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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.

Community

Lansing 150 Parade

Tracy Jelneck, President



Thanks to **Jaimie Hutchinson** for taking the lead and organizing a group to represent the Junior League of Lansing in the Lansing 150 Parade held on Saturday, May 16, 2009.

A special thanks to all of the parade walkers who came out to show off our new Junior League of Lansing banner. Walkers included **Kim Watters** and three of her boys, Sam, Alex, and John; **Amanda LaVoie** and her husband, Pierre; **Samantha Hughes**; and **Tracy Jelneck** and her family, David, Savannah, Brianna, and Ethan. Not pictured, but certainly adding some history was Sustainer **Mary Ann Austin** who participated in the Lansing 100 Parade 50 years ago.



The Lansing 150 Walkers

Left: David Jelneck and Pierre LaVoie

Below: Kim, John, Alex, Sam Watters; Ethan Jelneck; Pierre & Amanda LaVoie; Tracy, David, Savannah, Brianna Jelneck; and Samantha Hughes



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

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

FOCUS submissions are due by 5:00 p.m. on the Monday before each GMM. Email submissions should be sent to Focus@jllansing.org in Microsoft Word, Times New Roman 12 pt. font. Articles should include a title, author and author's placement. All photos should be digital and sent to the Focus email address with the word "photo" in the subject line. Photos must include a caption with the names of those pictured and the title of the accompanying article.

President's Message...

Tracy Jelneck, President



We are so excited to start our new Junior League of Lansing year!! Your Leadership Team has been working hard since our May Celebration Meeting. The board has met 3 times already (can you believe it) and training has already been provided to the Leadership Team. We are well on the way to an exciting year.

We are pleased to present to you our Signature Fundraiser depicting a Masquerade Ball theme to be held at the Turner Dodge House on Friday, October 30. The Signature Fundraiser Committee has been working so hard to make this a successful event. But please, don't think that they don't need your help because fundraising should be the responsibility of every JLL Member. If you have any potential sponsors in mind please contact the committee to let them know that you would be happy to contact those particular sponsors. All potential sponsor contacts must be coordinated with **Amy Lothamer**, Tracking Chair.

Another change this year was the 'electronic only' version of the June/July issue of the Focus and many of you may have questions as to why it was only produced electronically. The Board of Directors has taken a look at the costs to produce the Focus and observed that the budget for 2008–2009 for designing, printing, and mailing the Focus was \$8,500 (5.6% of the total JLL budget). It costs approximately \$950 to produce each issue of the Focus (9 issues are generally produced each year) and as of April 30, 2009 the remaining budget for Focus was approximately \$550. The Board of Directors determined that in order to save some money that an electronic version was the way in which to proceed.

As the costs to produce the Focus continue to rise we are also looking at providing more electronic issues. We are currently analyzing the information shared in the Focus to determine which issues we can present to you electronically and which we must mail.

These are just two of the many changes that you may see throughout the course of the coming year. But rest assured as together we can Create, Change, Thrive in order to Create the Future.

So pour yourself a nice cold glass of your preferred beverage, sit back, put your feet up, and enjoy a few minutes of comfort as you catch up with the news of the Junior League of Lansing.

Tracy

Change
Create
Thrive

GMMs Members Won't Want to Miss

Tiffany Dowling, Education Vice President



Lifelong learning is important. One of the reasons you may have joined Junior League is to get experiences volunteering your time in different areas. In fact, JLL is committed to being a training organization for its membership.

This fall with that training focus in mind, JLL will institute speakers at four of the regular GMMs. This program will be a valuable resource for us as we hear from motivational speakers in several key areas including leadership, conflict resolution, fundraising and image.

In order to fit this important part of our mission into the meeting, **we have decided to start the meetings at 6:30 p.m.** so that GMMs do not go later than normal. The meetings that will include speakers are **October 13, January 12, March 9 and April 13.** Please update your calendars with the new time.

The first speaker on Oct. 13 will be **Mary Roszel**, co-founder of Biggby Coffee. She will tell her inspirational story of perseverance and leadership when launching her first coffee shop many years ago.

Linda Glover, Executive Director of Resolution Services Center in Lansing will talk about how important compromise and conflict resolution is when working with others whether on committees or at the office. And, let's not forget that we are constantly trying to mediate differences within our families.

On March 9, we asked Debbie Zannoth, a professional fundraiser, to talk to us about the secrets of fundraising and the pitfalls to avoid. Then, in April, our very own **Shelley Davis Mielock**, VP of Communications and Owner of Mieshel Image Consulting, will give us some information about how important image is in our personal and professional worlds.

