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President's Message

By Susan Lupo, President

Happy New Year Junior League of Lansing! It's hard to believe, but by the time you receive this issue of The Focus, more than half of our League year will be behind us and we will be gearing up for the May Celebration. As a visionary organization, we are always planning ahead in our commitment to develop the potential of women and build better communities. We are also committed to seeing the year through so that we can celebrate our successes and learn for the coming years.

The first half of the year produced some memorable accomplishments of which we can all be proud.

Just to name a few...

- Lunch with League was overwhelmingly supported, surpassing our budgeted goal!!!
- We held three General Membership Meetings, including an Ops training in October, all of which were extremely well attended.
- The Endowment Board hosted a celebration at the home of Brenda Ramsby to celebrate 30 years and the success of our Endowment Fund.
- Becky Beauchine Kulka generously increased her gift certificate donation to \$5000 to our

annual raffle and the Annual Fund Committee did a fantastic job promoting the raffle and incentive prizes.

- We were successful in building a better community by participating in DIADs such as Habitat for Humanity, Operation Backpack and Caring About Kids as well as DIAMs that raised both money and products for organizations in need.

That's just the tip of the iceberg, and I want to thank each of the extraordinary members that helped to make all of this possible.

Now we are eagerly anticipating the remaining events of the year: General Membership meetings which include some surprise speakers, the much-anticipated Community Service events, fun and festive Member Relations events and getting to know our New Members!!! There will be many opportunities for all of us to connect with one another and make a true difference together.

As you continue to serve in your placement, I encourage you to be a 'STAR'--- to be proactive in your service and training and always appreciative of the results. I encourage each of you to embrace the second half of the year with energy and spirit and consider how you will continue to STAR in the Junior League of Lansing.



Susan Lupo

I hope you will join me in making a few New Year's resolutions. Resolve to be of service to another member. This could be lending a hand to help finish a project or offering a ride to an upcoming meeting. Commit to your own personal training, so you are always working to develop your potential. Will you commit with me to take time to show appreciation for the daily gifts of friendship we each receive in the League? Remember to embrace the results and that often the success is in the journey. And finally, remember that inside each of you is a shining STAR. May your light shine brightly in 2015 and always.

Susan



JLL ENDOWMENT CELEBRATES 30TH ANNIVERSARY

"A LEGACY FOR LEAGUE, A LEGACY FOR LANSING"

By Katie Lynwood, Endowment Treasurer

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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.

The JLL Endowment Fund marked its 30th Anniversary in 2014. To celebrate this special occasion an open house was held for Active and Sustaining members and their guests. Brenda and Steve Ramsby generously hosted the event at their beautiful home.

The Endowment Fund is the primary source of sustainable funding for the Junior League of Lansing. The Endowment Fund provides annual funding to the League on average of \$25,000 a year. The growth and management of the Fund is critical to the financial success of the League and its ability to effectively achieve its mission.

The Endowment Board of Trustees expresses appreciation and gratitude to the Ramsbys, the event planning committee and volunteers who helped make the open house a success. The Endowment Board would also like to thank those who contributed to the Fund in honor of the 30th Anniversary, the donations received help ensure the JLL's extraordinary legacy of serving our community.



2014 MEMBERSHIP RECAP

By Jackie Lillis-Warwick, Membership VP

Exciting things have been happening within the Membership Council this year. First and foremost is our complete adoption and use of the Digital Cheetah system, which has been successfully used to administer surveys and communicate DIAD/Placements with the membership. We would appreciate it if everyone took the time to look at their profile and make any necessary updates to contact information.

The Membership Council consists of three committees – Nominating/Placement, New Member Recruitment, and Member Relations. I have thoroughly enjoyed the many different ways being VP of Membership has allowed me to get to know all of our members through my interactions with these committees. The following is a brief summary of what each of them has been up to and what they are working on for you, the General Membership.

Nominating/Placement

Jennifer Charrette and **Kristin Clark** have been outstanding as Nominating and Placement Chairs, respectively. Above and beyond the usual duties of overseeing the advisors, and coordinating placements, they have been tasked with the replacement of several key leadership positions throughout the summer and fall. With each of these

tasks they have excelled and thanks to them and their committee, we are operating at full steam within all of our placements intact. For further proof of their work, please see the section that introduces the slate to you. The committee spent a long Saturday slating these positions for your consideration and I am thankful for their hard work.

