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Lunch with League a Huge Success

Kelly Nicole Miller, Fund Development VP, and Dana Zecchino, Lunch with League Chair

The Junior League of Lansing presented its largest fundraising event on November 14, 2013: Lunch with League which was generously sponsored by Foster Swift. The event was a huge success. Attendance was up from last year by 100 attendees and we raised record breaking funds of more than \$20,000! This year, the JLL moved the event to the beautiful University Club of MSU and has made a commitment to hold the event there for the next three years. Through this, we are dedicated to growing this event and improving each year to make Lunch with League bigger and better!

The 2013 Lunch with League servers were: **Thuy Bui** (Northwestern Mutual), **Stella Cash** (Sparrow

Foundation), Mark Criss (Lansing City Rescue Mission), Kathie Dunbar (City Council), **Lauren Evans** (WILX Channel 10), Nathaniel Eyde (The Eyde Company), Terrance Friday (FOX 47), Sean Gallagher (Clark Hill), Karen Granneman (University Club of MSU), Justin Grinnell (State of Fitness), Lisa Hildorf (Sparrow Women Working Wonders), Kellie Johnson (Kellie's Consignment), Pete Kramer (Kramer Management), Tony Lupo (Neogen Corporation), Marc Merritt (Merrill Lynch), Rachel Michaud (Gillespie Group), **Sue Mills** (Junior League Sustainer), Evan Pinsonnault (WLNS Channel 6), Joe E. Pray (Pray Funeral Home), Matt Rush (Hayes Green Beach Memorial Hospital),



Server Karen Granneman
sold the most tickets



Patricia Scott (Foster Swift Collins & Smith), Jason Vanderstelt (Adams Outdoor Advertising), Greg Walthorn (Plante Moran), and Richard Zecchino (Hongman Miller Schwartz & Cohn).

It was a fun event filled with high energy and enthusiasm! It was a record breaking year, but next year, we will make it bigger, better, and raise even more money!

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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

Ann Vogelsang, President

MISSION DRIVEN... MEMBER FOCUSED

It's hard to believe that more than half a year has gone by since our May Celebration. At that time I talked to you about what I saw as the "lessons" of my training time as President Elect. I told you that first, I think the flexibility of placements and time commitments is one of the greatest strengths of our organization. In order to flourish, League needs women who are able to fulfill the responsibilities they sign up for, big or small. To be a good member you need to pay your dues, do one DIAD, sell five raffle tickets, and take one placement which fits your schedule for that year. Some years that may be a busy placement, but other years that may be an easier placement. What matters is that each member fulfills the placement she signed up to do. Second, each of us brings a different set of skills and talents to League. Our personalities and communication styles vary. Good organizations use the various styles and strengths of their members to advance

the goals of their organization. Putting members where their talents are best used probably makes them happier and definitely makes for a better outcome for the group.

The funny thing is, these two big lessons are about the members of League, and I really have not mentioned the Mission of League. And that leads me to my third lesson. Obviously, our Mission is important. I think in some sense it is what brought us all in the door. Not because you had memorized our Mission Statement before going to your first new member wine and cheese reception, but more likely because you wanted to make more friends, and you wanted to do that in a setting where you could help improve the community, work as a volunteer, or develop some new skills. To move forward as an organization, the Junior League of Lansing needs to be driven by our Mission. And that is great, but

I think we miss the mark if all of our focus is on the Mission.

We must remember to focus on our members. The most beautiful car in the world isn't getting out of the garage if no one is behind the wheel. To use that analogy, we have that beautiful car: it is our Mission - the Mission to develop the potential of women, improve our community, and promote voluntarism. We can spend a lot of time polishing

that car and admiring it sitting in our driveway, but the fun is getting out on the road. If we want to do that, we need to ask about who is sitting in that car. We need good drivers, and if we want to have a great road trip, we need passengers who are glad they came along for the ride.

So we are half way on our road trip this year. And I hope you are having as much fun as I am. Really, we don't just have

one car speeding along, but more of a caravan of cars out on the road, and we have some terrific drivers leading their councils and committees. It has been a pleasure driving along so far, and I cannot wait to see where the road takes us through the upcoming months. Please hop in – look out the windows at the great things going on, take part in a short excursion, suggest better ways to get to our destination, and enjoy the trip!