Tuesday, October 13

Mary Roszel, Founder, Biggby Coffee

Tuesday, Jan. 12

Linda Glover, executive director, Resolution Services Center

Tuesday, March 9

Debbie Zannoth, professional fundraiser

Tuesday, April 13

Shelley Davis Mielock, owner, Mieshel Image Consulting



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Sustaining News

Kris Kildea, Sustaining Advisor



Greetings! It is hard to believe it is August already and the new League year will officially be under way next month. Many of the Actives have been busy this summer with their placements and some Sustainers have been busy also. Thank you to the following Sustainers for saying "Yes" when

asked to help. **Chrissie Brogan** is coordinating the New Member bus trip and doing a training segment at their retreat. **Catherine Brennan** has stepped up to advise the Signature Fundraising Committee. **Ginny Brooks** and **Kathy Colby** are once again hosting the Chicago Bus Trip and **Becky Kulka** will be hosting the Holiday Open House with the help of **Debbie Petersmark** and **Laura Nugent**. There are still many opportunities to help. If there is a particular area of League you enjoyed and would like to offer your experiences or be available for the committee's question, please contact me. The Actives love our help!

Speaking of help, I am looking for six Sustainers to host small group meetings in their homes for the GMM in November. The GMM is November 10 and each home will be hosting about 20 members. If you are interested, let me know. Have some news to share about yourself, family or did a little birdie tell you some great news about a fellow Sustainer? Let me know so I can share the news with all.

My contact information; kriskildea@aol.com; 655-5451-home; 202-9376-cell

DATES TO SAVE

September 13	Endowment Celebration Party
September 30	Sustainer Luncheon
October 30	Signature Fundraiser
November 10	GMM in Sustainer Homes
November 20	Chicago Bus Trip
December 8	Holiday Open House

I am looking forward to working and playing with all of you this year!

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identify it as **\$25 for 25 EVERY MEMBER Drive**
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Community
DIAD Projects Get Underway

Kristin Hicks, Done In A Day Chair



The first DIAD project for the 2009–10 year was completed in June at the Potter Park Zoo.

Five JLL Members volunteered their time and talents to make things run a little bit smoother at the Potter Park Zoo Rhino Walk/Run 5K. This family-friendly event helped raise money to support the rhino renovation project.

Thanks to the following women who participated in this fun event: **Lydia Millbrook, Amanda Purdy, Kristin Pricco, Chrissy Carr and Abbie Matthews.**

Dear Jill,

The June/July issue of the FOCUS was delivered to my inbox instead of my mailbox. Why was it an electronic version only and will all of the new issues be this way?

Sincerely,

In Need of News

Dear In Need,

In an effort to be fiscally conservative and do our part to cut down on paper waste, the Junior League of Lansing's Board has decided to deliver the 2009–10 issues of FOCUS in a combination of electronic and printed versions. By doing this we will save \$4,000 annually, which will allow us to utilize those dollars in other ways that support our Mission. We will continue to print and mail FOCUS for the August/September, December/January, March and April issues. The October, November, February and May issues will be sent via broadcast email and available on our website at www.jllansing.org.

Sincerely,

Jill

Nominating/Placement Advisors

Kim Watters, Nominating Chair



Your Nominating/Placement Advisor team is ready for a great League year! A goal of the Junior League of Lansing is to have every member experience a rewarding placement. To ensure that this happens, every Active member is assigned an Advisor. The purpose of an Advisor is to allow both the committee chair and the committee members an avenue in which they are able to discuss ideas and concerns that may occur regarding League and a particular placement. Advisors will also be conducting fall interviews in Sept/Oct to receive feedback on current placements and also to discuss each Member's goals for placement in the upcoming year.

This year's Advisors are excited to serve the membership of our Junior League. You should have already received an introductory letter from your Advisor. If you have not received a letter, please contact **Kim Watters** at kimwatters@att.net as soon as possible. Your Advisor will be saving a seat for you at the September General Membership Meeting—we look forward to seeing you there!

Nicole Godby—Red

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Tiffany Dowling
Becky Paalman
Suzanne Johnson
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Bridget Seitz
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Beth Cook
Diane Sloan
Heather Conway
Mercedes Martinez

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Michelle Lange
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Pattie McNiel
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Debra Landis
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Gina Brick
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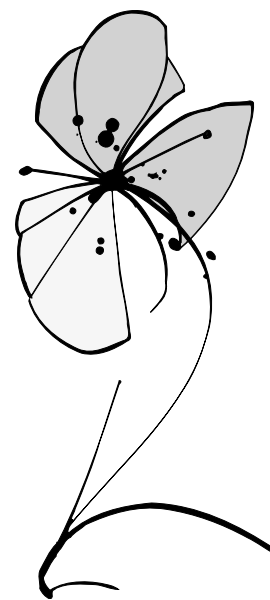
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Amanda LaVoie
Kelli Hughes
Amy Lothamer



Board Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2009 • Lynn Fielder's house