New Member Recruitment

Our organization does not work if we do not have talented women and the recruitment of talented women falls to this committee. They have been hard at work with three recruitment events this fall. The September event at Jackson National, the October event at the MICA Gallery in Old Town and the November event at the Michigan Chamber of Commerce were all excellent and very well attended. I would like to thank those members who took the time to show up and serve as ambassadors for the League. These events have produced 11 confirmed New Members so far and we still have a month left! The Holiday Cookie Exchange hosted by Sustainer **Deb Atkinson** was a fun time and we all enjoyed meeting a few of our prospective New Members. The New Member Retreat will be on January 17th and I'm sure we can all appreciate the learning experience in store for these lovely

ladies. Thank you to **Sarah Triplett** (Chair), **Diontra Hayes** (Vice Chair) and the rest of the committee for the blood, sweat, and tears they've put into this committee. Recruitment is vital to us as an organization and their dedication is truly amazing.

Member Relations

The Member Relations Committee started the year off without a captain. So I would first like to thank **Mary Kennedy** and **Becky Paalman** for taking on the position of Co-Chairs. It is so important for our membership to have opportunities to socialize with each other outside of the General Membership Meetings and this committee is who we can thank for all those opportunities. They hosted a very successful Homecoming Tailgate in September. I cannot praise the committee enough about their work on this event. With little more than a week's notice they pulled together one heck of a party and I so enjoyed working with everyone. They helped organized and set up the Raffle Turn in Party on November 20th at Red Cedar Spirits and a good time was had by all. I look forward to what they have planned in the New Year and thank them in advance for what I am sure will be many fun times.

EDUCATION THROUGH VALUABLE CONNECTIONS

By Colleen Kushmaul, Education VP

The Education Council had a busy fall with informative GMM speakers, OPS training, the successful passage of legislation fighting human trafficking, and efficiency and creativity of the arrangements committee.

Two of this year's GMM speakers shared their experience and knowledge relating to JLI's focus area, Essential Needs. We heard from Joe Wald of the Greater Lansing Food Bank, and Diana Dalton of Lansing's Into the Streets Mission. The October GMM speakers, Amanda West and Manuela Kress, PhD, from the Association of Fundraising Professionals shared ideas about fundraising techniques during the October meeting.

The Sustainer Spotlight portion of the GMMs continued to provide an opportunity for active members to learn about them and from JLI's incredible sustainers. During the fall we had the pleasure of hearing from Barbara Clark and Pam Ruth, and look forward to continuing this valuable connection to our sustaining members in 2015.

Our October OPS presenter, Assistant Attorney General Kelly Carte shared information about the involved process of prosecuting human trafficking offenders, as well as protection of and resources for victims, as well as avenues for reporting suspected human trafficking.

The State Public Affairs Committee (SPAC) had a banner day on October 16, 2014 with the signing of 20 bills strengthening human trafficking laws. The signing of these bills marked five years of hard work and dedication to fighting human trafficking by Michigan's Junior Leagues. SPAC will now turn its focus to foster care legislation; work is currently under way

to explore what gaps exist in existing legislation, and where SPAC can have the greatest impact.

JLL once again had representation at AJLI's fall Organizational Development Institute (ODI). This year's meeting was in Kansas City, MO, and was attended by Tara Bachner, Diontrae Hayes, Melody Kindraka, and Dana Zecchino.

The Arrangements Committee has continued to work behind the scenes to further our partnership with the University Club, and has also gone above and beyond to create an inviting space for each of our meetings. Additionally, the Arrangements Committee has been utilizing a new check-in procedure through digital cheetah, in an effort to maximize efficiency and ensuring accurate record keeping.



2015 - 2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SINGLE SLATE BIOGRAPHIES



Kelly Nicole Miller, President Elect

Kelly joined the Junior League of Chicago in 2007 and transferred to Lansing in November of 2011. She served on the Meeting Planning (Arrangements), Prospective Member, and Cookbook committees during her time in Chicago and has served as Fund Development Chair, Fund Development VP, and Community VP here in Lansing. Kelly worked in fundraising for a major charity in Chicago, now she stays home with her five year old daughter, Madeline. When not busy with League, the preschool PTO, or reading a princess story you can find her practicing yoga, giving the dog a bath, blogging, baking or getting coffee.



Ann Bertsch, Education Vice President

I joined the Junior League in 2012 as a way to strengthen and enhance my philanthropic outreach in the community. I also wanted to find a group of strong women who like to make an impact in the Lansing Community. Joining league has been one of the best decisions I have made in my life so far. I have met so many awesome women who have become my good friends, mentors, and inspiration. The Junior League has enhanced my life in many ways, personally and professionally.

