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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.

Fund Development

“Night in New York”

Colette Evangelista, Signature Fundraiser Vice Chair



A “Night in New York” is now a memory. It was a wonderful event. The Country Club of Lansing looked amazing, it was filled with wonderful people, and a good time was had by all. That is what you call a success!

On that note, 2008 Signature Fundraiser Committee would like to thank everyone involved who came out to support our all important and cherished Mission. Each member that took time out to come and play in the name of the League is tops in our book.

In a year of economic upheaval, the support of our corporate sponsors was especially appreciated. They have all shown themselves to be true heroes to the women and children that we aim to positively impact.

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Central Park

Becky Beauchine Kulka Diamonds and Fine Jewelry
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A Piece O' Cake
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President's Message...

Amy Suhrheinrich, President



Celebrate

It's time to celebrate—a new year begins! Each year at this time it seems as if everything you read focuses on resolutions. I'd like to focus on Celebration. Most celebrations that I experience are with my family. Most of you probably know by now that my family is the most important thing in my life.

Recently, we celebrated my son's 7th birthday. It really turned out to be a three day adventure which to a seven year old is really alright. This birthday was extra special to us because it was the first time that Richard has actually shown a great interest in the whole birthday package. It was the first "friends" party and the first time he was truly excited about presents. As you read this you may think my child was celebrating like this at age four. Richard is Autistic and may experience some typical things at a different time, but we have found this makes celebration an important part of everyday living. The reason I am sharing this is to bring up the point that we all have different experiences and may celebrate different things but have the same amount of joy! I recently celebrated Christmas and you may have celebrated another holiday. It is the time of year where most of us are winding down from celebrating, I encourage you to continue to celebrate year round because it is much more fun.

We are all diverse, but probably all celebrate one thing or another. This diversity makes our League strong as a unit. We have the ability to look at issues and concerns from many different angles. Over the past few months, we have been learning about different Signature Project candidates. I thank the CRPD Chair, **Polly Synk** and her committee for researching and providing us the necessary information needed to make a decision. As a membership we will come together and vote for the next Signature Project. I am hoping that as you cast your vote, you will consider all angles of the project. It will be a celebration when we see where we are headed to next!

Another celebration that we recently shared together was the annual Signature Fundraiser. Each year we are very proud of our efforts in fundraising for our Mission. This year was no exception. Committee Chair, **Traci Riehl** and Vice Chair, **Colette Evangelista** worked very hard in organizing their committee to raise funds and put on a fantastic celebration! Although the fundraiser dollars are a bit lower than our goal, we should not celebrate any less. We are in a very difficult financial environment in the state of Michigan and our committee was able to raise more money than the average non profit this year. Truly, this is something to celebrate. We are so very proud of their efforts and the memberships' support of this campaign. We thank all of you for your contributions. I wish you many happy celebrations and joy throughout the upcoming year.

Happy New Year!

Amy



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

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

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

Finance Update & Budget Info

Alex Wiesner, Treasurer



With these crazy economic times, I am sure many of you have watched the stock market's rollercoaster ride, with special concern for how the troubled economy will affect your personal/family budget. We are just as concerned with the Junior League budget.

As you know, a budget is based on projections of revenue and expenses and it sometimes needs to be adjusted. Last year, our reserve fund had a surplus and we were able to make a large impact (donation) to the City Rescue Mission. This year our reserve fund is down 35% and the market is still volatile.

As we prepare for our main revenue generator, our Signature Fundraiser, we hope that we can bring in the funds that we have projected. Unfortunately, across the nation, non-profits have consistently reported donations to be down 30-40%. Although we have some of the most giving members and corporations in Michigan, some are just not able to give at the same level as they have in the past.

So, what does this mean to our League and how can our members help? Well, anyone watching the current election is reminded that you can balance a budget both by increasing revenue and reducing spending. We will continue to do our top notch fundraising but make sure to take a look at your committee's line-item. Remember you do not have to spend all the money allocated. We need your creativity and input for cost savings ways, please give suggestions to your Chairs. Also, consider making a donation or attending our spring fundraiser. Lastly, as always, please continue to provide your time, hard work, and spirit which holds a value which never diminishes and makes a forever positive impact on women and children in the Greater Lansing area.

AJLI New Vision

Tracy Jelneck, President Elect



At the Fall Leadership Conference in October, a proposed new vision for Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI) was presented to conference delegates. No changes can be made to the vision without the approval of the Junior Leagues.

There was a lot of discussion, both pro and con, regarding the proposed change. AJLI summarized those points and will send them to JLL to be shared with membership. Perhaps you can take a look at the current and proposed visions listed below and share with me your first thoughts.

Current Vision

Through the power of our association, Junior Leagues strengthen communities by embracing diverse perspectives, building partnerships and inspiring shared solutions.

Proposed Vision

Junior League: Women from around the world as a catalyst for creating change.

The proposed vision will be discussed again at the AJLI training held in February and I would like to take membership feedback with me to share with the rest of the Junior Leagues. You may submit feedback to jelneck@cablespeed.com with AJLI Vision in the subject line.

I look forward to hearing from you and thank you in advance for your feedback. Look for additional information in regards to the AJLI Fall Leadership Conference summary.

Signature Fundraiser *continued from page 1*

Congratulations to our raffle winners!