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lynn Fielder, Renee Knake, Alex Wiesner, Nicole Maison, Amy Suhrheinrich, Molly Chan, Becky Paalman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kate Quinn, Dawn Kroeger

2009–10 BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tiffany Dowling, Becky Paalman, Shelley Mielock, Suzanne Johnson, Tracy Jelneck, Lisa Gnass, Betsy Svanda, Lori Noyer, Nicky Proulx

- I. **Amy Suhrheinrich**, President called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. The incoming JLL Board was welcomed to the Joint Board Meeting. Welcome and good luck Ladies!
- II. **Tracy Jelneck**, President Elect added an item to meeting agenda regarding approval of increase in personnel salary.
- III. **Amy Suhrheinrich**, President called for a motion to adopt meeting agenda as amended. **Lynn Fielder**, Sustaining Advisor moved to adopt meeting agenda as amended. **Alex Wiesner**, Treasurer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. Current Board members and incoming Board members were introduced and stated what roles they were going to play next year. Discussion ensued.
- V. **Amy Suhrheinrich**, President called for a motion to approve April 7, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes. Lynn Fiedler, Sustaining Advisor moved to approve the April 7, 2009 Board minutes. **Alex Wiesner**, Treasurer seconded. Motion carried.
- VI. **Alex Wiesner**, Treasurer presented an ad hoc rent update. She has spoken with different commercial property individuals to assist in locating new rental space for JLL. She has spoken with Ryan at Kincaid Builders regarding open space in Old Town, and Tricia Foster of CBRE who is trying to help find space for JLL in Okemos. Incoming Board members were encouraged to assist Alex Wienser, Treasurer in finding rental space for JLL.
- VII. **Alex Wiesner**, Treasurer presented the Treasurer Report. **Alex Wiesner**, Treasurer is transitioning with **Nikki Proulx** who will begin updating on the Treasurer Report in approximately June. **Dawn Kroeger**, Community VP emailed **Alex Wiesner**, Treasurer regarding Community budget that has not been spent. Discussion ensued regarding Community budget and outstanding monies. Discussion ensued regarding various line items. JLL will receive a partial reimbursement for the Spring Fundraiser Insurance. **Alex Wiesner**, Treasurer opined we are meeting our budget and are doing well with adhering to it.
- VIII. **Tracy Jelneck**, President Elect spoke with **Dawn Kroeger**, Community VP who stated the Care Free Dental contract is close to completion. She is working with **Polly Synk**. The contract is supposed to be ready for review in June. Discussion ensued regarding procedures for contract drafting and review.
- IX. **Nicole Maison**, Fund Development VP presented on the Spring Fundraiser and issues for canceling the event. Discussion ensued. The Raffle will go forward. Incoming Board members were encouraged to take Raffle tickets for sale. **Nicole Maison**, Fund Development VP discussed the Signature Fundraiser live and silent auction items which are missing or needing to be returned. The Board is transitioning the new Board and if the certificate for the Fighter Pilot is not returned or found by May 13th, 2009, the committee will assume the cost and the cost will be taken from the net proceeds of the event.
- X. **Becky Paalman**, Communications VP moved to grant the incoming Board voting privileges. **Alex Wiesner**, Treasurer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- XI. **Amy Suhrheinrich**, President stated there were no Community Grant Approvals to discuss at this meeting.
- XII. **Renee Knake**, Membership VP discussed removal of members for failure to pay dues (Policy 9.1). The procedure to remove members for non failure to pay was discussed in detail. The removal letter was passed around for Board review. Discussion ensued. **Renee Knake** moved that those Active Members be removed for nonpayment to pay dues. Hand vote was called. Motion carried unanimously. **Renee Knake**, Membership VP moved that those Sustainers appearing on the list be removed for nonpayment of dues. **Becky Paalman**, Communications VP seconded. Floor was opened for discussion. Discussion ensued. Hand vote was called. Motion carried unanimously.
- XIII. **Renee Knake**, Membership VP moved to approve **Heather Conway** and **Angela Thornton** as new members. **Lynn Fiedler**, Sustaining Advisor seconded. Floor was opened for discussion. Hand vote was called. Motion carried unanimously.
- XIV. **Tracy Jelneck**, President Elect moved to approve the JLL Endowment Board of Directors single slate. Becky Paalman, Communications VP seconded. Floor was opened for discussion. No discussion. Hand vote was called. Motion carried unanimously.
- XV. **Tracy Jelneck**, President Elect moved on behalf of the Personnel committee to approve a 1% increase in pay for JLL Office Manager, Nancy Sheppard. **Becky Paalman**, Communications VP seconded. Floor was opened for discussion. No discussion. Hand vote was called. Motion carried unanimously.
- XVI. **Becky Paalman**, Communications VP presented on the website. Discussion ensued regarding website problems. JLL is walking with a parade banner in the Lansing 150 Celebration.
- XVII. **Tracy Jelneck**, President Elect presented a final version of the Annual Plan. No updates were given by email so discussion ensued regarding areas that need to be updated. She needs percentages of: membership retention, members who participated in fall/winter interviews. **Dawn Kroeger** to follow up on Community Service drives, description, number and percent of members who participated in the drive. Signature Fundraiser percentages of attendees were not kept by records so we cannot detail the percentages of Sustainer and Active Attendees. Discussion ensued regard-