MEMBER RELATIONS HOST FUN FALL EVENTS *Kaleigh Jaeger-Hale, Membership Relations Co-Chair*

The Member Relations Committee kicked off the year with the annual JLL Tailgate party at the MSU vs. Indiana homecoming game. The tailgate once again had a spectacular serenade by the MSU marching band, thanks to **Kim Drew** who organized it. In November, following the New Member Recruitment event at Petal & Forrest, the committee hosted a fall arrangements

decorating class. Special thanks go to **Dawn Hall**, who donated her time and talent to teach League Members how to create beautiful arrangements. The committee would like to recognize the Kudos award winners from this fall: September- **Lisa Gnass** and **Jessica Garcia**; October- **Cameron Braybrook** and **Julie Krueger**; November- **Alexis Chadderdon** and **Katie Gallagher**.

For further information on upcoming Member Relations events please contact the committee co-chairs **Mallory Horrocks** (malloryhorrocks@gmail.com) or **Kaleigh Jaeger-Hale** (kaleigh.jaeger@gmail.com).

SHE WORKS HARD FOR THE MONEY

YOUR UPDATE FROM THE FINANCE COUNCIL

Katie Lynwood, Treasurer

JLL continues to have tremendous financial success with the hard work of our Finance Council collecting and managing our finances, Fund Development Council fundraising and exceeding goals and expectations, and the JLL Active and Sustaining Members paying dues and contributing to the Endowment. We could not do it without your support and tireless efforts!

As a reminder, membership dues for both Actives and Sustainers are due no later than February 28th. You will receive a letter in the mail shortly with the details. Please consider making a contribution to the Endowment by rounding up your dues. Last year we collected more than \$3,300 just by members adding a few extra dollars. Thank you for your generous support!

ANNUAL RAFFLE RESULTS

Heather Frick, Annual Raffle Chair

We would like to congratulate our raffle winners as well as thank all the participants in the 2013 JLL Raffle. JLL held its annual fundraiser raffle this fall with the winners drawn at the annual Holiday Party.

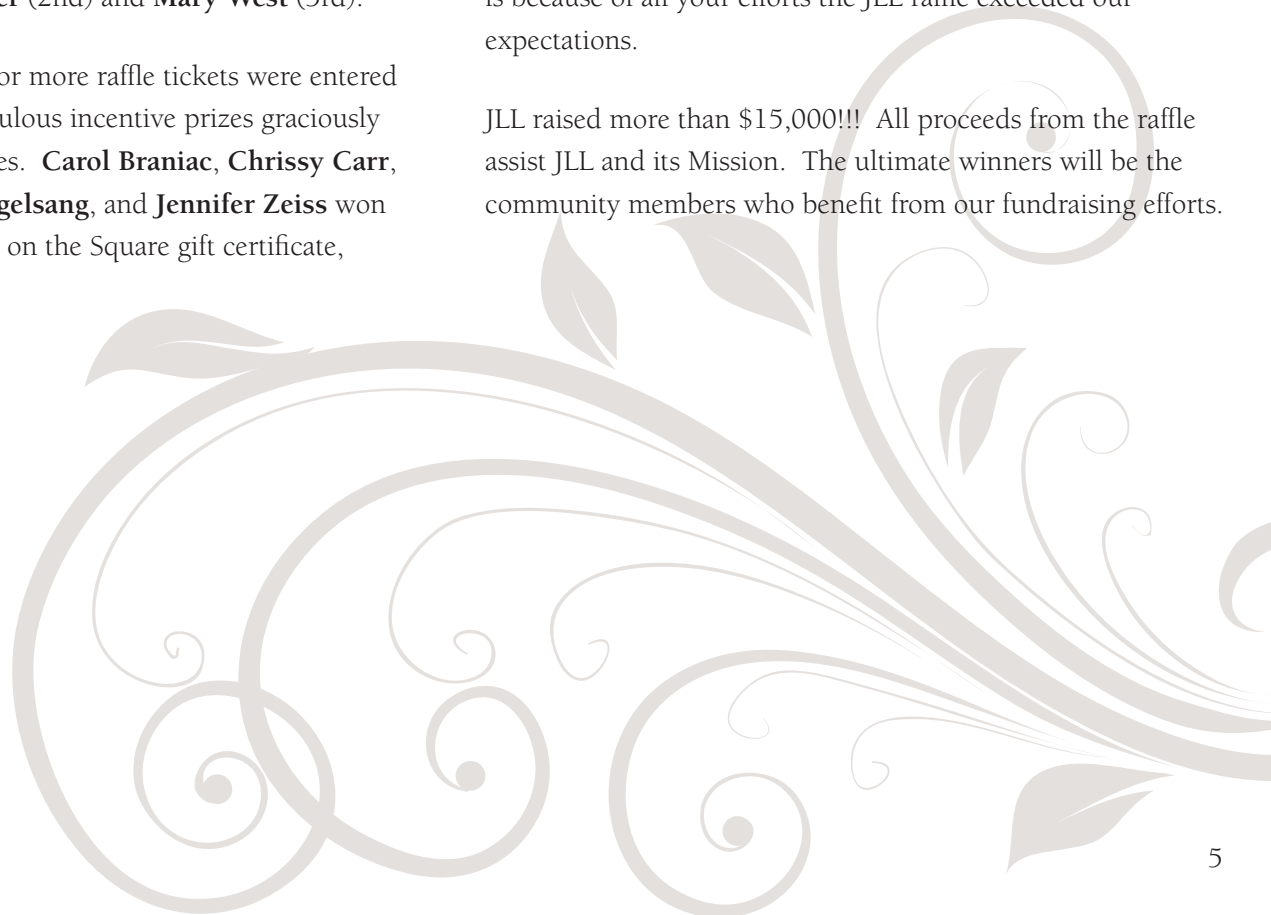
With the help of the annual fund committee members, the raffle drawing was conducted at Sustainer **Debby Harrison's** home on December 10th, picking three winners for gift certificates from raffle sponsor **Becky Beauchine Kulka** Diamonds & Fine Jewelry in the amounts of \$2,500 (first), \$1,000 (second) and \$500 (third). The top prize winner of the 2013 JLL Raffle was **Heidi Leadley**. Other winners included **Stephanie Miller** (2nd) and **Mary West** (3rd).

