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integral roles to ensure the success of the event. W3 Honorary Chair, Coach Suzy Merchant, and the MSU Women's basketball team cheered on the participants, took pictures with fans, and signed autographs.

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You can get revitalized with reflexology, massages, or manicures. You can sample food from local eateries. You can talk to the MSU Women's basketball coach and players and let them cheer you on. All of these rewards for your donation to a cause that is making sure your local hospital has all the newest and advanced equipment for women's needs. See you next September!



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MISSION STATEMENT

Junior League of Lansing, Michigan is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

KATE POWERS, PRESIDENT 2011-2012

"With great power, comes great responsibility."

—Ben Parker, Uncle of Peter "Spiderman" Parker



As the preeminent volunteers in the Lansing area, Junior League of Lansing members have a duty to our community. This is never more evident than during the time that we choose a Signature Project. Every three years, the active membership of JLL selects a project and we then provide time, talent and funding to that organization.

Thoughtful consideration is made, by our Community Research Project Development committee, by our board, and ultimately by our membership. This process mirrors the three year time line of our signature project commitment and requires input from our community, through our sustainers, our partners, and our advisory board members. It is certainly not easy, or quick for that matter, but we owe it not only to our mission, but to the agencies that we serve, to be as thorough as possible.

After two years of research and deliberation, we have narrowed our project selections down to two: The Allen Street Neighborhood Association, as they attempt to grow their farmers' market to a year round endeavor; and the Capital Area Literacy Coalition, as they continue to create readers of all ages in the Lansing community. While these projects are exceptionally diverse from one another, they both meet the Junior League of Lansing's focus area of assisting families and children at risk.

Our process is far from done. In January, at our annual meeting, both candidates will return to meet with our active membership and share their stories, and why their partnership with JLL would be mutually beneficial. In the meantime, I encourage all of our members to ask questions and to look further into these potential projects. The influence that we hold in the Lansing area requires our diligence in making this decision.

I am so grateful for the opportunity to see this process come to fruition, and to have such stellar individuals guiding the process. I would be remiss if I didn't thank **Polly Synk**, **Erin Skene-Pratt** and their team, as well our Community Vice President, **Jaimie Hutchison**, for all of their hard work in the development of our next community commitment. Please feel free to contact me, or any of them as the selection progresses.

In the meantime, be mindful of the power that we, as women affecting change, have. Together, we can accomplish anything!

All my best,

WHY SUSTAINERS MATTER

Kim Hartman, past president, proud sustainer

The 10 year anniversary of 9/11 was a time of great reflection for many. We all remember where we were when the events of that horrific day occurred. It was to be my first GMM as our Junior League of Lansing President. In those subsequent moments our lives changed and there existed a future of great uncertainty. One of those uncertainties was Junior League. How would we carry on? For many of us the turning point came when the president reassured us as he stood atop the rubble of the World Trade Center with the many rescue workers at his side. It felt like we could begin moving on once again.



Why for a moment I thought Junior League would end was incredible, especially without amazing mission and history. This organization has survived and strengthened over 100 years, including through World Wars and other national tragedies. We make a difference. During that time on national tragedy, I found my greatest support and strength from our Sustainers. While, they too, understood the magnitude of the tragedy they realized we needed to move forward and stay true to our mission. They offered great encouragement. Along with the many actives and the wonderful board I had, those very special sustainers made a big difference in helping me become the leader I needed to be. For that, I will always be grateful.

Truly, this is just one example of how a few sustainers were so important in making Junior League matter. I have many more examples. In recent years we have seen an increase in Sustainers resigning from our Junior League. Some feel disconnected, have other obligations or feel it "is not worth the money". Stop for a moment and think about your time in League. The opportunities afforded to you, the training and the friendship. Those things, in part, are sustained by Sustainers. Without a strong class of Sustainers League would not be able to do all they do for our members and our community. It is important you give an Active member the same opportunities you had.

If you are contemplating resigning, call an Active. Let them know you appreciate what they are doing. Offer to get involved. Tour the city and look at all of our projects in full swing, even the beautiful bronze giraffes at the zoo. Attend an event. Quite simply, League cannot function without being sustained in some way. I urge you to look at Junior League in a larger way. I think you will be surprised. Sustainers do matter!