- 1st prize — \$2,500 shopping spree — Beth Latchana
- 2nd prize — \$1,000 shopping spree — Pam Ruth
- 3rd prize — \$500 shopping spree — Mary VanWieren
- 1 Month Car Lease — Bill Cawood
- Taste of New York Dinner Package — Dave Berger

Also, this year's committee was fantastic. Everyone knows that the Signature Fundraiser is an investment of time and energy for the good of our cause. Our committee contained women who were smart, fun, loyal, innovative, committed, dynamic, and effective. We

have learned a lot, laughed a lot, and made many dear friends. Can you ask for a better experience? Thank you ladies for all of your hard work. A special shout out to our Chair, **Traci Riehl**. She was the captain of our ship, and we love her.

We want to send a special "thank you" to the JLL Board as well. Your support, experience, and guidance is what makes the League such a class act.

Until next year...



JLL Makes an Impact

Amy Suhrheinrich, President



The Junior League was a Silver Sponsor for the Resolution Services Center of Central Michigan and the Restorative Justice Program in October. The event took place at the Cooley Law Temple Building in Lansing. Through our Community Sponsorship line item, the Board can make decisions to sponsor events that fit within our Mission and will promote the Junior League within our community.

The Resolution Services Center has been in operation since 1990 and last year served 824 cases. Their vision is to make affordable, non-adversarial options available for all members of our communities to resolve their conflicts and disputes.

Restorative Justice Programs are partnerships led by the Resolution Services Center with the support of Capital Area United Way and the Lansing School District. Conflict is something that many need assistance in dealing with as it is destructive to our families, schools and organizations in ways both subtle and profound. This program allows students in the Lansing Schools to shift the focus from just punishing students who engage in misconduct to holding them personally accountable for repairing the harm(s) they caused and taking steps to restore broken relationships. If you would like more information about this program and its services, there is an introductory video available through The Center.

The event was very informative and prominently displayed the Junior League of Lansing logo. Thank you to **Becky Paalman, Shelley Mielock** and **Gabe Johnson** for attending the event with me. It was a great night of entertainment and networking for the Junior League.

Supporting the Community Through Grants

Dawn Kroeger, Community Vice President

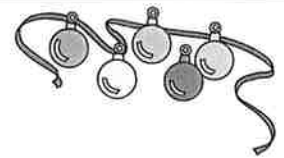


The Junior League of Lansing supports the community each year through two different types of grants. The first is the **Community Response Grant**. This grant, formerly known as the Enabling Fund, is to provide community organizations with access to

funds for projects that request smaller dollar amounts and that would not be appropriate for larger Signature Project-type support. The projects must be charitable and consistent with the League's Mission and be well documented to ensure that the funds are used appropriately. Candidates for receiving a grant from this fund must be a non-profit agency and located within a 25-mile radius of Lansing. Funds are to be used within the 25-mile radius of Lansing. These grants are given quarterly, and typically \$1,100 is distributed each quarter. Each quarter, the grant applications are reviewed by the Community Response Grant Committee and then approved by the Board of Directors. Applications for the Community Response Grant can be found on the JLL Web site, www.jllansing.org. The grant recipients for the last two quarters were Highfields, Inc. to provide winter clothing and boots for children living at the facility and the Education Options Program through the Lansing School District to support at-risk pregnant teens enrolled in the program.

The second grant is the **Community Sponsorship**. These sponsorship monies are given to organizations that support the JLL Mission within the greater Lansing area. The purpose of the Community Sponsorship is to stimulate interest in Junior League activities and maintain or increase our visibility within the community.

December & January Birthdays



SUSTAINERS

Oetzel, Bev	12/02	Berger, Nancy	12/28
Moore, Betty	12/03	Hartman, Kim	12/29
Seaman, Martha	12/04	Brogan, Carol	12/30
Daugherty, Katherine	12/06	West, Mary	12/30
Edwards, Caryn	12/06	Rhodes, Caryn	12/31
Claypool, Cathy	12/07	Bassos, Zoe	01/02
Foster, Trish	12/09	Chick, Ann	01/02
Maner, Phyl	12/10	Stow, Shorty	01/03
Anderson, Doris	12/14	Lawton-Essa, Julie	01/06
Cotter, Martha	12/14	Allis, Susan	01/08
Forsyth, Gretchen	12/14	Campbell, Paula	01/08
Kildea, Kris	12/14	Atkinson, Deb	01/11
Matter, Lorri	12/14	Setas, Susan	01/11
Coy, DeDe	12/17	Cleland, Barb	01/13
Marshall, Beverly	12/21	Shaheen Denise	01/14
Balesky, Bridget	12/23	Dowdy, Cinda	01/15
Grua, Linda	12/23	Broviac, Carol	01/16
Ellsworth, Mary	12/27	Fedewa, Paula	01/19
		Weiss, Sue	01/19

Bauer, Joan	01/21
Brogan, Pat	01/24
Booth, Jane	01/28
Shanker, Melissa	01/28
Moore, Jean	01/30
Riegel, Kay	01/30
Olson, Shelley	01/31