During my provisional year, I served as chair of the Communications Committee for Kids in the Kitchen. It was a great way to learn the ropes. During my first active year, I served on the member relations community and planned all the fun stuff we get to do for league members. My second year, I served as vice chair of new membership — a great way to meet all the new ladies joining league. And, this year I am chairing the Arrangements Committee. Another great way to meet and learn everyone's name — not to mention it's fun setting up the decor for the meetings.

I have lived in East Lansing for 40 years. I am a graduate of MSU (Go Green!) and I work at WMU-Cooley Law School in downtown Lansing as the Assistant Director of Communications. I have been married for 22 years to my husband Brian and we have three children, Mollie (21), Jacquelyn (16), and Patrick (9).



Lisa Gnass, Community Vice President

is in her 9th active year with the Junior League of Lansing. She has held a variety of roles, including chair of the Signature Project, Arrangements, Issue-based Community Impact committees and member of the Board. Her favorite placements include working with JLI's past Signature Project FEAST (Food Education and Story Time), a program created and managed by the organization that provided books, healthy snacks and nutrition education to Lansing second-grade students, and the Issue-based Community Impact committee. The latter has been challenging and fulfilling, and she is very proud of the work the committee has done thus far in JLI's efforts to tackle and make positive change within the Lansing area's most pressing issues.

Professionally, Lisa is in corporate communications for Dart Container, working with a small team to manage the company's internal communications for 15,000 employees worldwide as well as PR and external communications. She is also a non-profit consultant, working with organizations on improving marketing, fund development and internal processes. Lisa lives in Dimondale with her husband, Camron, and three kids, Alec, Jada and Maura.



Kristin Keiswetter Clark, Membership Vice President

Kristin is originally from Petoskey, Michigan, has lived in New York, France, Oregon, New Hampshire, California and New Jersey during the years between undergraduate at Wells College and graduate school at Cornell University. Since 2002, Kristin has been employed as an HR Leader at Petoskey Plastics and currently works part-time from home recruiting and developing talented team members with monthly trips to manufacturing plants in Hartford City Indiana, Morristown, Tennessee and Petoskey, Michigan. She also recently launched her own business, Key Home Partners, a real estate solutions company dedicated to improving neighborhoods in East Lansing house by house for residents interested in living in this area. She, her husband Sam, and her 4th grade son Charlie relocated to East Lansing in 2009. Kristin joined Junior League to familiarize herself with the volunteer opportunities offered in the Greater Lansing area and to meet other women who are dedicated to giving back to the community. Depending on the season, you might find Kristin skiing, running, biking, fly fishing, skeet shooting, or coaching youth soccer. She won new member of the year in 2010. She has held placements with Fund Development, New Member Advisor, Nominating Placement Advisor and currently serves as Placement Chair.



Heather Frick, Fund Development

Shortly after moving to East Lansing from Petoskey in 2010, Heather joined the Junior League of Lansing. She has previously served as a Fund Development Committee member, Annual Fund Committee Chair and Fund Development VP. She lives in East Lansing with her husband, Jason, daughter, Isabelle, and two dogs, Haydon and Henry. Heather is an attorney and works as the Internal Property Tax Specialist for the Michigan Department of Treasury. She also sits on the Bay Harbor Foundation Board of Directors. Heather enjoys tennis, running, spending time with her family and friends and summers in Northern Michigan.



Sarah Triplett, Communications Vice President

Sarah has been a member of the Junior League of Lansing since 2010. She currently serves the Chair of the New Member Recruitment Committee and has previously served as a New Member Advisor, and as a member of the Community Service Committee. As a New Member, Triplett served as a co-chair for Kids in the Kitchen. Sarah joined the JLL to meet like-minded women who want to volunteer and give back to the community, and the JLL has exceeded her expectations.

Triplett lives in East Lansing with her husband Nathan, and their small dog Lexi. She currently works as the Director of Public Policy for Creative Many Michigan. She graduated from Hope College in 2004 with B.A. in Communications and Political Science.