THE SUSTAINING LINE... JANET FREUND

I am surrounded by amazing women! That is my reaction to the first few months of my role as the Sustaining Advisor for this JLL year. **Kate Powers** is one of the smartest and funniest women I know. We are lucky to have her as our leader and I am convinced of that more each day. Every wonderful woman on the Board possesses talents that they are happy to share with all of us. As a sustaining member of this League and past president, I am assured that we are in good hands. Please let me know if you have any questions, concerns or comments as we travel this year together.



PAST HOLIDAY EVENTS

Chicago Bus Trip:

Friday, December 2, 2011

Holiday Open House:

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

at the home of Sustainer and JLL Past President,
Barb Sukenik

KUDOS TO:

Suzanne Tuck and **Lori Fuller** for planning the Chicago Bus Trip

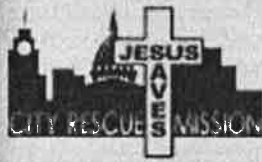
Barb Sukenik for graciously opening her home for the Holiday Open House

Marybeth Hicks on her new book, *Don't Let the Kids Drink the Kool-Aid*

Kris Klidea for her Biggby franchise that will soon be opening in Fenton

Kim Hartman for reminding all of us why we are important in her FOCUS article

If you have a "Kudos" to share please contact Janet Freund, Sustaining Advisor at janetfreund@comcast.net or (517) 333-8409



Thank you so much for helping the Mission commemorate a milestone in our 100 years of service to Michigan's capital area. It was a joy to celebrate the opening of our Maplewood Center with you. We are so grateful, not only for your participation in our ribbon cutting ceremony, but also for your faithful support of this project.

The completion of our Maplewood Center has already made a difference in our community. Within weeks of opening the west side of the building for women and children, the number of guests finding shelter with us increased 225%. Tonight, more than 80 women and children will find refuge and rescue at Maplewood.

Thank you again for your support of the Mission and our determination to bring "rescue" to the lives of men, women, and children in need.

In Christian Service,
Mark Criss, Executive



CONTRIBUTIONS

DONATIONS

Ginnie Gibson, DIAD/DIAM Vice Chair

OTTO HEALTH CENTER was the recipient for September's DIAM Project. Otto Health Center provides primary care health services to youth and adults and had requested individual hand sanitizers. Thanks to everyone's generous support we collected 68 individual hand sanitizers and \$109 at the meeting. The monetary donations allowed us to buy an additional 77 items, which brought the total of donated items to 145. When **Patty Black** took the donations to Otto Health Center, they were very excited to see her with the donations since they were almost out.

ELE'S PLACE was the recipient for October's DIAM Project. Ele's Place is a healing center for grieving children. Thanks to everyone's generous support Junior League of Lansing delivered 98 journals to Ele's Place. As someone who believes in journaling when going through difficult times, I know these journals will be put to good use by all of those children dealing with the loss of a loved one.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE OF MID-MICHIGAN was the recipient for November's DIAM Project. Ronald McDonald House is a home away from home for families of seriously ill children who are hospitalized or receiving treatment at Lansing area hospitals. Thanks to everyone's generous support Junior League of Lansing delivered 63 household items to them. Thank you for your generous support!!

The January recipient for the DIAM project will be Baker Donora Center, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for seniors and youths in the Baker Donora neighborhood. I hope every has a happy and blessed holiday season.

BREAKFAST AT VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA

Patty Black

Eight members of the Junior League of Lansing fulfilled their Done-In-A-Day commitment on Saturday, October 22, 2011 by serving breakfast at Volunteers of America in downtown Lansing. The experience was a complete success! Our presence was very well received, and in fact the individuals we served expressed a great amount of gratitude. It was a very rewarding and heart warming experience for all.

As a result, the members of the Volunteers of America Done-In-A-Day Committee have decided to serve again. The next opportunity to serve will likely be in February, and we hope to serve during dinner.



DONE IN A MEETING RECIPIENTS

Please bring the listed wish list items to each General Membership Meeting.

JANUARY

Organization: Baker Donora Center

Mission: Place to gather to and work together to provide resources, education, and information for youths and seniors.