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Board Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2009 • Boyne City, MI

PRESENT: Shelley Mielock, Lisa Gnass, Nicki Proulx, Tiffany Dowling, Suzanne Johnson, Betsy Svanda, Kris Kildea, Lori Noyer, Tracy Jelneck

ABSENT: Becky Paalman

- I. **Tracy Jelneck**, President called the meeting to order at 10:07a
- II. No additional items were added to meeting agenda.
- III. **Shelley Mielock**, Communications VP made motion to adopt meeting agenda; **Tiffany Dowling** second; motion passed.
- IV. Action Items

- A. Board Norms—**Nicki Proulx**, Treasurer, made a motion for 2009–2010 Board Norms to be accepted. **Suzanne Johnson**, Membership VP, seconded; motion carried unanimously.
- B. Strategic Plan Goals—**Lori Noyer**, Secretary, made a motion to accept 2009–2010 Strategic Plan; **Tiffany Dowling**, Education VP, seconded; motion carried unanimously
- C. JLL Calendar for Meetings and Focus Deadlines—**Lisa Gnass**, Community VP, made motion that the calendar dates be accepted with proposed changes as discussed; **Shelley Meilock**, Communications VP, seconded; motion carried unanimously
- D. Conflict of Interest Forms—Board discussed individual responsibility to disclose any potential conflicts of interest; Board will sign forms at July meeting
- E. Reinstate Members—**Suzanne Johnson**, Membership VP made motion to reinstate **Gina Brick** as Senior Active, **Lisa Kroulecki** as Sustainer, and **Sara Smith** as Active; **Nicki Proulx**, Treasurer, seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously. **Suzanne Johnson**, Membership VP motioned to accept resignation of **Michele Thelen** and **Sara Smith**. **Betsy Svanda**, President Elect, seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion carried; vote passed 7 to 1.
- F. Community Sponsorship—JLL received request from Sparrow to sponsor the W3 run; Discussion ensued. **Shelley Meilock**, Communications VP, made a motion to not sponsor W3 this year; **Tiffany Dowling** seconded; **Suzanne Johnson** and **Lisa Gnass** identified conflict of interest and abstained from discussion and vote; motion carried, 4 yea, 2 nay, 2 abstain. **Betsy Svanda**, President Elect motioned to extend 3 min. Motion seconded by **Shelley Meilock**, Communications VP. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued regarding outreach to community about the sponsorship opportunity. **Lisa Gnass**, Community VP will send press release notifying community of community sponsorship monies available.

V. Delegate, Decide, Discard

- A. Details regarding Leadership Team Training was discussed Sat, June 6; **Tracy Jelneck**, President will send details

VI. New Business—Council Plans and Expectations

- A. Communications Council—Council meeting is scheduled; **Leslie Donaldson** requested leave of absence; M3 is willing to run press release on JLL behalf; VP exploring

options for filing vacancy; Exploring combining Focus publication to electronic from paper to save costs; exploring website issues;

- B. Community Council—Rhino walk is first DIAD (**Lisa Gnass** going to rep JLL Board); committee identifying their project leads; DIAM—looking for potential organizations; Signature Project—working on contract
- C. Education Council—exploring meeting locations that will be free of charge; discussed sponsorship—will work with Fund dev VP; enhance training component of GMM
- D. Finance Council—Still exploring locations for an office; June 30 end of fiscal year, July 5th is deadline for submission;
- E. Fund Development Council—Fund Dev VP not present, but President updated group regarding info from special meeting; Discussion ensued regarding Signature Fund-raiser and possible changes to format to focus on fundraising vs. party. **Shelley Meilock** motioned to extend 3 min; **Tiffany Dowling** seconded;
- F. Membership Council—Council meeting is scheduled; N/P has meeting scheduled; New Member Recruitment Oct 10 at Dusty's. Requested Board support at event. Member Relations coordinating plans;
- G. Planning Council—**Betsy Svanda**, President Elect, gathering info regarding CRPD Chair role since this is first year of Signature Project; **Betsy Svanda**, President Elect, motioned to extend time 5 min; **Tiffany Dowling**, Education VP, seconded; motion carried unanimously.

