She currently works at Gestamp-Northern Michigan as a Human Resources Specialist and is a Matilda Jane Trunk Keeper. Aimee is married and has three kids: Her son Skylar is a Freshman at Lake Superior State University and plays on their basketball team; her daughter Rilyn is 12 and attends Lansing Christian School; and her daughter Alenah is 4 and goes to Eastminster for pre-school.



### **Maggie Welgos**

Maggie is originally from the Chicago suburbs but has lived in Michigan for the last seven years. She received her Bachelor's degree from Northern Michigan University in Secondary Education and is currently in her first year at the Michigan State University College of Law. If she's not busy reading for class you'll find her planning her wedding!



### **Katie Wilcox**

Katie Wilcox is a nonprofit and political attorney at Dykema Gossett PLLC in Lansing. She is a graduate of Ave Maria School of Law ('09) and James Madison College at Michigan State University ('06), where she majored in International Relations and Economics. A Lansing native, she attended St. Thomas Aquinas School and Lansing Catholic High School. Katie is a member of the Church of the Resurrection and is a supporter of local charities helping pregnant women and children. In her spare time, Katie enjoys working out at the MAC and traveling. Most recently, she was in Rome, Italy in the spring.

# BYLAWS AND POLICIES UPDATES

*By Ann Vogelsang, President, 2013-2014*

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*During the year the Junior League of Lansing worked to update our Bylaws and Policies to reflect changes in our practices, technology, and recommendations from the Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI).*

## **The following is a list of the Bylaws and Policies which were revised this year:**

- Bylaws and Policies introduction – paragraph 4
- Bylaws Article XII: Amendments and Parliamentary Authority, Section 1 – Amendments
- Bylaws Article VI: Board of Directors, Section 5 – Duties c. Secretary
- Policy Section 4.2 Council Structure and Responsibilities under Education Council
- Policy Section 1 The Strategic Plan of League
- Policy Section 2.2 Policy/Bylaw Approval and Section 2.3 Procedure Approval
- Policy Section 5.2 New Committee Formation and Section 5.3 Supplemental Committees
- Policy 13.1 Reserve Fund
- Policies Section 16 Voting and Ballot Guidelines
- Bylaws Article IV: Membership, Section 5
- Policy Section 9 Dues and Other Financial Obligations, Section 9.1 Annual Dues and Section 9.4 Member Requirements for Annual Fundraising
- Policy Section 18.2 was removed as redundant
- Bylaws Article IV: Membership, Section 3 Admission to Membership and Policy Section 7.2 Eligibility of Prospective Members to remove references to proposing a women for membership since our League does not require sponsors
- Policy Section 7 Membership, Section 7.1 Special Status for Active Members creating a uniform Leave of Absence Policy
- Policy Section 9 Dues and Other Financial Obligations, Sustaining Member Payment Options. Three categories of Sustainer were created: Sustainer, Sustainer Honor (Sustainers age sixty-five to seventy-nine), and Sustainer Emeritus (Sustainers age eighty and above)
- Policy Section 13.5 regarding the Annual Budget to move budgetary authority from membership to the Board
- Policy Section 6.5 Done in a Day Committee was changed to align the policy with current committee practice
- Policy Section 6.10 Nominating/Placement Committee was updated to clarify the procedure when a member of the N/P Committee is considered as a possible candidate for office
- Policy Section 6.13 Annual Fund Committee Part C was removed
- Policy Section 12: Fund Development was completely updated to lay out a plan of action and directives to operate smoothly from year to year
- Policy Section 13.6 regarding FDIC limits for bank accounts was updated to reflect current FDIC insurance limits
- Policy Section 18.6 Office Key Assignment was removed as unnecessary

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**Complete copies of our Bylaws and Policies are available on the member side of our website [www.jllansing.org](http://www.jllansing.org) under the Resources tab in the section titled Digital Books. Please feel free to contact Ann Vogelsang at [ann@vogelsangs.com](mailto:ann@vogelsangs.com) or 517-339-3071 if you have any questions or want more information about these changes.**

# SHOWING LEAGUE THE MONEY

*By Kelly Miller, Fund Development VP*

- 801 raffle tickets sold
- 82 just by Sue Mills
- 381 attendees at Lunch with League (LWL)
- \$8,406 in tip money raised by 24 LWL Servers
- 7 Community Partners
- And 12 Home Tour Sponsors

**Raising \$42,095.96**

This is Fund Development's year in numbers. The wonderful year we had would not have been possible without the vision of **Dana Zecchino** and the Lunch with League team and the dedication of Heather Frick and her Annual Fund team.