Wish List Item: After school snacks (crackers, popcorn, pretzels)

FEBRUARY

Organization: St. Vincent's

Mission: Provides services to individuals and families in need of emotional, physical, and spiritual support

Wish List Item: Shampoo/conditioner

MARCH

Organization: End Violent Encounters (EVE)

Mission: Provides shelter and support for victims (women & children) of domestic violence

Wish List Item: Plastic forks

APRIL

Organization: Haven House

Mission: Provides housing and support to families in the transition from homelessness to permanent housing

Wish List Item: Real utensils (new/used)

MAY

Organization: City Rescue Mission

Mission: Assists men, women, and children in meeting physical and spiritual needs

Wish List Item: Diapers/baby wipes

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY College of Human Medicine

On behalf of Dr. H. Dele Davies, Chair of the Department of Pediatrics and Human Development in the College of Human Medicine, and the Board of Directors and Staff of the MSU Children's Health Initiative, we want to extend our sincere appreciation for your donation of the JLL Community Impact Grant to the MSU Children's Health Initiative.

This donation will have a tremendous impact on the appearance of the MSU pediatric sub-specialty clinic located in the Sparrow Professional Building across from Sparrow Hospital. Thanks to you, Lansing area children will soon be treated in a warm and cheerful space where children can feel more at home.

Due to your donation, the MSU Children's Health Initiative will be able to further its goals in creating a more welcoming healthcare environment for children and their families. We greatly appreciate your generosity and would more than happy to have you visit the clinic in the near future and again at its completion, once we have utilized the grant.

We greatly appreciate your generosity and kindness.

With gratitude,
Janet Quiring, Executive Director
Pam Mklavcic, PH.D., Associate Director

OUR NEWEST SUSTAINERS!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
CONTINUED SUPPORT OF LEAGUE!

Stacy Carl
Daniella Cibelli
Hillary Henderson
Diana Mitchell
Becky Myers
Lori Noyer

THE OLDHAM PROJECT

Thank you for your very generous gift of \$500.00, which will help to support The Oldham Project and our new Kourageous Kids program.

Your support helps these children and their parents deal with diseases that are threatening their lives, through photography. These portraits offer children an opportunity to escape their disease for the moment and will provide their parents memories of a special time. For generations to come, these images will live on, thanks to your contribution. You are making it possible for The Oldham Project to help all these families find hope and begin to heal.

Again, on behalf of the Board of Directors, and the women, children and families already assisted by The Oldham Project, thank you for caring enough to make a generous gift.

Sincerely,

Terri Shaver, Executive Director
The Oldham Project

W3 DEB ATKINSON ENDOWMENT FUND

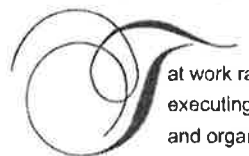


Women Working Wonders (W3) a committee with the Sparrow Hospital Foundation recently added an endowment fund to their fundraising abilities. As an instrumental person in this process, the endowment will be named after **Deb Atkinson**.

W3 has raised \$800,000 for the hospital in its existence since 2002. The funds raised go to women's health in our community. W3 has two signature events, the 5K/OK Run/Walk/Revitalize event and Dapper Dad's. The JLL provides many volunteers for W3. Congratulations Deb on sharing your time and talent with W3 and the **W3 Deb Atkinson Endowment Fund!**



JUNIOR LEAGUE FUND DEVELOPMENT



The Junior League of Lansing's fund development committee is hard at work raising funds to support our signature project, Carefree Dental, and executing other collaborative partnerships that include a diversity of people and organizations. Our mission is to promote volunteerism by training women and by charitable giving. It is impossible to achieve this mission without help from our community partners.

To date, we have connected with Becky Beauchine Kulka Diamonds and Fine Jewelry, M3/CAWLM, and NuWave Technology Partners and Rizzi Designs to provide support of our mission. We are in the process of garnering more partner support. If you are interested in receiving more information about the Junior League of Lansing and or a community partnership please contact **Melissa Seifert** at Melissa.a.seifert@gmail.com.

The Junior League of Lansing's Signature Fundraiser is the Sparkle raffle. The raffle tickets are sold for \$20 a piece by Junior League members. The winning prizes are \$2,500, \$1,000 and \$500 gift cards to Becky Beauchine Kulka Diamonds and Fine Jewelry which were generously donated to our organization. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket please contact Melissa Seifert at Melissa.a.seifert@gmail.com. The winning raffle tickets will be announced on "In Her Shoes" radio show on December 18th, winners will be notified via phone. All proceeds go back to the Junior League of Lansing to assist in our mission and signature project.

During this holiday season I am reminded of a quote I once heard "Donors don't give to institutions. They invest in ideas and people in whom they believe." - G.T. Smith. It is with this concept in mind that I hope you will look to invest in the Junior League of Lansing so we can build a stronger community. Happy Holidays!