- VII. A motion was made to adjourn meeting. Seconded by **Lori Noyer**, Secretary. Meeting adjourned at 11:33am



Respectfully Submitted,
Lori Noyer, Secretary

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ing how to handle the Sustainer and Active Attendees at Signature Fundraiser. Tracy Jelneck will contact Ginny Brooks to determine percentage of JLL attendees at MSU Hospitality event. Tracy Jelneck will call Nancy Sheppard for 25 for 25 contributors. Discussion ensued regarding Focus sponsors. Discussion ensued regarding PR update.

XVIII. **Tracy Jelneck**, President Elect discussed the Bi-Annual Report. Board members were asked to write an article on what was achieved this year. Articles are due by June 15th.

XIX. **Amy Suhrheinrich**, President discussed the GMM Agenda. The raffle drawing is going to take place after the Scholarship Recipients are announced. Discussion ensued regarding Council speeches. Board members were encouraged to highlight the Councils' successes. The Kids in the Kitchen clip needs to be obtained to be included in the May meeting. **Renee Knake** will work with **Lynn Fiedler** on the new Sustainers Bios. Incoming and Outgoing Board picture will be taken at 5:30 p.m.

XX. Motion to adjourn made by **Lynn Fiedler**, Sustaining Advisor. **Molly Chan** seconded. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.



Respectfully Submitted,
Molly Chan
Secretary

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Moving to San Diego

Board Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2009 • Junior League Office

PRESENT: Tracy Jelneck, President; Nicki Proulx, Treasurer; Suzanne Johnson, Membership VP; Tiffany Dowling, Education VP; Shelley Mielock, Communications VP; Lisa Gnass, Community VP; Betsy Svanda, President-Elect; Becky Paalman, Fund Development VP; Lori Noyer, Secretary; Kris Kildea, Sustainer Advisor

- I. **Tracy Jelneck**, President, called Meeting to Order at 6:30 p.m.
- II. **Shelley Mielock**, Communications VP removed item e. Focus from DDD. **Tracy Jelneck**, President added the 15 minutes from that item to item d. Annual Plan under DDD to allow 20 minutes. Tracy Jelneck, President added Policy Revisions as item g. and Vice Chair Vacancy as item h. under Announcements
- III. **Tracy Jelneck**, President called for a motion to adopt Meeting Agenda as amended. **Betsy Svanda**, President Elect moved to adopt the Meeting Agenda as amended. **Shelley Mielock**, Communications VP seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. **Tracy Jelneck**, President called for a motion to approve of Board Meeting Minutes from the May 5, 2009 Joint Board Meeting and June 7, 2009 Board Meeting. **Suzanne Johnson**, Membership VP moved to approve May 5 and June 7 minutes. **Nicki Proulx**, Finance VP seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- V. Announcements
 - a. **Nicki Proulx**, Finance VP indicated she was still waiting for information regarding the 3rd quarter financials. Will provide when available.
 - b. **Becky Paalman**, Fund Development VP presented on the Signature Fundraiser. Four people currently serving on committee with **Catherine Brenner** serving as the Sustainer Advisor. The Masquerade Ball is set for Friday, Oct 30; 8 p.m.–1 a.m. at Turner Dodge House. Save the Date cards going out soon; invites coming later. A saxophonist is donating services. A piano is available if you know pianist, let **Becky Paalman**, Fund Development VP know. Becky Beauchine Kulka confirmed raffle shopping spree totaling \$4500. Additional raffle at the event—you can buy a ticket for chance to win additional prizes. Two blackjack tables and a tv w/ a Wii. **Amanda Purdy & Becky Paalman**, Fund Development VP handling the sponsorship; Sponsorship packets are ready to distribute. Packets will be sent on Monday 6/20 to previous year sponsors. Board asked to bring 1 Corporate sponsorship or 2 people to the event and sell raffle tickets.
 - c. **Suzanne Johnson**, Membership VP shared that the New Member Recruitment calendar was sent out. The Board signed up to attend specific events to ensure Board representation at each event.
 - d. **Tracy Jelneck**, President stated that the Signature Project contract was finalized today (6/14) and sent off to Paula at Carefree Dental.
 - e. **Betsy Svanda**, President Elect presented on the Endowment 25 Year Anniversary Party being held on Sept 13. Endowment will reach its \$50,000 fundraising goal. Endowment Committee is expecting 200 people to attend

the event. \$65/person; \$125/couple; \$100 patron. Allotted time expired. **Betsy Svanda**, President Elect made a motion to extend time for 5min. Motion approved. A shuttle service is available. Discussion ensued about ways to connect Signature Fundraiser ticket sales to this event. Committee looking for 10 volunteers, a broadcast email will go out.