Individuals who sold six or more raffle tickets were entered into a drawing to win fabulous incentive prizes graciously donated by area businesses. **Carol Braniac, Chrissy Carr, Katie Lynwood, Ann Vogelsang, and Jennifer Zeiss** won incentive prizes: a Tavern on the Square gift certificate,

donated by Tavern on the Square, Copper Gift Certificate, donated by Copper Restaurant, Swag Bag, donated by Red Haven, Douglas J. Spa Gift Certificate, donated by Douglas J. Salon and Spa and Book of Mormon tickets, donated by Jason Watson. The Board and Chardonnay sustainer social group sold the most combined raffle tickets and won a wine and cheese party. The DIAD/DIAM committee and Champps sustainer social group earned honorable mention!

We would like to extend a thank you to our generous raffle sponsor, **Becky Beauchine Kulka**, our incentive prize donors, and actives and sustainers for all of their sales efforts. It is because of all your efforts the JLL raffle exceeded our expectations.

JLL raised more than \$15,000!!! All proceeds from the raffle assist JLL and its Mission. The ultimate winners will be the community members who benefit from our fundraising efforts.



Mark your calendar

JLL Endowment/MSU School of Hospitality Auction

Saturday, February 8th

Kellogg Center, Michigan State University

Private reception for JLL members and guests: 4:00-5:15

Silent Auction begins at 5:00pm; Live Auction at 6:00pm

******A portion of the proceeds from the evening benefit our JLL Endowment Fund

JLL Reception: cocktails and strolling appetizers; first come, first serve
– Please send your RSVP to Ginny Brooks at californiakids2@gmail.com

The Communications Council hopes you are enjoying this issue of FOCUS as well as the postcards you have been and will be receiving throughout the year, which highlight many of our various council's hard work and accomplishments for JLL.

DONE-IN-A-DAY (DIAD) COMMITTEE FALL PROJECT REPORT

Kristen Pricco, DIAD-DIAM Chair

The 2013-2014 Junior League year kicked off with our September GMM, however, the Done-in-a-Day Committee has been participating in community projects since late July!