This year was special in so many ways. The Home Tour was a fun day with dozens of you willing to volunteer your time - it was

great to have so many Sustainers as well as actives coming out to help with this event. The cocktail party & raffle turn in at Becky Beauchine Kulka Diamonds and Fine Jewelry was perfect and so much fun. We took a chance this year on Lunch with League and it was a smashing success. Fund Development has grown so much that I can't wait to see what happens next!

# DECADENT DONORS

*By Kelly Miller, Fund Development VP*

I'd like to announce the creation of JLI's "Decadent Donors" club. Our Decadent Donors are those who have been supporting League for a decade or more. We know we cannot fulfill our Mission on our own and that it takes a tightly knit network of businesses, educators, agencies and volunteers to make lasting and meaningful change. Two Sustainers who know this well are Becky Beauchine Kulka and Cheryl Bartholic. Their dedication year after year to being pillars of our Fund Development program is an inspiration to us all. Thank you Becky Beauchine Kulka Diamonds & Fine Jewelry and Independent Bank for your continuous support of League and our Mission.

  
**Becky Beauchine Kulka**  
DIAMONDS AND FINE JEWELRY

  
**Independent Bank**

## A YEAR OF FINANCIAL SUCCESS

*By Katie Lynwood, Treasurer*

2013 and 2014 have been excellent financial years. Since January 2013, the Endowment has received contributions in excess of \$8,300 from members rounding up dues, and from the MSU School of Hospitality Business Alumni Association's Designation Auction: Sweet Escapes 2014. Many thanks to our Active and Sustaining members who generously donated to the Endowment and to the School of Hospitality Business Alumni Association.

The year has been an all around financial success. The Fund Development Council far surpassed expectations with their creative fundraising ideas and hard work. In addition to the outstanding fundraising this year, each council and committee was successful and stayed within their budgets. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to our Mission! We look forward to 2014-2015 being an even bigger success!

## SAVE THE DATE

**Mark your calendars now for the following 2014 events!**

- Home Tour with Greater Lansing Housing Coalition  
Sunday, September 14, 2014  
Location TBD  
12:00 pm to 4:00 pm
- Lunch with League  
Thursday, October 30, 2014  
University Club of MSU  
Time TBD
- 30th Anniversary of the JLL Endowment Celebration Party  
Sunday, September 28, 2014  
3 pm – 6 pm  
Home of Sustainer Brenda Ramsby  
6193 Heathfield Drive  
East Lansing, MI 48823

WATCH FOR YOUR INVITATION IN THE MAIL TO ARRIVE IN AUGUST!



# 2013-2014 DONE-IN-A-DAY (DIAD) COMMITTEE OVERVIEW

*By Kristen Pricco, DIAD / DIAM Chair*

The Done-in-a-Day Committee had a Project packed second half of the 2013-2014 Junior League year! Let's take a look at what took place between February through May of 2014:

## RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE DINNERS

*By Randi Bowers-Payne, DIAD Committee Member*

Between February 11th, 2014 and March 1st, 2014 League Members worked in pairs or small groups of three to plan and prepare five dinners for families served by the RMDH. A "thank you" goes out to the following League Members who participated in this DIAD: **Ann Bertsch, Stacy Bogard, Karissa Chabot-Purchase, Alison Kechkaylo, Melody Kindraka, Julie Krueger, Michelle Lange, Katie Lynwood, Sarah McGuire, Julie Morgan, Torye Santucci, and Sarah Spagnuolo.**

## VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA (VOA) CLINIC PAINTING PROJECT

*By Kristen M. Pricco, DIAD/DIAM, Committee Chair,*

The Junior League of Lansing gave a beautiful fresh coat of paint to several sections of the Volunteers of America (VOA) shelter on Saturday, March 15th, 2014. A "thank you" to the following Junior League Members who gave of their time and effort on a weekend morning: **Sarah Triplett, Katie Swords, Jennifer Edmonds, Community VP; Deborah Garcia, Arcelia Richardson, Carrie Waggoner, Traci Riehl, Sarah McGuire, Alexandra Briseno, and Kristen Pricco, DIAD/DIAM, Chair.**



**Volunteers of America (VOA) Clinic Painting Project DIAD Event**  
League members pictured: (Front Row: Jennifer Edmonds, Carrie Waggoner, Kristen Pricco, and McKenzie Pricco), (Second Row: Traci Riehl, Sarah Triplett, Sarah McGuire, Katie Swords, Arcelia Richardson, Alexandra Briseno, and Deborah Garcia);

## ALLEN NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT

*By Tabitha Kaguri, DIAD Committee Member*

Junior League came to the rescue of Allen Neighborhood on the Eastside of Lansing on Saturday, April 12th, 2014. League Members worked in the Hunter Park Garden House, moving compost & sod, weeding, moving broken branches to the street for pick up, and general preparation for the upcoming gardening. Thank you to: **Colleen Kushmaul, Mona Walter, Trish Garvey, Chrissy Carr, Alexis Chadderdon and Tabitha Kaguri** for giving of their time and hard work on a weekend morning.

## GIRLS ON THE RUN 5K

*By Alexandra Briseno, DIAD Committee Member*

A huge “thank you” to League Members: **Emily Stevens, Katie Hebden, Alyson Kechkaylo, Christin Nohner, Kelly Miller, Janine Medler**, Sustainer; **Jennifer Zeiss, Jackie Lillis-Warwick, Jennifer Edmonds, and Alexandra Briseno** who got up bright and early to help out with the Girls on the Run 5K that was held at the Owosso High School in Owosso on Sunday, May 18th, 2014. League Members did their part by being Happy Hair stylists (coloring hair with hair spray paint), painting fingernails blue in support of an anti-bullying campaign, directing the runners along the course and passing out award medals at the end of the race.

**Kristen M. Pricco**, Done-In-A-Day/Done-In-A-Meeting Chair, wishes everyone a wonderful summer and extends a heartfelt “thank you” to all members of the DIAD/DIAM Committee for all of their hard work and commitment this League year!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the September 2014 GMM!



**Allen Neighborhood Project DIAD Event**

*League members pictured: Mona Walter, Colleen Kushmaul, Chrissy Carr, Tabitha Kaguri, Alexis Chadderdon, and Trish Garvey;*



**Girls on the Run 5K DIAD Event**

*League members pictured: Alexandra Briseno; Janine Medler, Sustainer; Alyson Kechkaylo; Jennifer Edmonds, Community VP; Kelly Miller, Fund Development, VP; and Jackie Lillis-Warwick.*

# EDUCATION COUNCIL'S YEAR-IN-REVIEW

*By Gabrielle Johnson, Education VP*

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The Education Council made sure that all JLL members experienced informative and engaging speakers while meeting in a beautiful setting this year. At every GMM, an accomplished Sustainer joined our Actives to talk about their experiences in Junior League and how they used those experiences in other areas of their life. We had GMM speakers including **Sharon Emery** from Truscott Rossman, who spoke to us about effective communication, and **Summer Schriener** from Grace Boutique, who shared the story of how she changed career paths and found success and fulfillment.

Our GMMs and trainings this year were held at the beautifully (and centrally located) University Club, and throughout the

year our relationship with the U Club flourished. We were thrilled to move this year's Lunch With League to the U Club and the event raised more money than ever. We are looking forward to continuing our relationship with the University Club over the next several years and taking advantage of our mutually beneficial relationship.

The State Public Affairs Committee had a full year of monitoring human trafficking legislation along with Michigan's other Junior Leagues. The popular Day at the Capital was held in March and offered members an opportunity to delve further into the issues that pertain to SPAC.