Lydia Millbrook, Secretary

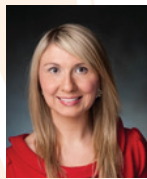
Lydia has been an active member of League since 2008. Over the years, she has seen the positive impact the women of JLL have made and that is why she continues to serve this League. Lydia has served under the Fund Development Council on the Signature Fundraiser Committee, the Membership Council as a New Member Recruitment Advisor for two years, the Communications Council as Publications Vice Chair and Chair, the Community Council on the Done in a Day Committee, the Education Council under Arrangements, and now currently serves on the Member Relations Committee. Lydia lives in Lansing with her husband, Roger of 11 years and three children, Cara (17), Max (9) and Henry (7). Now that her oldest child will be off to college next fall, she is excited to get more involved in League again, and what better opportunity could there be than holding a position as Secretary on the board for the President Elect, Michelle Lange! She is in constant awe of the women in this organization and only wants to give back to our community, and support our mission at the same time.



Kayla Byrd-Daniels, Treasurer-Elect

Born and raised in southern Michigan, Kayla Byrd-Daniels graduated from Michigan State University (Lyman Briggs College) with a Bachelors of Science in Physiology. She went on to receive her law degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School. She is currently an active member of the State Bar of Michigan, the Ingham County Bar Association, Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan and Junior League of Lansing. This is her first active year in SPAC. On a personal note, Kayla resides in Lansing with her husband. In her spare time, she can be found reading, cooking, sewing, watching crime dramas or walking her Alaskan Malamutes – Moxie and Niko. Also Kayla and Patrick are expecting their first child this upcoming spring.

NOMINATING / PLACEMENT ADVISORS - DOUBLE SLATE



Alexis Chadderdon

Alexis was been an active member of JLL since May 2011. As a new member, Alexis served as a co-chair of Kids in the Kitchen. During her first active year, she completed a double placement as New Member Recruitment Vice-Chair and member of the Marketing & PR Committee, and she was recognized for her efforts with the Placement Award that year. Alexis has also served as New Member Recruitment Chair, on the Board as Membership Vice-President, and currently as Training Chair. Last year, Alexis attended ODI and participated in the membership track. Alexis lives in Williamston with her husband, Allen, and their kitten, Dutchie. Alexis enjoys gardening, cycling, and baking.



Anita Lindsay

Anita is currently in her forth-active year in the Junior League and serves as Communications Vice President. She has played an active role in providing support to the League's website and with the transition into the current Digital Cheetah platform. After serving on the Communications Committee the past four years, she is looking forward to contributing in a new area of League. Anita works for the Michigan Chamber of Commerce in the Foundation department and lives in Lansing. She enjoys skiing, shopping and spending time with her friends and family



Chrissy Shaw

My name is Chrissy Shaw (formerly Carr) and this is my 6th active year in the Junior League of Lansing. My first placement was on the Community Service Committee, and from there I was a New Member Advisor, Chair of the New Member Recruitment Committee, and then onto the DIAD Committee where I served a member, then DIAM Chair, and now I am currently the DIAD Chair. I joined league to connect with women in the Lansing area, and to help make a difference in the community through volunteerism. In my personal life I am recently married, and work as a regionally based Assistant Director of Admissions at Northern Michigan University. Jeff and I share our home with a cat and 2 indoor rabbits.



Emily Stevens

is finishing up her second active year with Junior League and has loved the opportunity to be involved. The past two years she has served on the Lunch with League Committee, successfully helping raise over \$20,000 each year! (Go Lunch with League J) In her new member year, Emily served as a Co-Chair for the Lunch with League event hosted at Gier Community Center serving over 400 people and bringing in several community partners. In her working hours, Emily is the Manager of Leisure Services with the City of Lansing's Parks and Recreation Department, overseeing all recreational activities the City offers. Emily is also married to Chad Stevens and the proud mother of two sons, Anderson (8) and Beckett (6).



Jaimie Walsh

Jamie is from the Lansing area and resides in Grand Ledge. She graduated from Grand Valley State University with a degree in Accounting and Operations Management. She currently works at Sparrow Hospital as a Business Operations Manager in Information Technology. She recently celebrated her fourth anniversary with her husband, Scott. Together they have a 2-year-old son named Nolan and a very energetic boxer named Paisley. This is Jaimie's third active year in Junior League and has a current placement in Member Relations. She is looking forward to being on the Nominating Placement Committee so she can connect with other League Members and become more involved with their placements.



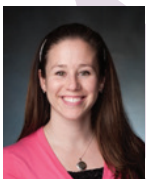
Mona Walter

Mona joined Junior League in 2010, and has held placements on Member Relations, Signature Project, as a New Member Advisor, and most recently, on Issue Based Community Impact. She joined League initially, as a way to stay connected with like minded women in the community. Mona and her husband Kevin have two children, Ava and Luke. Mona is the Branch Manager for Liberty Title Agency in East Lansing, and is a State Licensed Resident Title Insurance Producer. In her spare time, she enjoys reading a good book, enjoying a nice glass of wine, and time well spent with family and friends.