ACTIVES

Hatch, Holly	12/01
Kroeger, Dawn	12/03
Burditt, Jodie	12/06
Seitz, Bridget	12/09
Millbrook, Lydia	12/10
Synk, Polly	12/10
Donahue, Kay	12/12
Morgan, Julie	12/20
Hutchison, Jaimie	12/22
Ruth, Pamela	12/29

Lemon, Christie	01/03
Evangelista, Colette	01/04
Mielock, Shelley	01/12
Pham, Thuy	01/14
Maison, Nicole	01/15
Watters, Kim	01/15
Olson, Karen	01/17
Tuley, Jill	01/20
Wiesner, Alex	01/24
Robinson, Deborah	01/29

NEW MEMBERS

Hull, Kellyan	12/21
Ktbwiidm Jatue	12/24
Gahndi, Maria	12/30
Reame, Alana	01/18

Signature Project— the Selection Process

Polly Synk, Community Research and Project Development Chair



As you all know, JLL is in the process of selecting the next Signature Project. What you may not know is how we got here and where we go from here.

The Signature Project selection process unfolds over the course of a few years, since JLL's commitment to a Signature Project has typically lasted more than a year in order to have a greater impact in the community (a detailed history of JLL's Signature Projects is found in the "Projects" section of the Redbook). For the last three Signature Projects, JLL's commitment has been on a 3-year timetable, and the job of the Community Research and Project Development Committee (CRPD) has also followed a 3-year cycle as follows: Year 1, research within JLL for member interest and research in community for needs; Year 2, continued community research on possible projects and sending out requests for proposals; and Year 3, selection of the next Signature Project. For the past two cycles, the Signature Project selection year has followed the pattern of presenting information to members in the Fall and voting on the project after the new year, with transition of the new project to the Signature Project Committee complete in the spring.

At the point that this year's CRPD committee took the reins this past summer, last year's committee had already sent over one hundred letters to community organizations requesting proposals for our next project. After the deadline for submittals passed, this year's committee jumped in to follow up with organizations where necessary and to begin the task of narrowing down the field to 3-5 candidates. The response to the request for proposals was light, with less than twenty proposals in total. However, most of the proposals that were received were first-rate, and many were from organizations familiar to JLL.

CRPD reviewed the proposals for consistency with the JLL Mission, Focus and Key Result Area, and after some long debates, presented the top four projects to the Board in August. The Board narrowed the number to present to the membership to three, and the decision was made to employ a "straw vote" at the September GMM to get to two finalists (a similar process was followed in September 2005). The two finalists presented their proposals in October, and a vote is scheduled for the January GMM. At the time of publication, CRPD is working to get detailed information from the candidate organizations posted to the JLL website, to answer member questions, and to ensure that the selection process provides members with sufficient information and opportunity for discussion to permit members to vote with knowledge and with confidence for the next Signature Project.

We hope that as we move forward in the selection process, you will feel free to contact any of us on the CRPD committee with questions or comments.

Polly Synk, CRPD Chair
CRPD Committee Members: Patty Black, Kimberly Garrison,
Beth Ann Whitaker

Voting

Gabe Johnson, Bylaws/Policy & Parliamentarian



As we continue the process of selecting a new Signature Project, members will be expected to study the pros and cons of each of the proposed recipients and, eventually, to cast their ballot for the project they prefer. Attendance at upcoming GMMs will be extremely important in order to establish quorum and to ensure that there are enough votes to approve selection of a project.

At the meeting when this vote is taken, quorum must be established. Quorum refers to the presence of 1/3 of voting members, with voting members being all Active Members except Non-Resident Actives. At last count, with 134 active members, quorum is 45 members. Typically, a simple majority vote would be sufficient to approve a motion during a meeting. However, since the Signature Project is so important to our organization and utilizes so many JLL resources, a 2/3 vote (90 votes) must approve the final selection.

Before the final vote is taken, pro/con discussion will be held. As JLL members, it is our responsibility to consider each project carefully and consider amendments that may be made to the proposals. If amendments are made to either proposal and approved by membership, this renders all absentee ballots ineligible.

The dollar amount being requested by each organization must be clearly stated on each ballot for membership's consideration. If a member requests to change the amount to be distributed by JLL, an amendment may be made. Each proposed amendment must be voted on before another amendment can be put forth.

The President does not vote, unless there is a tie or if the President passes the gavel to the President Elect, at which point the President Elect may not vote. To familiarize yourself with parliamentary procedures that might be used during discussion and voting, pages 49-51 in the Policies section of the Redbook are helpful. Procedures that might be used include making a motion to extend discussion time, making a motion to move the previous question (end debate), and proposing an amendment or amending an amendment.

Again, attendance at GMMs will be very important as we continue with this process. Please be sure to let your vote count!