CONDOLENCES

The Junior League of Lansing sends sincere condolences to the family and friends of Sustainer **June (Shorty) Stow** who passed away June 10, 2011 at the age of 92. Shorty was a member of the Lansing League since the early 50's. All who knew her will remember her capacity for love, kindness and generosity. She was a dedicated volunteer and was affiliated with many community organizations. She will be greatly missed by all.

Sincere condolences from the Junior League of Lansing to Sustainer **Janine Medler**, her mother Betty and their family and friends on the passing of Janine's father Lawrence A. Medler, Jr. on September 4, 2011 at the age of 86.

Ellen Allman passed away on Saturday, November 12th at 85 years old. Born in Detroit Michigan, Ellen grew up in Pleasant Ridge and moved to Fowlerville while she was in High School. She was a graduate of Fowlerville High School, received her bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin, and her master's degree from Michigan State University. Ellen taught in the Lansing School System for over 30 years. She is preceded in death by two husbands (Jordan Jenkins and Russell Allman) and is survived by her six children and seven grandchildren. Ellen loved the arts, MSU athletics, Paris, Sarasota Florida, and spending time with her family. She especially treasured her many wonderful friends who gave her joy and greatly enriched her life. Ellen's family wishes to sincerely thank all of her friends for your kindness, your love, your prayers, and for adding so much to their mother's life.



Mary Lou Walworth age 78, a member of JLL for the last 50 years, passed away on November 17, 2011. Born in Grand Rapids Michigan, Mary Lou attended Mt. Mercy Academy in Grand Rapids and Michigan State University. She was an accomplished artist and gardener, and was a longtime member of The Peoples Church of East Lansing. She is survived by her loving husband of 56 years, William M. Walworth, Jr., and her four daughters and their families. She is also survived by

her great-granddaughter, her two sisters and a brother.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE DINNERS



Thursday, January 19
Thursday, January 26
Thursday, February 9
Thursday, February 23
Thursday, March 8

Junior League Members warm hearts and tummies with this upcoming Done In A Day.

We are so very grateful to the Junior League of Lansing for responding to the Challenge! By joining the MSU Community Music School (CMS) and the Challenge Grant Leadership Team, the Junior League's grant of \$250 for financial assistance for students with need will have twice the impact and will help keep music programs strong in our community.

We deeply appreciate the Junior League's support over the past year. Your total grant of \$750 helps us ensure that cost is not a barrier to music education and music therapy. Thank you for joining us in bringing music to people from throughout the community.

Most sincerely,

Rhonda Burkley

OPERATION BACKPACK AN OVERWHELMING SUCCESS

Patty Black –
DIAD Committee



The DIAD St. Vincent backpack project took place in late August at the St. Vincent Home in Lansing. All of the backpacks and school supplies were previously collected in a community-wide effort; our job was to sort all the items into piles (crayons, pencils, notebooks etc.). This was a large undertaking since the people of Lansing are very generous! Then we grabbed an empty backpack and went down the tables selecting items to fill it. We had two "grade groups" with different requirements: elementary/middle school and high school. We filled many large boxes with the finished products. The kids served by St. Vincent's various programs were to come the next day and choose their backpack. According to **Thuy Pham** our total number completed was 626!! That's a lot of packing! A big thanks to DIAD participants **Beth Day, Christie Lemon, Diane Sloan, Nanette Naser, Jennifer Edmonds, Amber Terakedis, Jacqueline Szalanski, and Kristen Pricco**, as well as the several children who accompanied their mothers. What a great project, and we can be sure we helped several hundred deserving children in the Lansing area get the school year off to a good start.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Nanette Naser, Community Service Chair and Jennifer Edmonds, Vice Chair

TEDDY BEAR HOSPITAL AND PICNIC: OCTOBER 1

JLL members, **Gabe Johnson, Amanda Campbell, Nanette Naser**, and **Jennifer Edmonds** along with three other friends volunteered at the picnic designed to teach children not to be afraid of doctors by allowing procedures such as x-rays and stitches performed on their teddy bear by medical professional volunteers.

PICK A PECK FOR PEOPLE; COUNTRY MILL ORCHARD: OCTOBER 30

JLL members along with other community volunteers and families enjoyed picking as many apples as they could to feed families in need in the greater Lansing area through food banks.