Jackie Warwick

Jackie lives in Lansing with her husband (Matt), dog (Oscar), and cat (Gabby). She attended MSU before the football team was good and got her BA in Anthropology and then went on to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for her M.S. Jackie spent six years in the private sector as an Archaeology Principal Investigator. She currently splits her time at MSU between two part-time jobs; one has a Collections Manager for the MSU Museum (i.e. not the Broad) and the second as the undergraduate advisor for the Department of Anthropology. She joined the JLL of 2011 to meet friends and get more involved in the community. Jackie is very much enjoying her time as VP Membership and is looking forward to re-joining the Nominating Placement Committee.



Maureen Watson

I joined the Junior League in 2012 looking for a group of motivated women who wanted to make a difference in the community and have a good time together. It's been wonderful to meet so many great women that are fun to spend time with socially but have also taught me things I can apply in my professional life. I served on the fund development committee for Kids in the Kitchen during my time as a new member and helped secure an additional grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield for our event that year. It was my first foray into fundraising and while it wasn't easy learning to ask for money, it was good training when I accepted a new job as a government affairs consultant with a multi-client lobby firm.

I've also served two years on the Arrangements Committee in hopes becoming better at remembering names and faces. I'm not sure I've gotten any better putting names and faces together but I've gotten very good at alphabetizing nametags. This year I'm serving on the Issue Based Community Impact Committee and helping to refocus the philanthropic efforts and volunteer opportunities of the Junior League of Lansing. My husband, Matt Bolger, and I have been married three years and I have two stepdaughters, Kathryn (16) and Rachel (14). We live in Dewitt.

NEW MEMBER ADVISORS - SINGLE SLATE



Jenny Corr

grew up in the metro Detroit area and graduated from Notre Dame Preparatory High School in Pontiac, Michigan in 2002. After high school, she majored in Hospitality Business at Michigan State University. Now an alumna of The School's Class of 2006, she enjoys rooting for her alma mater during football games in the fall. Jenny recently found a new career as a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant and works at a senior rehab facility in Holt, Michigan. Looking to get involved in her community and hoping to mix and mingle with new friends, she joined the Junior League of Lansing in January of 2014. She served on the 2014 Lunch With League committee, which put on a festive and successful event in October. She lives in Okemos with her husband, Michael and their three cats Jake, Storey, and Oscar. Her hobbies include reading, working out, budgeting, Netflix, and subscription boxes. Jenny loves to travel, and has recently returned from vacationing in Spain, as well as a two week road-trip honeymoon along the New England coast.



Stephanie Miller

Stephanie is a life time resident of the Lansing area, growing up in Haslett. She attended Michigan State University to study finance and currently runs her own financial planning practice with Northwestern Mutual. In September of this year, Stephanie married the man of her dreams, Cody and is looking forward to many adventures together. In January of 2012, she joined Junior League of Lansing as a new member and is enjoying every minute of it!



Arcelia Richardson

Arcelia Richardson is a native of Lansing, Michigan where she currently resides. She obtained a Bachelor of Arts in General Business from Michigan State University and a Master of Public Administration from Central Michigan University.

Most recently Arcelia worked as a Budget and Policy Analyst with the State Budget Office. In that role she assisted in the development of three Governor Executive Budget Recommendations in the areas of Mental Health and Medicaid. She recently transitioned to working full-time as a home business owner with Stella & Dot.

Arcelia is in her second Active Member year with the Junior League of Lansing and currently serves as Vice Chair of Social Media. Previously she served on the Annual Fund Committee and worked on the annual raffle fundraiser.

Outside of Junior League and other community work as a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Arcelia's interests include cooking, MSU sports, traveling and having fun with friends and family.

Dana Zecchino

Dana Zecchino lives in East Lansing, MI with her husband, Rich, and two children, RJ (6), and Lyla (3). She graduated from Northwood University in 2006 with a Business Administration degree. She formally worked at U.S. Gas & Electric as an outside sales representative and acted as the companies national liaison, traveling across the U.S. to educate people about the alternative energy industry. Dana is currently studying to obtain her real estate license and plans to begin her career as a residential real estate broker in January 2015. Dana enjoys spending her free time at the gym (and has competed in a number of Crossfit competitions) or sipping a glass of wine on a boat on beautiful Clarklake.