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General Membership Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 11, 2008 • Celebration Cinema, Lansing

- I. Welcome and Call Meeting to Order—Amy Suhrheinrich, President called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. There was a last call for donations for DIAM items. Amy Suhrheinrich, President announced that Lynn Fiedler, Sustaining Advisor will be acting as Parliamentarian for the evening.
- II. Approve minutes from October 14, 2008 GMM—Amy Suhrheinrich, President had two changes to The October GMM Minutes. Those changes will be emailed to Molly Chan, Secretary. Kate Quinn moved to approve minutes as amended. Dawn Kroeger seconded. Motion carried.
- III. **Fund Development Council**
 - A. Signature Fundraiser Update—Traci Riehl, Chair presented the membership with an update for the Signature Fundraiser. The fundraiser is November 15, 2008 at the Lansing Country Club and all members are encouraged to attend. As of date, they are a little over \$19,000.00 for fund development.
- IV. **Membership Council**
 - A. Nominating Placement—Beth Cook presented the Nominating Placement report. Slating day is scheduled for 12/6/08. Slating is for all JLL positions which are voted. Board is a single slate position and Nominating Placement is a double slated position. Please nominate JLL women you think would be great as a Board member or in a slated position. You would make the nomination to your advisor.
- V. **Finance Council**
 - A. Updated Actual to Budget for October—Alex Wiesner, Treasurer stated she has the actual budget numbers thru October. If you would like your budget numbers, please email Alex and she will send you your actual budget numbers.
- VI. **Planning Council**
 - A. Community Research and Project Development—Tracy Jelneck, President Elect thanked the CRPD committee for its outstanding work with choosing our new Signature Project. The committee members are Polly Synk, Kimberly Garrison, Beth Ann Whitaker and Patty Black. Tracy Jelneck, President Elect then gave a brief outline on how the narrowing of the projects took place and what happens now. The floor was then opened for questions.

Question regarding WKAR. Whether or not promoting TV watching by children should be one of our focus areas and something we should spend three years promoting.

Question regarding Deep Water Transition. Is there a way to find out if we have 10–12 JLL members who would be willing to volunteer mentoring a family at least once a week. Discussion ensued regarding what mentoring means to Deep Water Transition.

Question regarding Deep Water Transition. Can we get a report on what other funding they have received? Question regarding sustainability. Polly Synk will have the funding information available for review prior to vote.

Questions regarding WKAR. Concerned that our money is going to be spent on providing food for families to entice them to come to the workshop. Is that really what our mission stands for? Would like WKAR to breakdown where our

money would be going. Polly Synk will have the information for review prior to the vote.

Amy Suhrheinrich, President asked if Polly Synk could find out if Deep Water Transition has women calling in response to their notice that they are providing workshops/information on insurance.

Lisa Gnass made a motion to recommend that CRPD consider adding Care Free Dental back to the ballot for vote. Leslie Donaldson seconded. Amy Suhrheinrich, President opened the floor for discussion. Discussion ensued regarding the addition of Care Free Dental as a Signature Project vote. There was a request for a private vote and ballots were passed out. Members were instructed to check yes if they would like CRPD to consider putting Care Free Dental back on the ballot. Amy Suhrheinrich, President assured the membership that this was not an official voting procedure but simply a way to provide information for the CRPD committee. It is a recommendation from those members present. Polly Synk, CRPD pointed out that we have already told the community which programs we were choosing between. CRPD will review the ballot votes and will provide the Board with their recommended ballot for January.

- VII. Caring about Kids and DIAM results—Ro Bellingar stated the drop off date party at the JLL office for Caring about Kids is 11/24. All gifts must be at the JLL office by 11/26 as they are being taken over to DHS on that day at 1:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help take over the presents as there are over 400 kids this year. Dawn Kroeger, Community VP announced the DIAM results. We collected \$53.00 in cash, 15 packs of jumbo feminine products and 28 rolls of toilet paper. 23 members supported this DIAM.
- VIII. Adjourn the Meeting. Kate Powers moved to adjourn the meeting. Lori Noyer seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. and the movie was started.



Respectfully submitted,
Molly Chan
Board Secretary



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Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 7, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lynn Fiedler, Kate Quinn, Tracy Jelneck, Renee Knake, Molly Chan, Alex Wiesner, Nicole Maison, Amy Suhrheinrich, Becky Paalman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dawn Kroeger