# AWARDING OF COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS

*By Jennifer Edmonds, Community VP*

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Thanks to the success of fundraising events like Lunch with League, the Annual Raffle, and our new collaboration on the Greater Lansing Housing Coalition Home Tour, the Junior League of Lansing was able to award \$14,000 in Community Impact Grants. Applications were received from 21 organizations in the Lansing area. After careful consideration and discussion by the Grants Committee, it was ultimately decided to award grants to two outstanding applicants.

The first was a \$4,000 grant to Child and Family Charities to provide new carpet for Angel House, a residential program for at risk pregnant and parenting girls. Angel House helps the young mothers become nurturing parents and productive members of the community through a variety of services including: parenting and life skills, therapy, education, vocational and career training, co-parenting outreach to fathers, independent living preparation and more.

The second grant was awarded to Judson Love Clothing Center in the amount of \$10,000. Judson Love Clothing Center is celebrating their 25th anniversary serving the community, providing new clothing to children size 4T and up. They provide the children referred to them with everything they need from socks and underwear to jeans, shirts and even shoes. They are 100% volunteer run and depend entirely on donations from individuals, churches, and grants to purchase clothes for the Center. Our funds will be used to improve their service area including new clothing racks, bins for socks and underwear, sorting tables, chairs and paint to make the Center more inviting for the families they serve and more efficient for their volunteers. This was clearly a project they had put a lot of thought into as they provided a very detailed grant application, including pictures and pricing for each of the items being requested and a calculation of funds needed down to the penny. We are so proud to be able to be part of their 25th anniversary year by helping to renew the clothing center facility.



# KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

*By Abigail Gowman and Karissa Chabot-Purchase*

The Junior League of Lansing's 2013-14 New Member class was proud to host an extremely successful seventh annual 'Kids in the Kitchen' event on Friday, April 4th.

For the second year in a row JLL partnered with Lansing Parks and Recreation during their Free Family Fun Friday to deliver an exciting set of free health education services to the nearly 100 children and families who participated in the evening's event. Each month Free Family Fun Friday offers a free evening of fun, play and fitness. The JLL expanded on this event by offering stations (breakfast, trail mix, and dairy) for kids to make healthy choices in creating nutritious snacks. The kids also enjoyed a night filled with games and a large inflatable obstacle course, hula-hoop fitness and even crossfit for kids, all of which promoted the values of an active lifestyle.

We were excited to receive assistance from Delta Theta Phi: Percy J. Power Senate. Our friends from Delta Theta Phi not only prepared the dairy table for our event, but also volunteered their time to help serve food.

Finally, we were thrilled to have support from many community members through donations. Because of donors' generosity, every child in attendance was able to go home with an especially large smile because, not only did they have a great night of learning about the importance of a healthy lifestyle, but every child also went home with a raffle prize, such as a Wii or gift card. A special thanks to: Jackson National, Target, Subway (KGA Corporation), The Gardening Project, Panera Bread, Applebee's, Sparrow-FitKids, Playmakers, Kroger, NCG, Delta Dental, the Ingham County Sheriff's Office, Lansing Lugnuts, and Byrd Law, PLLC, for their special contributions toward this year's KITK event.

Additionally, special recognition must be awarded to **Erin Bryant**, the chair of Kids in the Kitchen 2014, for all of her dedication in leading this wonderful event!



**From Left to Right**

**Back Row:** Aimee Ross, Amanda Longendyke, Lauren Colton, Katie Wilcox, Abigail Gowman, Erin Bryant, Maggie Welgos, Jamie March Besier,

**Front Row:** Frances Carley, Jenny Corr, Meghan Loughlin-krusky, Janae Frantz





# THE SUSTAINING LINE

*By Sue Mills, Sustaining Advisor*

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2013-2014 was a busy and fun-filled year for the Sustainers. We started off the fall with our annual Sustaining Luncheon at the University Club with 53 in attendance. It is always great to see everyone as we start a new year. In December we moved on to the Shop 'Til You Drop Bus Trip to Chicago under the enthusiastic leadership of **Nancy Nyquist** and her hard-working committee. Forty-nine Sustainers and Actives enjoyed a delightful, yet tiring day. The following week **Debby Harrison** opened her beautifully decorated East Lansing home for the Annual Holiday Open House and our committee welcomed over 100 Actives and Sustainers. And in May, prior to the JLL Celebration Meeting we had our largest pre-meeting Sustaining Reception ever with over 40 in attendance as we welcomed 8 new Sustainers.