FALL DIAM SUCCESSFUL RESULTS

By Katie Swords, DIAM Chair

The Junior League of Lansing has shown its support for charitable organizations in the Greater Lansing area through generous Done-In-A-Meeting (DIAM) donations.

The September DIAM recipient was Angel House. Angel House is a residential program for pregnant and parenting teens. Their mission is to help young mothers become nurturing parents and productive members of society through therapy, parenting classes, father outreach, job, life skills training, and positive youth development. We collected 81 items from their needed items list, as well as \$93. Thank you to Patricia Black who was the lead person for this DIAM!

The month of **October** is fight against domestic violence month. This past **October**, to help support the fight against domestic violence, the JLL collected items for EVE which stands for End Violent Encounters. EVE's mission is to provide shelter and supportive services to victims of domestic violence while seeking to end domestic violence through public awareness and community education. The JLL rose to the occasion and collected 26 items at the GMM as well as \$93! Thank you to Sarah Spagnuolo who was the point person for this collection!

In **November** the JLL collected 55 items and \$66 for Haven House. Using the collected funds, 16 additional items were purchased. Haven House provides emergency housing and supportive services for one and two-parent families with children. The shelter helps families who are homeless prepare for permanent housing by developing and promoting self-sufficiency, stability and financial responsibility. In addition to housing, residents also receive meals, crisis counseling, assistance with goal setting, and referral to other agencies when needed. Haven House is always gracious and in need. They were very thankful for the contribution.

Each of these organizations have expressed tremendous gratitude toward the Junior League of Lansing for their generosity and the impact the donations have had on their programs.

Thank you for your kindness and readiness to give to our community!

“The JLL strives in all endeavors to be sensitive to the special needs of our members and guests. If there is a special need, please notify the Education Vice President.”



NEWS FROM THE DIAD COMMITTEE

By Katie Swords, DIAM Chair

Greetings Junior League Members past and present! Our current members have been hard at work volunteering in the Lansing community and I wanted to provide everyone on few updates on some of the good works and volunteerism our members have engaged in during this League year. As you may know, last winter our membership voted on 10 Done in a Day (DIAD) projects for this year's members to participate in. To date we have completed 6 of these projects including: St. Vincent's Catholic Charities Operation Backpack (stuffing backpacks with school supplies), Ingham County DHS Caring About Kids (buying Christmas presents for children in foster care), Ingham County DHS Providing Warmth, Warming Hearts (coats/glove drive), Habitat for Humanity (painting), Ronald McDonald House of Mid- Michigan (making meals for families who have children at Sparrow), and Haven House Teen Baskets (creating personal needs baskets for teen girls). We have 4 more projects to come after Christmas, so if you were unable to participate in your assigned project, or are just interested in getting more involved, please feel free to get in touch with Chrissy Shaw (chcarr@nmu.edu) to volunteer. Thank you to all who have completed a DIAD this year and we're looking forward to announcing the details of the remaining projects soon!



LETTERS OF GRATITUDE RECEIVED BY THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LANSING

This year, JLL has received the following letters of thanks. We would be remiss if we did not pass them on to all of the members and sustainers that contributed to these organizations!

August 28, 2014

Ms. Colleen Kushmaul
Junior League of Lansing
1231 Michigan Ave. Suite 213
East Lansing, MI 48823

Dear Ms. Kushmaul,
Thank you for collecting pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House of Mid-Michigan. Every pull tab really does help to care for our families. The money we get from recycling the tabs goes to put clean sheets on the beds, a pot of soup on the stove, and much more. Keep on pulling-you are our heart!

Sincerely,
Ronald McDonald House of Mid-Michigan Board of Directors, Staff and Volunteers

September 26, 2014

Junior League of Lansing
1231 Michigan Ave. Suite 213
East Lansing, MI 48823

Dear Friends of Habitat,
On behalf of the Board of Directors, families, and staff of Habitat for Humanity Lansing, thank you for your generous donation in the amount of \$1,000.00, received on 9/26/2014.

Your support does much more than help families escape from unsafe, unhealthy living conditions. You're helping families to break the cycle of poverty and build long-term financial security. Habitat's affordable, no-profit house payments free up money for food, childcare, medicine and other necessities. And research has shown that decent housing improves health, increases children's educational achievement and strengthens community ties.

Again, thank you. You are helping to make a big difference in our neighborhoods and community.