- I. Amy Suhrheinrich called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- II. Lynn Fiedler, Sustaining Advisor moved to adopt meeting agenda as changed. Nicole Maison, Fund Development VP seconded. Motion carried.
- III. Becky Paalman, Communication VP had two changes to the September Board minutes. Becky Paalman, Communication VP moved to adopt September Board meeting as amended. Kate Quinn, Education VP seconded. Motion carried.
- IV. Announcements
 - a. Kate Quinn, Education VP informed the Board with the OPS presentation to be held at the October GMM. It was decided that for the OPS, each VP will email their Chairs to find out their attendance and to inform. Each Board member should have an elevator speech written for the October OPS. The elevator speeches will then be recreated at the Sustainer Home meeting.
 - b. Becky Paalman, Communications VP thanked the Board for allowing the four JLL women to go to ODI. It was beneficial and a huge learning experience.
 - c. November GMM location has been changed from NCG to Celebration Cinema due to cost.
 - d. Both organization have been contacted and will be present at the October GMM to present.
 - e. Nicole Maison, Fund Development VP gave the report for Signature Fundraiser. We have a little over \$16,000 in corporate sponsorships and over \$15,000 in in-kind donations.
 - f. New member retreat will be at Dusty's with 27 new members attending. 19 new members have already a paid. We are hopefully going to have around 30 new members. Tracy Jelneck and Lynn Fiedler will be attending. Molly Chan and Kate Quinn are going to attempt to go for breakfast. Amy Suhrheinrich, President will also attend. Becky Paalman is sending more names to Shelly Mielock for possible new members.
 - g. Amy Suhrheinrich, President will attend the Resolution Services Sponsorship on October 22nd at Cooley Law Temple Building. Kate Quinn, Education VP and Renee Knake, Membership VP are going to contact Chairs to see if they would like to attend.
 - h. Dear Jill article is to be written by Becky Paalman. Discussion ensued regarding possible topics. Topic will be on ODI and budgeting.
- V. Action Items
 - a. Sue Mills, Chair of Endowment Fund Board discussed the JLL Trust Agreement and that according to the Trust Agreement, any changes need to be made by JLL Board and not the Endowment Board. Sue Mills, Endowment Fund Board Chair discussed the makeup of the Endowment Board. It was discussed that the Endowment Board feels we need an amendment to the formula for figuring annual tender to JLL. The Endowment Board is requesting an amendment to the JLL Trust Agreement to average the payout over the preceding past 12 quarters so the payout is annual. Amy Suhrheinrich, President asked for a motion to amend the JLL Trust Agreement as requested by the JLL Endowment Board. The new recommended language would be: Annually, before the end of the first half of the fiscal year, the Trustees shall tender to Junior League, for its Operating Account, an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the average quarterly market value over the preceding twelve quarters. Alex Wiesner moved to amend the JLL Trust Agreement as presented by Sue Mills. Renee Knake seconded. A hand vote was taken and unanimously the motion carried. Alex Wiesner, Treasurer requested the Endowment Board to give the JLL Signature Project \$2500.00 for the next three years to show support and to help with our budget. Discussion ensued regarding Alex Wiesner's Treasurer request.
 - b. Kate Quinn brought forth a motion to adopt the Addition of JLL Line of Credit Policy. Discussion was opened. Becky Paalman, Communications VP moved to add the following language and make the following changes to the Policy: the purchaser will be responsible for remaining within the parameters of their budget as set forth, and any overages not approved by the board may be the responsibility of the purchaser. Change to... at Board approved vendors. Take out ...Avoid unnecessary purchases. Change to may instead of will. Further changes were made to the Agreement. Amy Suhrheinrich asked for a motion to approve Becky Paalman's amendment to the motion. Becky Paalman moved to approve the motion to amend the JLL Line of Credit Policy. Renee Knake seconded. Motion carried and the amendments were approved. Kate Quinn moved to approve the JLL Line of Credit Policy as amended. Becky Paalman seconded. Motion carried and the JLL Line of Credit Policy was approved as amended.
 - c. Tracy Jelneck, President Elect discussed an Ad Hoc Committee formation to discuss the JLL office situation. Alex Wiesner will be on the committee as Chair.
 - d. Renee Knake moved to reinstate Jull Tuley, Maura Campbell, and Debra Landis as members. Amy Suhrheinrich, President opened for discussion. All dues have been paid. Hand vote was taken to approve the motion and motion carried.
- VI. Delegate, Decide, Discard
 - a. Alex Wiesner, Treasurer gave the financial report and handed out the financial report. Discussion ensued regarding the budget. Alex Wiesner, Treasurer asked for questions. No questions were taken.
 - b. Alex Wiesner, Treasurer discussed the copier/postage charges and a discussion of line items. Alex Wiesner, Treasurer passed out a Tally Sheet for Postage and Copying. The Board was asked to look at the Tally Sheets

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- to see if any Line Item is missing or is not appropriated correctly. Discussion ensued regarding how we appropriate charges for copying and postage. Molly Chan, Secretary announced that time had been called. Amy Suhrheinrich, President asked for a motion to extend time. Lynn Fiedler, Sustaining Advisor moved to extend time for 2 minutes. Kate Quinn, Education VP seconded. Motion carried. Membership VP was taken off the Tally Sheet as the charges will be allocated to the appropriate committee. Alex Wiesner, Treasurer will get the Tally Sheet out to the Committee Chairs.
- c. The Board agreed that there will be no budget money used for raffle items for Community Service Organizations.
 - d. It was discussed that Pregnancy Services has been an issue again with members due to its political affiliation. Discussion ensued regarding political affiliations and organizations.
 - e. Becky Paalman, Communications VP informed the Board that there are issues with broadcast emails not going out, the JLL website is having some funky issues, and Focus was not printed due to the printer's printer going down. It was requested the reason why Focus was late and our broadcast email issues be included in the Focus for explanation to members. JLL Apparel was purchased to sell to the members. Becky Paalman, Communications VP explained the different products available and prices. Becky Paalman, Communications VP will sell the apparel at the Sustainer Luncheon. Becky Paalman, Communications VP discussed the JLL Logo and the wrong logo which is being used by committees. All communications need to be approved by Communications and have the logo and mission on it. The Red Book is being corrected for errors and will be available on line for review. Lynn Fielder, Sustaining Advisor requested that the Sustainers be asked if they would like a "gut" of the red book. It was discussed that it will be included on the due sheets.
 - f. Policy 7.3 Endowment Contribution was discussed as to contributions for Sustainers who pass. We only make a contribution if the Sustainer was active. Discussion regarding if policy should be amended to change how much we contribute on behalf of deceased Sustainers. Lynn Fielder, Sustaining Advisor suggested we change the policy to reflect that annually we contribute \$250.00 lump sum on behalf of all deceased Sustaining members. At least one Sustainer has to pass for JLL to contribute the money. Renee Knake, Membership VP will rewrite the policy and come back to the Board at the next Board meeting with the revised policy for the Board to review and vote.
 - g. Discussion ensued regarding concerns over Evites. It was decided that a line will be added on the Evite that if you are RSVP'ing No, you still need to respond to your advisor to get your point.
 - h. Nicole Maison, Fund Development VP advised the Board there was a discussion that points are given for the spring fundraiser, but there are no requirements for the membership to get the points. Discussion ensued what membership would need to do to earn the points. There needs to be a policy change to Policy 8.5 Membership Placement Points. Nicole Maison will draft policy lan-