ANGEL CARDS FOR ST. VINCENT CATHOLIC CHARITIES: NOVEMBER 10 & 14

JLL Volunteers were at Schuler's Books Café in Eastwood Towne Center to help fill out Angel Cards for St. Vincent Catholic Charities. These cards will be hung on Christmas trees in areas malls and businesses to help children in need in the Lansing area receive gifts during the holiday season.

ST. JUDE GIVE THANKS WALK; MERIDIAN MALL: NOVEMBER 19

JLL volunteers helped with set-up and registration at the Meridian Mall. This walk helps St. Jude fight childhood cancer.

HOLIDAY COOKIES; DECEMBER 13

The New Member Cookie Exchange donates an extra dozen cookies from each participant to food baskets donated to at-risk individuals and families in the Lansing area by the Volunteers of America.

Upcoming Community Service Projects

MITTENS FOR MICHIGAN: JANUARY

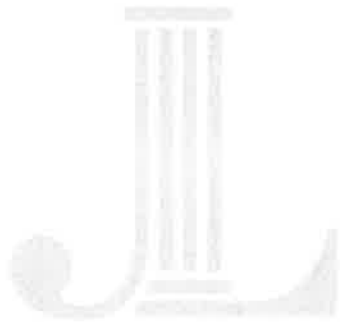
Watch for more information on this "warm" competition between other Junior Leagues to help families in need stay warm this winter.

Thank you for your support of community projects that greatly impact the Greater Lansing area.



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BOARD MEMBERS

PRESIDENT ELECT:

Ann Vogelsang

Ann's first active year was 2007-2008. She has served on Signature Project as Chair and Vice Chair. She has also been a Nominating Placement Advisor and served on the Board. She loves Junior League and enjoys being involved. She is looking forward to serving as the President Elect. Ann is a stay at home mom. She and her husband Tim live in Haslett with their two daughters.



EDUCATION VICE PRESIDENT:

Kate Marchyok

Kate has been in JLL since 2006, and her placements include Signature Fundraiser, New Member Recruitment (Advisor and Chair), and Training Chair. Kate is an Associate Attorney with Kordenbrock & Associates, P.C., a downtown Lansing law firm. Kate is a native of Michigan but has also lived in Connecticut, New York City, and Boston. She currently lives in Lansing, and in her free time likes spending time with friends and family, traveling, and attending arts and cultural events.



SECRETARY:

Nannette Naser

In 2008, I left my job to care for my children. I missed the variety of volunteer opportunities my former employer provided, so when I was asked to attend a member recruitment gathering I was immediately drawn-in and joined without hesitation. Since joining League, I have served on the Signature Project committee, as vice-chair of Community Service, and this year chair of Community Service. I also enjoy participating in the DIAD's whenever possible, and spending many hours volunteering at my children's school. I am looking forward to serving on the Board as Secretary next year along with a talented group of women ready to make a difference in our community.



FUND DEVELOPMENT VICE PRESIDENT:

Amy Lothamer

This is Amy's fourth active year in League. She has served on the signature fundraiser committee, tracking chair and DIAD/DIAM. She will bring a lot of enthusiasm and a marketing and sales background to the position and is looking forward to promoting the new project. She is married and lives in Okemos. She has two children and she and her husband own Lothamer Tax Resolution Service.



COMMUNICATIONS VICE PRESIDENT:

Torye Santucci

Torye is in her fourth active year with League. She is married and has two children: Jonathon (3) and Natalie (9 months). Her favorite placement so far has been New Member Advisor. Torye is excited to serve on the Board and looks forward to a great 2012-2013.



MEMBERSHIP VICE PRESIDENT:

Susan Lupo

Susan has been an active member of League for six years. She lives in East Lansing with her husband, Tony, and her bulldog, Winston. Susan works in health care practice management as the Accounts Receivable Manager for Lansing Ophthalmology and the Michigan Surgical Center. Susan has served the majority of her League years in the Membership Council as a New Member Advisor as well as four years on the Nominating/Placement Committee as an advisor and both Placement and Nominating Chair. She will bring many years of experience with the JLL membership to the Board next year. She enjoys traveling, spending time with family and friends and volunteering for both League and as an International Officer for her sorority.



COMMUNITY VICE PRESIDENT:

Leslie Donaldson

Leslie's first active year was 2007-2008. She is married and lives in Lansing with her husband Will Jurkiewicz. She is the Executive Director of the Arts Council of Greater Lansing and is also a working artist in her spare time. She is much honored to be chosen for this leadership position. She is looking forward to serving on the board and working with all the other wonderful women on the board.