Sincerely,
Vicki Hamilton-Allen
Executive Director

2014 LUNCH WITH LEAGUE

By Dana Zecchino, Lunch with League Chair, and Meghan Loughlin-Krusky, Lunch with League VP

The Junior League of Lansing held its largest fundraising event on October 30, 2014: Lunch with League. The event was a huge success and was held at the beautiful University Club of MSU, where well over 300 people attended. Although tickets sales were down from last year, the tips that came in on the day of the event were so generous that we raised an amount of over \$17,000! In the words of one of our Celebrity Servers (and our President's husband), Tony Lupo, this group of stellar Celebrity Servers, "Made it rain!" It was a fun event, filled with high energy and enthusiasm!

Once again the event was graciously sponsored by Foster Swift Collins & Smith and the University Club of MSU. Supporting sponsors were: Sohn Linen, International Minute Press and Fabiano's Chocolates.

The 2014 Lunch with League servers were:

Scott Abramowski- Dart Bank
Dan Badgley- Lansing Ophthalmology
Tony Baltimore- Congressman Mike Rogers U.S. House of Representatives
Jane Bitsicas- Doncaster Fashion Consultant
Pam Currie- Allstate Insurance
Tiffany Dowling- M3 Group
Kathie Dunbar- City Council
Eric Eggan- Honigman, Miller, Schartz & Cohn Stephanie
Fredline- THE pedi-CURE, Private Salon Studios
Karen Grannemann- University Club of MSU
Justin Grinnell- State of Fitness
Jeffrey Hertrich- Accident Fund Holdings, Inc.
Tony Lupo- Neogen Corporation
Rachel Michaud- Gillespie Group
Kelly Miller- Junior League of Lansing
Dana Owen- Pure Barre Okemos
Jen Ronan- Lake Lansing Family Practice MedSpa
Patricia Scott- Foster Swift Collins & Smith
Sam Singh- State Representative
Rich Studley- Michigan Chamber of Commerce
Sarah Swistak- FOX 47 News
Nathan Triplett- City of East Lansing Mayor



THE RESULTS OF JLL'S ANNUAL RAFFLE ARE IN!

By Kim Drew and Melody Kindraka, Annual Fund Committee Co-Chairs

Thanks to the generosity of long-time raffle sponsor, Becky Beauchine Kulka, the prizes for the 2014 JLL Raffle increased to five, \$1,000 gift certificates to Beauchine Kulka Diamonds and Fine Jewelry. The raffle drawing was conducted at Sustainer Becky Myers' home during the Holiday Party on December 2.

The five winners were:

- Gary Bender
- Mary Croft
- Margaret Liedholm
- Kim Sebastian
- Allison Sevegney Reynolds

By selling six or more raffle tickets, 29 active members had the opportunity to enter to win five different incentive prizes graciously donated by JLL members and Lansing-area businesses. Any sustainers who sold tickets were also eligible to enter.

The incentive prizes and winners were:

- Two Red Wings tickets donated by JLL member Abigail Gowman's parents – Winner: Maureen Watson-Bolger
- A \$50 gift certificate donated by Douglas J – Winner: Sue Mills
- A Reflexology Massage from THE pedicURE Private Salon Studios donated by owner and JLL member Janae Frantz – Winner: Maureen Watson-Bolger
- A \$40 gift certificate from Copper donated by manager Josh Smalley – Winner: Thuy Bui
- The Mason Prize Pack including gift certificates to The Vault Deli, Bestsellers Books & Coffee Co, and Darrell's Supermarket and Hardware all donated by owners Scott and Jamie Robinson as well as a gift certificate to Kean's Store – Winner: Kristin Clark

As the top selling sustainer social group, the Chardonnay's will receive a wine and cheese party courtesy of the Annual Fund Committee. Fund Development VP Heather Frick has graciously offered to host the party at her home this spring. Thank you to the raffle sponsor, the incentive prize donors, and all active and sustaining members for supporting the annual JLL Raffle. The outstanding efforts this year resulted in more than \$12,000 raised toward JLL's efforts to make a significant and measurable impact in the Lansing community.

THE SUSTAINING LINE

By Pam Ruth, Sustainer

We have had a busy Fall, fellow Sustainers! In September the 30th Anniversary of the Endowment Fund was celebrated at the beautiful home of Brenda Ramsby. A big thanks to Brenda for opening her home. Thank you to the Endowment Fund Committee Sustaining members Pam Ruth and Cathy Lazar, who pulled together the event, along with their committee: Sue Mills, Chrissie Brogan, Alicia Hopping, Debby Harrison, Bridget Sietz, Nancy Nyquist, Barb Cleland, Mary West, Meredith Jagutis, Mary Ellen Maas, Fran Bradley, Kim Hartman, and Susan Lupo. A wonderful time was had by all!