guage and will send it to Renee Knake for review who will then give it to Nominating Placement and Gabe Johnson for review.

- i. GMM Agenda review. Dawn Kroeger, Community VP had a concern that DIAM needs to be removed from the end of the meeting. Board agreed this was contrary to our discussions from the past Board meeting and DIAM will stay at the end of the meeting. Arrangements incentive was added to the agenda. CRPD will stay before Treasurer's Report. Discussion ensued regarding the amount of money to be committed to the CRPD project and who decides the amount. Molly Chan, Secretary announced that time had been called. Amy Suhrheinrich, President asked for a motion to extend time. Alex Wiesner, Treasurer moved to extend time for 10 minutes. Kate Quinn, Education VP seconded. Motion carried. Tracy Jelneck, President Elect is going to get in touch with Polly Synk to contact the organizations to get their budget if they were to be chosen as our Project by the GMM. Signature Fundraiser will be given a list of topics which need to be addressed at the meeting. Communications will be dropped to 10 minutes. Arrangements was amended. Sue Mills was added to present endowment check.

VII. New Business

- a. Task List was created by Amy Suhrheinrich, President. Amy Suhrheinrich, President will contact the Board to help on the task lists, the Board will review the task list and work on their own and report back. Discussion ensued regarding moving to a two year Board. Kate Quinn, Education VP will work with Amy Suhrheinrich, President to educate and move forward with the two year Board possibility.
- b. Amy Suhrheinrich, President will email the Board possible dates for a working day to get caught up and on track with the task list.

VIII. Meeting was adjourned at 9:48 p.m.



Respectfully Submitted,

Molly Chan
Secretary

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Membership Member Relations

Suzanne Johnson, Member Relations Chair



Seasons Greetings! We had a great turnout at the Witches and Warlocks Party last month at Dusty's, thank you to all who participated! A great time was had by all!

There will not be any Member Relations events this month due to hectic schedules, but stay tuned for upcoming events which will be announced at all GMM's and in your Focus!

There were no kudos awards given at the last GMM because of time constraints, but I would like to remind everyone to please help us recognize any Active or Sustaining member who you feel has put forth extraordinary effort for League each month by nominating them for Kudos. Remember, each person nominated for Kudos throughout the year will be considered along with other nominees for the Recognize Excellence Awards at our final meeting in May. To nominate a member, please email her name, placement and achievement to: ssscjohnson@sbcglobal.net.

Have a Happy Holiday Season!



Thank you for your generous in-kind donation of the 4 bags of socks. Your gift helps ensure St. Vincent Catholic Charities is able to fulfill our mission of creating a stronger, healthier community.

We were honored to host a piece of your new member orientation here at

St. Vincent Catholic Charities. We truly hope the 35 JLL members enjoyed our Tour of Hope; we look forward to hearing their feedback and would love to assist in orientations in the future.

In service to children, adults and families, I am gratefully yours,

Andrea E. Seyka

Andrea E. Seyka, CEO

Baby News!

Courtney and Adam Schnelker welcomed their new baby boy, Henry Adam, on Tuesday, September 23rd. He weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Membership Changes

- (A) **Bugg, Shelly**
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- (A) **Burditt, Jodi**
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- (A) **Henning, Heather** Resigned
- (A) **Hicks, Kristin**
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- (S) **Hotchkiss, Martha (Cathy)**
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- (A) **Hughes, Samantha**
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- (A) **Schick, Jennifer**
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- (A) **Nicole Shumway**
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- (S) **Smith, Linda**
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- (A) **Tanis, Becky** Leave of Absence
- (A) **Tuley, Jill Parmater (Mrs. Jeffrey)** Reinstated
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H: 517-339-2243, Cell: 517-285-7574
H Email: jjctuley@juno.com
DOB: 01/20
Placement: Spring Fundraiser
- (A) **Urbain, Julie** Resigned
- (S) **Whiting Dobson, Lisa**
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MSU Department of Telecommunication
Information Studies Media
- (A) **Christina Williams**
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 Linda Dansby
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 Daniela Cibelli
 Barb Fishell
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 Suzanne Johnson
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 Christie Lemon
 Susan Lupo
 Lori Noyer
 Nancy Nyquist
 Kristen M. Pricco
 Nicki Proulx
 Traci Riehl
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Membership

New Member Class

Shelley Mielock, New Member Recruitment Chair



I want to give a big thank you to the wonderful ladies who serve on the New Member Recruitment Committee. Vice Chair, Courtney Schnelker and New Member Advisors Samantha Hughes, Christie Lemon, Ivana Marinig, Julie Morgan have all done a

wonderful job with all of our recruitment efforts. With 43 members in this year's class, I would say all of their hard work has paid off!