ELE'S RACE 5K RUN/WALK

Jaimie Walsh, DIAD Committee Member

The Junior League Done-In-A-Day Committee assisted with Ele's Race 5K Run/Walk, which took place on Sunday, July 28, 2013 at the Jackson National Life Headquarters in Okemos. They helped on the race course by cheering and encouraging over 1,100 walkers and runners. The event helped to raise funds and to provide awareness for Ele's Place. Ele's Place is a non-profit community-based organization dedicated to the support of grieving children and their families.

Kristen M. Pricco, DIAD-DIAM, Chair would like to thank League member **Jaimie Walsh** for her time chairing this DIAD project and also to those Junior League members who participated in this event: **Jessica Garcia, Caitlin Polus, Katie Swords, Isidra Chavez, Lydia Millbrook, Kristin Hicks, and Katie Gallagher.**

ST. VINCENT OPERATION BACKPACK

Patty Black, DIAD Committee Member

The Done-In-A-Day St. Vincent backpack project took place on Monday, August 26, 2013 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 school supplies and then stuff the

backpacks with these school supplies. The kids served by St. Vincent's various programs were to come later that week and choose their backpack. A quick count revealed that we had completed over 500 backpacks! A huge thank-you goes out to the wonderful Junior League members who were able to help with this: **Shelly Bugg, Tara Bachner, Lindsay Dangel, Jennifer Edmonds, Lindsey Ohle, and Kristen Pricco (and daughter McKenzie!)**. Thanks is also extended from **Kristen Pricco**, DIAD-DIAM, Chair to League member, **Patty Black** for her time and effort in chairing this DIAD event.

SPARROW (W3) WOMEN WORKING WONDERS 5K/0K RUN/WALK

Amy Brown, DIAD Committee Member

On Sunday, September 8, 2013 League volunteers joined Women Working Wonders (W3), the Michigan State University women's basketball team, and returning 5K/0K Honorary Chair Suzy Merchant for the 10th annual W3 5K/0K event. Following a walk or run through Lansing neighborhoods, participants returned to the Sparrow Campus for a morning of revitalization, rejuvenation, and the run/walk awards ceremony. The event raised money for the Sparrow Foundation's W3 (Women Working Wonders) committee, funding women's health initiatives. A special thank you goes out to Junior League member **Emily Klavenski** from **Kristen Pricco**, DIAD-DIAM, Chair for organizing this DIAD project and her committee of League members who contributed to the success of this event: **Andrea Barnes, Amy Brown, Diontrae Hayes, Becky Paalman, Wesley Reece, and Jaimie Walsh.**

HAVEN HOUSE DINNER & YOUTH ACTIVITY PROJECT

Lindsay Dangl, DIAD Committee Member

The Junior League of Lansing ladies volunteered at Haven House on Saturday, October 19, 2013. **Kristen Pricco**, DIAD-DIAM, Chair wishes to thank League member, **Lindsay Dangl** who worked very hard coordinating this Done-In-A-Day project and supporting League member chef and craft extraordinaires: **Cam Braybrook, Lauren Evans, Dawn Hall, Anita Lindsay, Katie Lynwood, Janine Medler** (fantastic Sustaining member who joined in on the fun!), **Kristen Pricco** (and future Junior Leaguer, daughter McKenzie!), **Sarah Triplett**, and **Mona Walter**.

Haven House provides emergency housing and support services for one-parent and two-parent families with children. The shelter helps families who are homeless prepare for permanent housing by developing and promoting self-sufficiency, stability, and financial responsibility. During the four hours we were at Haven House, volunteers sorted food donations, cooked dinner for the Haven House residents, and assisted the children in a craft of decorating trick-or-treat bags.

CARING ABOUT KIDS – INGHAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (ICDHS)

Kristen M. Pricco, DIAD-DIAM, Chair

Junior League of Lansing has partnered with the Ingham County Department of Human Services (ICDHS) and the Caring About Kids organization for several years to purchase and wrap hundreds of Christmas gifts for Ingham County foster children.



Ele's Place 5K DIAD - League members in this photo include: Jessica Garcia, Caitlin Polus, Katie Swords, Isidra Chavez, Katie Gallagher, Lydia Millbrook, Kristin Hicks



Sparrow W3 0K/5K DIAD - League members in this photo include: Emily Klavenski, Amy Brown, and Diontrae Hayes



Caring About Kids DIAD - League members in this photo include: Janine Medler (Sustainer), Paula Wilcox, Kristen Pricco, Jennifer Edmonds, Emily Caswell, Katie Hebden, and Patty Black



Haven House DIAD - League members in this photo include: Dawn Hall, Anita Lindsay, and Katie Lynwood

A total of 70 Junior League members participated in this year's Caring About Kids DIAD Project.