TREASURER ELECT:

Katie Lynwood

Katie is an East Lansing native. She earned her Bachelors of Arts and law degree at Michigan State and is an attorney at the Lansing law firm, Bernick, Radner & Ouellette, PC. She practices estate planning, probate, and divorce. Katie is a die-hard Spartan Fan. She likes to golf, travel, eat sushi, drink wine, and spend time with family and friends. Katie lives in Bath with her boyfriend Rex. This is Katie's third active year in League and was on Member Relations her first two years. She went sky diving over the Great Barrier Reef in Australia, and base jumping off the tallest building in Southern Hemisphere (in New Zealand).

NOMINATING PLACEMENT ADVISORS

Jaimie Hutchinson

Jaimie is in her fifth active year. She and her husband Wayne have one daughter, Haiden who is five. She is a career consultant at the James Madison College at MSU. She would be a good Nominating/Placement advisor because she has a good understanding of League positions having served as a Vice Chair, Chair and on the Board. She understands that the Nominating/Placement Advisor is a critical role in League and wants to help make leadership positions in order to continue building an excellent Junior League.



Michelle Lange

Michelle has previously been Secretary, Member Relations Chair and also served on the committee. She currently works for Oakland University as the State Relations Director. One of the things that Michelle appreciates most about League is getting to know other members and making sure everyone is enjoying their JLL experience. The Nominating/Placement Committee is the one committee that directly impacts each of us in League, and she believes with her experience and interest in working with members to help them achieve their JLL goals, that she would be a good fit as a Nominating/Placement Advisor.



Lydia Millbrook

Lydia has been an active member since 2008 and is currently Chair of Publications. Her previous placements include the Signature Fundraiser Committee, New Member Recruitment Advisor (twice), and Vice Chair of Publications. She lives in Lansing with her husband Roger, and three kids, Cara, Max and Henry. Becoming an advisor interests Lydia because she loves getting to know other League members and through this she feels she can help them get what they need out of League. Lydia enjoys being active with her children's activities, reading, listening to music, travel, photography, and spends the rest of her spare time with her new business as an advisor with Iia sophia.



Julie Morgan

Julie and her husband Mike live in Lansing with their dog, Maggie. She works for Coca-Cola as a Market Development Manager. Julie joined Junior League in 2006. She wants to be a Nominating Placement Advisor in order to get to know members and share her leadership experience. She has served on the Board and wants to help League grow. She enjoys volleyball and baking.



Kristen Pricco

Kristen joined Junior League of Lansing in September of 2007. She is a native Detroitter who moved to the Lansing area after marrying her husband, Steve in June of 2005. She felt that joining Junior League of Lansing would give her the opportunity to meet women like herself in the Lansing area and it would also be a great way to get to know the community. Kristen has served on Done In A Day Committee, Signature Project (2 years), and the Community Service Committee and is really looking forward to the opportunity to serve as a Nominating Placement Advisor. She will have the chance to experience and learn about a whole new facet of League. Kristen hopes to bring to this position her enjoyment of working with others and an enthusiasm for learning a new placement within League.



Traci Riehl

Traci joined League in 2006 and is currently the Communications Vice President. She has also served as the PR and Marketing Chair. She lives in Lansing with her husband Chad and her two children, Anna and Garrett. Traci is the President of Collaborative Resource Group, soon to be renamed, Riehl Solutions. She is very active with her children's school. She enjoys playing tennis and spends her summer sailing with her family. Traci is very excited about this opportunity to serve the members of League.



Diane Sloan

Diane and her husband Matt live in East Lansing and have three children. She works in retail merchandising as a vendor rep for athletic apparel. She joined Junior League in 2007 and has served on several different committees. She has also been the Vice Chair of DIAM and Chair of DIAD. She is a 'people person' and enjoys building relationships. She is a caring individual and enjoys guiding and training people. She will bring her experience from her multiple positions in League to this position as well as a great sense of humor.



Kirsten Soltis

Kirsten joined Junior League in 2006. She and her husband John live in Haslett and have two children: Thomas who is almost five and Anna who is two. She is a financial advisor for Hantz Financial. She enjoys working with and getting to know membership. She will bring her past experience and leadership from the Board to this position.