We are looking forward to getting to know each and every one of the ladies in the New Member Class and I know you are too. I've listed each of their names below and you can look forward to seeing their pictures and biographies in the February edition of the Focus. Happy New Year!

2008-09 New Member Class

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| Lea Ammerman | Katie Lynwood |
| Michelle Bens | Darcy Martin |
| Jen Brewer | Mercedes Martinez |
| Laura Brown | Abbie Matthews |
| Amanda Campbell | Kirsten McNelly |
| Chrissy Carr | Pattie McNiel |
| Sherri Marie Carr | Nanette Naser |
| Suzanne Carr | Faye Pickleman |
| Jennifer Charette | Alana Reome |
| Rosie Dwyer | Katrina Rhea |
| Susan Fiorillo | Kristen Rhorer |
| Lori Fischer | Rochelle Shrewsbury |
| Amanda Garcia-Williams | Kristina Seiffert |
| Maria Gandhi | Meghan Sifuentes |
| Alison Glass | Erin Skene-Pratt |
| Sabeena Hubbard | Sheila Steger |
| Kelli Hughes | Meghan Swain |
| Kellyan Hull | Kelly Sweet |
| Connie James | Melissa Topolewski |
| Brandi Jones | Lynna Walta |
| Lisa Keefer | Angela Vlahakis |
| Michelle Lange | |

SIGNATURE PROJECT INFORMATION

Watch your mailbox in the coming weeks for Signature Project ballot information. You can also check out the JLL website, www.jllansing.org, for information from the candidate organizations on their proposals.

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Please make checks payable to the JLL Endowment and identify it as **\$25 for 25 EVERY MEMBER Drive**
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New Board and Advisors, 2009–2010

It is with great pleasure that the Nominating/Placement Committee presents the 2009–2010 Junior League of Lansing Board, New Member Advisors and the candidates for Nominating/Placement Advisors. Congratulations!



President Elect
Betsy Svanda

Betsy joined the Grand Rapids Junior League in 1997 and transferred to Lansing in 2000. Her past placements include Done In A Day, Done In A Meeting, Signature Fundraiser Committee, Provisional Advisor, Nominating Placement Advisor, Placement Chair, Community VP and Arrangements. Betsy lives in Portland with her husband, Todd and their four children. Betsy's hobbies include Portland Education Foundation, being a soccer mom (which she loves!) and being very active in the Children's Programs at her church.



Communications Vice President
Shelley Mielock

Shelley joined League in 2004 and her past placements include: Training Committee, Vice Chair of New Member Recruitment and Chair of New Member Recruitment. Shelley lives in East Lansing with her husband, Doug and her three children. Shelley enjoys running, hanging out with friends, reading and is spending her time starting a new business as an Image Consultant.



Fund Development Vice President
Becky Paalman

Becky joined League in 2004. Becky is currently the Communications VP and has also served as the Vice Chair and Chair of the Signature Fundraiser Committee. Becky lives in Dimondale with her husband, Chad and two children, CJ and Sydney. In May, Becky will be a registered nurse. Becky enjoys downhill skiing, running and reading.



Education Vice President
Tiffany Dowling

Tiffany has been an Active member since 2007. She is currently the Publications/Marketing Chair. Tiffany lives in Holt with her husband and two sons. She owns Motion Marketing & Media and is the publisher of Capital Area Women's Lifestyle Magazine. Tiffany is looking forward to her new position in Junior League.



Treasurer Elect
Julie Morgan

Julie has been a member of League since 2006. She has served on the Done In A Day Committee and as a New Member Advisor. She works as the Associate Bank Manager at Independent Bank. She lives in Lansing with her husband, Mike and dog, Maggie. She enjoys spending time with her family, working out, traveling, baking and enjoys studying the French language.



Membership Vice President
Suzanne Johnson

Suzanne is in her first Active year with League. She is currently the chair of Member Relations.

Community Vice President
To be announced

Secretary to the Board
To be announced

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**New Member Advisor
Single Slate**



Christina Williams

Christina is currently in her first Active year in League, where she serves on the Signature Project Committee. In her free time Christina enjoys playing tennis and spending time with friends and family.



Jennifer Schick

Jennifer is in her first Active year of League. She is currently a member of the Signature Project Committee. Jennifer lives in East Lansing with her husband, Jack and their three children, Carson, Colson and Jackson. She works for Motion Marketing & Media.

Her hobbies include reading and running.



Lydia Millbrook

Lydia is in her first Active year of League. She currently stepped up to fill a New Member Advisor position mid-year as well as maintaining her Signature Fundraiser Committee placement. Lydia lives in Lansing with her husband and 3 children. Lydia enjoys reading, baking and spending time with her family.



Kate Marchyok

Kate has been an Active member for two years with experience on the Signature Fundraiser for both years. She is currently in her last year of law school at Cooley Law School and looking forward to applying her knowledge by commuting to Washtenaw County two days a week in the near future. She is a cat lover, enjoys spending time with her family and friends, reading and visiting museums.