- f. **Betsy Svanda**, President Elect reported on the Ad Hoc Committees. The 2 year term for Board members is lead by **Kate Powers**. Their work will pick back up in the Fall and focus on converting Community VP, Communications VP, Fund Development VP positions into a 2 year term. **Betsy Svanda**, President Elect presented a report and recommendation from the Rent Ad Hoc Committee lead by **Alex Weisner**. Time allotted expired. **Becky Paalman**, Fund Development VP made motion to extend 5 minutes. **Lisa Gnass**, Community VP seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued regarding additional options to explore for office space before going to current landlord to negotiate. **Tiffany Dowling**, Education VP getting costs and information on her building/office space. **Becky Paalman**, Fund Development VP getting info from Vlahakis and **Shelley Mielock**, Communications VP from Old Towne.
- g. Group discussed policy changes procedure and timeline for Redbook publication. Time expired. **Lori Noyer** motioned to extend time 3 minutes. **Kris Kildea**, Sustaining Advisor seconded. Any policy changes need to be submitted to **Christie Lemon**, Parliamentary by July 31. Christie Lemon will present, if available, at Aug 4th Board meeting for Board approval and submission to Redbook.
- h. **Shelley Mielock**, Communications VP shared that the Communications Council has PR/Marketing Vice-Chair position open. **Jen Pace** accepted Chair position to fill the vacancy created when Leslie Donaldson took a leave of absence. Vice Chair position is focus on website with expectation to step up to Chair the following year. Council will go back to Nominating/Placement for recommendations
- VI. Action Items
 - a. **Nicki Proulx**, Finance VP made motion to remove **Alex Wiesner** and **Amy Suhrheinrich** as signatories on JLL Bank Accounts (Independent Bank, 5/3, National City) and add **Betsy Svanda**, President Elect and **Julie Morgan**. **Shelley Mielock**, Communications VP seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Recording Secretary will draft resolution.
 - b. **Suzanne Johnson**, Membership VP made motion to accept resignation of **Maggie Terry**. **Lisa Gnass**, Community VP seconded. Floor opened for discussion. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.
 - c. **Suzanne Johnson**, Membership VP made motion to accept reinstatement of **Marybeth Hicks** as a Sustainer. **Lori Noyer** seconded. Floor opened for discussion. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.
- VII. Delegate, Decide, Discard
 - a. **Tracy Jelneck**, President provided Conflict of Interest

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General Membership Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2009 • Lansing Country Club

- I. Invocation—**Betsy Svanda**, Arrangements Chair, gave the invocation.
- II. Call to Order—**Amy Suhrheinrich**, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.
- III. Welcome and Announcements—**Amy Suhrheinrich**, President, gave announcements and welcomed everyone to the annual May meeting.
- IV. Approval of April 2009 Minutes—**Amy Suhrheinrich**, President, requested a motion to approve the April 2009 GMM Minutes. **Shelly Mielock** made a motion to approve April 2009 minutes. Second by **Lori Noyer**. Motion carried.
- V. Memoriam to Members—**Amy Suhrheinrich**, President, honored Junior League Members that have passed within the last year.
- VI. **Nancy Nyquist** presented the 2009 JLL Scholarship Recipients who were then introduced to Membership. They are as follows: Amanda Flegal, Jule Motz, and Beth Hanna. Congratulations, Ladies!
- VII. **Tiffany Dowling** won the 50/50 Spring Fundraiser Raffle. Congratulations!
- VIII. JLL 2008–09 Board Reports—The following Vice Presidents reported on their councils: Communications Vice President **Becky Paalman**, Community Vice President **Dawn Kroeger** (read by **Nicole Maison**), Education Vice President **Kate Quinn** (read by **Molly Chan**), Finance Vice President **Alex Wiesner**, Fund Development Vice President **Nicole Maison**, and Planning Council/President Elect **Tracy Jelneck**. Leadership Team and Committee Members were thanked and recognized for their service.
- IX. Recognition of Newest Members—**Shelley Mielock** introduced the thirty-seven new members of Junior League. Welcome, Ladies!
- X. Introduction of Newest Sustaining Members—**Lynn Fiedler**, Sustaining Advisor, introduced the fourteen new Sustaining members. Welcome to Sustainerhood, Ladies!
- XI. Annual Recognition Awards—**Renee Knake**, Membership Vice President, advised of the following annual award winners: Super New Member Award—**Heather Conway**; Super Sustainer Award—**Mary West** and **Sue Mills**; Community Service Award—**Lisa Gnass**; Leadership Award—**Polly Synek**; Placement Award—**Amy Sue Melville**; Spirit Award—**Shelley Mielock**.
- XII. Presidential Remarks—**Amy Suhrheinrich**, President, gave her heart warming end of the year address. She recognized each of the 2008–09 Board Members.
- XIII. Past President Speech. Past President, **Becky Myers**, gave a heart warming speech toasting and recognizing **Amy Suhrheinrich**, President.
- XIV. Passing of the Gavel—**Amy Suhrheinrich**, President and **Tracy Jelneck**, President Elect, performed the traditional passing of leadership. Tracy Jelneck then introduced the incoming Board of Directors for the 2009–2010 year.
- XV. Presidential Address—**Tracy Jelneck**, President 2009–10, gave her incoming Presidential address and introduced the 2009–10 JLL Board of Directors.
- XVI. Adjourn—The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM



Respectfully Submitted,
Molly Chan, Secretary

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- Forms to be completed and turned in to **Betsy Svanda**, President Elect to keep on file. **Tracy Jelneck**, President also provided a list of agencies that we have contracts with and our corporate sponsors from previous Signature Fundraiser. Change form as needed throughout the year if new conflicts arise.
- b. **Lisa Gnass**, Community VP shared that FEAST has some books and materials remaining. Discussed options for utilizing. Signature Project will determine and report back to Board how they were distributed.
 - c. **Becky Paalman**, Fund Development VP presented ideas that have been discussed for the Spring Fundraiser such as a 5K Race, Kentucky Derby party or celebrity luncheon. Discussion ensued. Time allotted expired. **Betsy Svanda**, President Elect motioned to extend 5 minutes. **Suzanne Johnson**, Membership VP seconded. Motion carried unanimously. **Becky Paalman**, Fund Development VP will draft guidelines for the committee to use to determine feasibility of ideas. Board requests that the committee

research ideas and present by next meeting.

- d. **Betsy Svanda**, President Elect distributed updated Annual Plan. Two areas need to be completed. **Nicki Proulx**, Finance VP will complete “Educate membership on fiscal responsibilities” and **Becky Paalman**, Fund Development VP to complete “Spring Fundraiser attendance.” Discussion continued regarding Spring Fundraiser under this action item.

e. Removed from agenda

- VIII. New Business—**Tiffany Dowling**, Education VP shared that GMM locations are still being determined, but space will be free. Request for quotes for Sept & May meetings.

- IX. **Kris Kildea**, Sustaining Advisor made a motion to adjourn. **Suzanne Johnson**, Membership VP seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.



Respectfully Submitted,
Lori Noyer, Secretary

New Member Recruitment Committee Policy Change

Christie Lemon, Bylaws/Policy and Parliamentary Chair



Rational:

The New Member Recruitment Committee is requesting a policy change regarding the new member project. The existing policy states the New Members shall choose their project, however the yearly new member project will be Junior Leagues, Kids in the Kitchen.

This program is a League-wide initiative designed to help our communities address the urgent issues surrounding childhood obesity and poor nutrition.

Requested Policy Revision:

11.5 New Member Project

Procedure: New Member Project will be Junior Leagues' Kids in the Kitchen.

1. The JLL has adopted the Kids in the Kitchen as the New Member Project. The New Member Recruitment Vice Chair will oversee the event and explain the project to the class.
2. At a designated new member meeting the New Members will elect the project chair(s), confirm the location and date, select the number of volunteers needed, identify equipment needs/limitation and source for participating youth. All voting shall be handled in accordance to the Robert's Rules of Order (reference Policy section 18.1 Membership Ballot Guidelines), with quorum being one third of the New Member Class. Ballots will be tallied by at least two members of the New Member Recruitment Committee. The Kids in the Kitchen binder/program overview will be given to the chair(s) of the event.

3. The New Member Recruitment Committee will divide the New Members into four groups, day of the event, goodie bags, fundraising/sponsorship and public relations. Each committee will have a chair and one New Member Advisor. Each committee will meet individually to complete their role(s) for the event. The chair(s) of each committee will be responsible for keeping minutes at each meeting and communicating with the other committees and the New Member Recruitment Vice Chair.
4. A New Member representative must inform the League's Membership, Fund Development and Community Vice President on the project. The Fund Development Vice President must fully inform the new member class of all League fund development policies and procedures. A New Member representative must keep the Fund Development Vice President up to date on important developments with the fundraiser. The Community Vice President should explain any applicable community project policies or procedures to the new member class. A New Member representative must keep the Community Vice President informed on the project's progress.

Scope: New Member Recruitment Committee and New Members

Monitored by: New Member Recruitment Chair

Effective: August 2009



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Training Action in Atlanta

Betsy Svanda, President Elect



This past April, Atlanta, Georgia hosted the AJLI Conference for incoming Presidents and President Elects. What an opportunity for **Tracy Jelneck** and **Betsy Svanda** to be trained with 800 of Junior League's finest members!

After various motions and discussion, the AJLI adopted the following new vision: "The Junior League: Women around the world as catalysts for lasting community change." Speakers not only trained but encouraged members to remember what a difference the Junior League makes in our towns, communities, states and around the world. As we enter this Fall, Tracy and Betsy will continue to use the training they received to lead the Lansing League to meet this vision.