NEW MEMBER ADVISORS

Alyson Kechkaylo

Alyson joined Junior League in the fall of 2010 to meet other women in the area and get more involved in the Lansing community. During her new member year, she co-chaired the day-of event committee for Kids in the Kitchen and is currently serving on the Arrangements Committee. Alyson works for the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning as a communications representative. She and her husband Nick live in Haslett and enjoy baking, running, reading and travelling. She hopes to serve as a good source of information and support to the new members, helping them through their first year while learning more about Junior League in the process.

Tameko Richards

Tameko is in her second active year. She has recently served on Signature Project. She and her husband own Juice Nation and have an eleven year old daughter. She is looking forward to being an advisor to meet new prospective members. She is looking forward to helping them get involved and give back to the community.

Meghan Sifuentes

Meghan joined League in 2009. She lives in East Lansing and is a graduate of Western Michigan University. She works for the State of Michigan, Department of Community Health as a Policy Analyst. She currently serves as a New Member Advisor and is looking forward to working with the New Member Recruitment Committee again next year.



Sarah Triplett

Sarah Triplett has been a member of the Junior League of Lansing since 2010. She currently serves as a member of the Community Service Committee and as a New Member served as a co-chair for Kids in the Kitchen. Sarah joined the JLL to meet like-minded women who want to volunteer and give back to community, and the JLL has exceeded her expectations. She is excited to serve as a New Member Advisor and hopes to bring her enthusiasm for the JLL, training experience and interest in expanding her knowledge about the League to the role. Sarah is originally from Holland, MI and now lives in East Lansing with her husband, Nathan and their small dog, Lexi. She currently works as the Special Events Manager for the Early Childhood Investment Corporation, leading large-scale events and providing training statewide. She graduated from Hope College in 2004 with a B.A. in Communications and Political Science. In her free time Sarah enjoys, attending the theater and Michigan State sporting events, traveling, crafting and biking.



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ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR THE JANUARY 10, 2012 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

If you are unable to attend the January GMM, please use the Absentee Ballots
Refer to Redbook Bylaws, Article VII, Page 13, Section 4.

1. Mark your Ballot.
2. Place Ballot in envelope
3. Seal the envelope
4. Write your name and the word "Ballot" on the envelope
5. Put sealed envelope into larger envelope
6. Mail ballot

Ballots MUST be received BEFORE the start of the January 10th GMM.
 Mail ballots to: Susan Lupo, 2615 Whistler Drive, East Lansing, MI 48823

<p style="text-align: center;">ABSENTEE BALLOT ONE (1)</p> <p>A check mark next to the name indicates a YES vote. You may vote for up to 8 candidates. For each candidate to be ratified, a majority vote of the total votes cast is required.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2012-2013 BOARD (single slate)</p> <p>_____ Ann Vogelsang, President Elect _____ Nancette Naser, Secretary _____ Toryc Santucci, Communications Vice President _____ Leslie Donaldson, Community Vice President _____ Kate Marchyok, Education Vice President _____ Amy Lothamer, Fund Development Vice President _____ Susan Lupo, Membership Vice President _____ Katie Lynwood, Treasurer Elect</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ABSENTEE BALLOTT ONE (1)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2012-2013 BOARD</p> <hr style="width: 80%; margin: 10px auto;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">Signature</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">ABSENTEE BALLOT TWO (2)</p> <p>A check mark next to the name indicates a YES vote. You may vote for no more than 4 candidates. The 4 candidates receiving the most votes will be elected.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nominating/Placement Advisors 2012-2013 (double slate)</p> <p>_____ Jamie Hutchison _____ Kristen Pricco _____ Michelle Lange _____ Traci Riehl _____ Lydia Millbrook _____ Diane Sloan _____ Julie Morgan _____ Kirstin Soltis</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ABSENTEE BALLOT TWO (2)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2012-2013 Nominating/Placement Advisors</p> <hr style="width: 80%; margin: 10px auto;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">Signature</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">ABSENTEE BALLOT THREE (3)</p> <p>A check mark next to the name indicates a YES vote. You may vote for up to 4 candidates. For each candidate to be ratified, a majority vote of the total votes cast is required.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">New Member Recruitment Advisors 2012-2013 (single slate)</p> <p>_____ Alyson Kechkaylo _____ Meghan Sifuentes _____ Tamcko Richard _____ Sarah Triplett</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ABSENTEE BALLOT THREE (3)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2012-2013 New Member Recruitment Advisors</p> <hr style="width: 80%; margin: 10px auto;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">Signature</p>