**Nominating Placement Advisor
Double Slate**



Kirsten Soltis

Kirsten joined League in the fall of 2006 and is currently serving on the Done In A Day Committee—her project was Back to School Backpacks, which she really enjoyed. Kirsten has lived in the Lansing area her whole life and is currently living in Haslett with her

husband and almost two year old son. Kirsten is a Financial Advisor for Hantz Financial Group in Okemos, MI. In her spare time, she enjoys taking her son on walks, grabbing coffee with friends and improving her baking skills.



Stacy Carl

Stacy joined League in 2004. She has served on the Signature Project Committee, Arrangements Committee, and the Done In A Day Committee. She is currently serving as the Tracking Chair. Stacy graduated in May with a degree in interior design from MSU.

Stacy stays busy at home (husband and two children). She is very interested in deepening her commitment to JLL and believes that a Nominating/Placement Advisor position would be a great way to accomplish that goal.



Samantha Hughes

Samantha has been an Active member since 2006 and has served on the Signature Fundraiser Committee and as a New Member Advisor. She lives in East Lansing with her boyfriend, Mike and works as a claims adjuster with Citizens Insurance. Samantha

enjoys spending time with family and friends, attending the theater and musicals, going to concerts, dancing and reading.



Jodie Burditt

Jodie is in her second Active year and has been on the Community Service Committee and the Done In A Day Committee. She lives in Lansing and works in the communications field with Consumers Energy. She is currently writing books she hopes to have published

some day. In her free time Jodie enjoys reading, writing, board games, hanging out with family, friends and her favorite person in the world, her niece, Audrey.



Renee Knake

Renee has been a member of League since 2002, transferring to Lansing from the Charlottesville, VA League in 2005. Her previous placements include the Signature Fundraiser Committee and Chair of New Member Recruitment. Currently she is the

Membership Vice President. Renee lives in East Lansing with her husband Jeff, toddlers James and Grace, and yellow lab, Huron. She teaches at MSU College of Law. This position appeals to Renee because she loves working with membership and she wants to help others get the most out of their Junior League experience.

To be announced Advisor candidate

Girls on the Run... Off and Running

Kristin Hicks, Done In A Day Committee



The Girls on the Run event was a huge success this year, as always! It was a chilly November morning, the first one of its kind after a spell of unseasonably warm weather, but it didn't dampen the spirit of the race! A record number (477 to be exact) 3rd through 5th grade girls from various area schools signed up to run the 5K race at Hawk Island Park to promote the importance of exercise for girls. They sported their blue race T-shirts (as one of their many layers) and hit the trail with motivation and enthusiasm. There were parents and siblings and grandparents and friends there to cheer on the runners. The banners were flying and the music was playing as a DJ ramped up the excitement near the finish line. A real sense of accomplishment was evident in the young girls' faces, as well as their families.

JLL volunteers were many and their contribution to the success of the event is greatly appreciated. There were 14 volunteers in total and more willing to participate if needed. We tried our hands at directing traffic for parking, helped at refreshment and first aid stations and cheered the runners on as they crossed the finish line. Every volunteer expressed their happiness to be helping out with such a "great event!" A couple of women had daughters running the race and I'm sure it was an extra special morning for them both. I kept hearing that Girls on the Run is such a wonderful DIAD project and now I have first hand knowledge as to why!

A special thank you to all of those who volunteered with this event including **Becky Paalman, Bethe Day, Ann McHenry, Samantha Hughes, Amy Reid, Susan Combs, Diane Sloan, Molly Chan, Patty Black, Jodie Burditt, Betsy Svanda, Jill Tuley and Karen Olson.**

There was a real feeling of "girl power" in the air at this year's Girls on the Run race and it was certainly fitting to have JLL be a part of it!



TOP JLL volunteers Karen Olson, Bethe Day, Diane Sloan, Becky Paalman, Samantha Hughes, and Betsy Svanda.

CENTER JLL members Bethe Day & Becky Paalman giving runners, Caroline Svanda & friend Rachel Kapcia, a blanket.

RIGHT Race participant Caroline Svanda poses with her medal as her mom and JLL member, Betsy Svanda, beams with pride.

Calendar of Events

January

- 6 Board Meeting
- 13 OPS & GMM
- 20 New Member Meeting

February

- TBA Endowment MSU Hospitality Event
- 10 GMM—Sustainer Homes
- 21 MSC Training, Hannah Center
- 28 Membership Dues Deadline

March

- 10 GMM
- 11 Day at the Capitol

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Wednesday, January 14, 2009 • 5 pm

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Dear Jill,

I heard that we are having the Annual Meeting in January. Please don't tell me there's another meeting!

Lynn

Dear Lynn,

Don't panic! The Annual Meeting is actually a specific portion of the January GMM. The Junior League of Lansing Bylaws (Article VII) and Michigan's Nonprofit Corporation Act require an annual meeting for the election of the Board of Directors and other related business. During the January GMM, we suspend the general business to hold the Annual Meeting. At that time, Active members vote on the Board, Nominating/Placement Committee, and New Member Recruitment Committee slates. The Treasurer also provides a financial report. Your presence at the Annual Meeting is very important as we need to have a quorum to make sure the voting is valid. The Annual Meeting is adjourned and the remainder of the GMM agenda is followed.

Sincerely,

Jill



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