October brought the Fall Sustainer Luncheon, with 50 Sustainers enjoying lunch and reconnecting with JLL friends. It was great seeing so many Sustainer faces at the Lunch with League fundraiser, and we more than filled our two tables! Barbara Clark spoke to the Actives for the Sustainer Spotlight at the October GMM, and Becky Beauchine Kulka was honored as a "Decadent Donor" for a decade of support for the JLL though her business, Becky Beauchine Kulka Fine Jewelry.

In November, Pam Ruth was our Sustainer Spotlight and Sustainer Cheryl Bartholic was honored as a "Decadent Donor" for a decade of support through her employer, Independent Bank.

December festivities included the popular Holiday Open House at the lovely home of Becky Myers. A huge thank you to Becky for opening her home and to the Holiday Helpers Janine Medler, Susie Crippen, Carolyn Boger, Lori Fuller, Gretchen Forsythe, Phyllis Irwin, Kim Hartman, Amy Crites, Pam Ruth, Barb Cleland, Sue Mills, Janet Freund, Amy Surheinrich, Cathy Lazar, Deb Atkinson, Cheryl Bartholic, Mary West, and Diana Tarpoff, for providing goodies, greeting guests, and helping with set up and clean up. Nancy Nyquist and Katie Strong were kind enough to head up the Shop Till You Drop bus trip to Chicago, along with their committee of Beth Cook, Karen McCloskey, Alex Wiesner, Amy Sue Melville, Heather Gilkey, and Meredith Jagutis. Thank you ladies! The month was capped off with Sustainer Deb Atkinson opening her home for the New Member Cookie Exchange.

I've been asked to share a recipe for an appetizer Mary Ellen Maas brought to the Endowment Party. She got the original recipe from Peg Brede.

Cream Cheese Curry Ball

Mix together and press into a plastic wrap lined small cheese ball sized bowl. May be made 1-2 days ahead and refrigerated.

- One 8 ounce plus one 3-ounce package cream cheese
- 3 Tbsp. sour cream
- ½ can bacon bits
- 1 – 2 tsp curry powder
- ½ cup finely chopped green onion
- ½ cup finely chopped peanuts
- 2 small boxes raisins

When ready to serve, transfer to platter and top with Major Gray's Chutney and follow with coconut flakes.



MEMBERSHIP DUES

By Tara L. Bachner, Dues Bookkeeper

It's that time of the year again: Notices for your annual Junior League of Lansing membership dues will be in the mail very soon.

As a friendly reminder, dues for Active Members are \$130, Senior Actives are \$130, and Sustainers are \$92. All dues payments must be postmarked, or made, by February 28th. We will have the option of paying dues on the Junior League website, <https://www.jllansing.org>, but please note that an administrative/banking fee of \$2.50 will be charged for Active members and \$1.75 for Sustainers. The fee will be charged at the time the dues payment is made.

Please consider "rounding up" your dues once again this year to make a contribution to our Endowment Fund. Details regarding the "round up" will be included with your dues invoice.

Dues must be postmarked by February 28th. Please also note - late fees will be enforced and they are \$16.00. If you pay your dues after February 28th, please also include \$16.00 with your payment.

Please make checks payable to Junior League of Lansing. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention!

SAVE THE DATES!

January 31, 2015

We will be painting the main clothing room at Love Clothing Center. It's a huge room and we need lots of volunteers for this event! We are hoping for at least 10 volunteers at each shift. 1st shift is 9am-12pm, 2nd shift is 12pm-3pm. Paint and supplies will be provided.

AND

March 28, 2015

Kellogg Center, MSU

Private JLL pre-party with Auction to follow
Travel and Entertainment opportunities

benefitting both JLL Endowment and The School of Hospitality Business at MSU

Mark Your Calendars! Details to Follow

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE ENDOWMENT LAST YEAR

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Patricia Brogan	Preeti Gadola	Christie Lemon	Erin Pratt	<i>In Honor of Sue Mills</i>
Christine Brogan	Katie Gallagher	Mary Liechty	Kristen Pricco	Jaimie Walsh
Virginia Brooks	<i>In Honor of Sue Mills</i>	Margaret Liedholm	Nicki Proulx	Kimberly Walters
Linda Burnham	Donna Gardner	Barbara Ruth Lindquist	Brenda Ramsby	Mary West
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