Our new program, the Simply Social groups, brought Sustainers together for a variety of activities including luncheons, wine and cheese parties, art experiences at the Arty Party, casual dinners at area restaurants, a garden party and a night at the Wharton Center. These social groups have met with great enthusiasm as JLL members are reconnecting with friends many of whom they had not spent time with in several years. Thanks to **Deb Atkinson** and **Pam Ruth** for coordinating these groups and for all the work of the individual group leaders.

Hats off to Debby and Michael Harrison for being selected as the recipients of the 2014 Community Service Award presented by the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce, to **Dorothy Martin** honored with the 2014 Service Award at the 11th

Annual Charity Auction for the Expectant Parents Organization and to **Dottie Spousta**, the recipient of the Arthur E Luedders Circle Award for Outstanding Volunteerism from the Wharton Center for the Performing Arts Inner Circle. At the JLL Annual Celebration meeting **Nancy Nyquist** was presented with the Super Sustainer Award for her outstanding work as co-chair of her Simply Social group, as chair of the Bus Trip and her work on the upcoming Endowment 30th Anniversary Celebration meeting in September. And kudos to **Debby Harrison**, the recipient of the JLL Community Service Award, recognizing her many outstanding volunteer leadership roles in community organizations.

Finally, it was with sadness that we said goodbye to five wonderful Junior League members who died this past year:

**Jane Hootman Drake**, President 1967-68; **Barbara McLean** Hacker; Carolyn Talbot Hoagland; **Katherine (Kay) Logan**; and **Mary L. Perry**.

This year I celebrated 50 years of membership in the Junior League of Lansing and it was a pleasure working with this year's JLL Board of Directors, all the Actives and keeping a finger in all Sustainer Activities to make sure everything went off without a major hitch! **Jane Bitsicas** is taking over the reigns as Sustaining Advisor next year and I hope she enjoys the year as much as I have.

## THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE ENDOWMENT THIS YEAR

Susan Allis	Marilyn Culpepper	Karen Hubbard	Suzanne Mills	Linda Smith
Deborah Jean Atkinson	Linda Dansby	Katharine Hude	<i>In Memory of Jane Drake and Kay Logan</i>	Kristen Soltis
Mary Ann Austin	Darrell Duffield	Phyllis Irwin	Nanci Mooney	Marcia G. Spencer
Andrea Barnes	<i>In Memory of Barbara Hacker</i>	Meredith Jagutis	Betty Moore	Dorothy Spousta
Candace Barnes	Lynn Dwight	Tracy Jelneck	Julie Morgan	Charlene Sproles
Cheryl Bartholic	Jennifer Edmonds	Tabitha Kaguri	<i>In Honor of Sue Mills</i>	Katie Strong
Zoe Bassos	<i>In Honor of Sue Mills</i>	Jan Kahl	Lori Noyer	<i>In Honor of Debby Harrison and Sue Mills</i>
Joan Bauer	Caryn Edwards	Alyson Kechkaylo	Marilyn Nugent	Amy Suhrheinrich
Nancy Berger	Lynn Fiedler	Catherine Kerwin	Nancy Nyquist	Barbara Sukenik
Jane Bitsicas	Barbara Fishell	Kristin Kildea	<i>In Honor of Amy Sue Melville</i>	Betsy Svanda
Patricia Black	Gretchen Forsyth	Ruth Kositchek	Beverly Oetzel	<i>In Honor of Sue Mills</i>
Stacy Bogard	Tricia Foster	Suzanne Kregel	Lindsey Ohle	Polly Synk
Carolyn Boger	Tula Frangos	Lisa Krogulecki	Maggie Papesh	Diane Tarpoff
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