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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
Pace, Darcy	09/01
Hughes, Kelli	09/02
Charette, Jennifer	09/03
Garcia-Williams, Amanda	09/06
Riehl, Traci	09/06
SlobodnikStoll, Stacy	09/08

Fischer, Lori	09/10
Conway, Heather	09/13
Billups, Andrea	09/17
Garrison, Kimberly	09/17
Lothamer, Amy	09/28

SUSTAINERS

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
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
Cooley-Sutherland, Louise	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
Brede, Peggy	09/01
Hidlay, Molly	09/01
Wilkinson, Judy	09/01
Nakfoor, Carol	09/02
Medler, Janine	09/04
Bacon, Sue	09/05
Haas, Catherine	09/08
Hicks, Marybeth	09/08
Peery, Virginia	09/08
Horton, Marcia	09/10

Boger, Carolyn	09/11
Hoagland, Carolyn	09/12
Knapp, Sarah	09/12
Willoughby, Carolyn	09/12
Faulhaber, Wendy	09/13
Costello, Betsy	09/14
Kahl, Janice	09/14
Noe, Karen	09/14
Sessions, Betsy	09/14
Barnes, Candy	09/17
Martin, Dorothy	09/17
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Campbell, Arylie	09/20
Gardner, Donna	09/20
Maguire, Claudia	09/21
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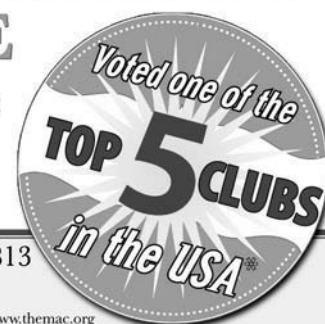
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Courtney Schnelker, New Member Recruitment Chair



We're well underway with our New Member Recruitment season and are thrilled to have our calendar set with fun events. Please save these dates and feel more than welcome to attend any of the informational sessions. We would love for you to join us! Each session will allow women an opportunity to learn about Junior League of Lansing and how they can join this group of dynamic women leaders. Also, please continue to pass along names of those that are interested in becoming a member.

1 August 31, 2009, 5–6p.m.

Wine & Cheese Open House at *Becky Beauchine Kulka Diamonds and Fine Jewelry*
3544 Meridian Crossin
Okemos, MI 48864

Come join us and surround yourself with beautiful jewelry; you'll socialize and try new wines and cheeses as you learn more about Junior League of Lansing.



2 September 12, 2009, 9:30–11a.m.

Relax along the River at *Riverhouse Inn*
310 W Grand River Ave
Williamston, MI 48895

As you mingle on these beautiful grounds, please enjoy coffee and muffins while you learn more about our wonderful organization.



3 September 22, 2009, 7–8:30p.m.

Fun at the Club at *The University Club*
3435 Forest Rd
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Let's have some fun, as we sample the club's delicious cookies and brownies and learn more about Junior League of Lansing membership with other dynamic women.



RSVP for any of the events to **Courtney Schnelker** at membership@jillansing.org or 517.339.3522.

September Starts a New League Year

Education

Junior League of Lansing is kicking off the 2009–2010 year with a party! There will be great food, drinks and camaraderie. September 8, our first GMM, will be held at Walnut Hills in East Lansing, beginning with drinks and mingling at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Our décor will showcase a masquerade theme to get you in the mood for our Signature Fundraiser event in October. Dinner tickets for the September kick-off are \$30. Make checks out to "Junior League of Lansing" and send them to:

Tiana Hawver

880 S Bridge St, Apt 5
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The Arrangements Committee has been working to find a new meeting space for our GMMs that will be within the budget and accommodate our growing numbers. We are pleased to announce that Walnut Hills is the official host for Junior League of Lansing's GMMs this year.

The schedule for 2009–2010 GMMs is:

September 8	Walnut Hills
October 13	Walnut Hills
November 10	Sustainer Homes
December	no GMM
January 12	Walnut Hills
February 9	Movie Night (theater TBD)
March 9	Walnut Hills
April 13	Walnut Hills
May 11	Walnut Hills (year-end celebration)

Be sure to note these on your calendar. See you at the September GMM!

GMM Meeting Schedule

Calendar of Events

August

- 31 Wine & Cheese Open House New Member Recruitment

September

- 8 GMM at Walnut Hills Country Club
- 12 New Member Recruitment at the Riverhouse Inn
- 13 Endowment Celebration Party
- 22 New Member Recruitment at The University Club
- 30 Sustainer Luncheon at the Country Club of Lansing

October

- 13 GMM—speaker Mary Roszel, Founder Biggby Coffee
- 30 Signature Fundraiser

November

- 10 GMM in Sustainer Homes
- 20 Chicago Bus Trip

December

- 8 Holiday Open House

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8:00pm – 1:00am

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