Kristen M. Pricco, Done-In-A-Day (DIAD) and Done-In-A-Meeting (DIAM) Chair extends a heartfelt THANK YOU to the following League "ANGELS" who spent countless hours generously giving their time to chair and/or work on this project:

Patty Black: Caring About Kids DIAD Co Chair; **Emily Caswell**: Caring About Kids DIAD Co Chair; **Chrissy Carr**: Done-in-a-Meeting (DIAM), Vice Chair; **Alexis Chadderdon**: Membership, Vice President; **Jennifer Charette**: Placement Chair; **Jennifer Edmonds**: Fearless Community Vice President; **Kristin Hicks**: Caring About Kids DIAD Co Chair; **Michelle Lange**: Nominating Chair; **Katie Lynwood**: Treasurer; **Janine Medler**: Fabulous Sustaining member; and **Paula Wilcox**: Caring About Kids DIAD Co Chair.

An additional and extra special thank you to **Paula Wilcox's** mother-in-law for picking up the extra large, oversized Bed, Bath, and Beyond gifts bags to place the Caring About Kids gifts in and to Bed, Bath, and Beyond for generously providing the bags free of charge!

Thank you as well to **Katie Hebden**, League Member for helping unload, sort, and distribute the Caring About Kids gifts to ICDHS social worker offices!

Finally, a gracious THANK YOU to all the League Members who participated in the shopping for and wrapping of gifts for the foster children of Ingham County. This DIAD would not have been possible without all your leg work.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS STATE POLY HOCKEY FINALS

Sarah McGuire, DIAD Committee Member

On Saturday, November 23, 2013, five members of the JLL volunteered at the Special Olympics State Poly Hockey Finals held at Lansing Eastern High School. The volunteers worked in the TRAIN (Testing Recreational Activities and Improving Nutrition) program, where they walked athletes from all across the state through different stations designed to evaluate athletes' abilities, and educate them on healthy eating. The JLL members recorded scores and timed the athletes at certain stations.

Thank you to League members **Leah Arendt, Annalisa Grunwald, Mallory Horrocks, Jennifer Nelson, and Emily Stevens** for their time on Saturday, November 23, 2013 working at this rewarding event!

A thank you is extended to **Sarah McGuire** from **Kristen Pricco**, DIAD-DIAM Chair for diligently chairing this DIAD Project!

Kristen M. Pricco and the Done-In-A-Day/Done-In-A-Meeting Committee wish everyone a blessed and happy holiday season and all the best in the New Year!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the January 2014 GMM!

2014-15 BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ADVISORS

BOARD - SINGLE SLATE



Michelle Lange, President Elect

It has been five years since Michelle followed in her mom's footsteps and became an active member of the Junior League. She has served as both the Chair and a committee member on Member Relations, Secretary on the Board, N/P Advisor, Parliamentarian / Bylaws Chair, and is currently the Nominating Chair. Michelle is a die-hard Spartan who moved to East Lansing 18 years ago to go to MSU and never left picking up a couple of degrees, a bunch of friends, and a cute little house along the way. Professionally, Michelle is the State Relations Director for Oakland University.



Cameron Braybrook, Education VP

Cameron is in her second active year with the Junior League of Lansing. In her first year she enjoyed the volunteer opportunities as a member of the Community Service Committee. This year she was thrilled for her role as Chair of Arrangements, since event planning is one of her secret passions. Cameron is blessed to live in East Lansing with her husband, Casey, and their 3 year old son, Grant. She travels the Midwest representing salon and spa manufacturers. Cameron loves every second she spends with family and friends, reading, MSU and road trips.



Kelly Miller, Community VP

Kelly joined the Junior League of Chicago in 2007 and transferred to Lansing in November of 2011. She served on the Meeting Planning (Arrangements), Prospective Member and Cookbook Committees during her time in Chicago and has served as Fund Development Chair and Fund Development VP here in Lansing. Kelly worked in fundraising for a major charity in Chicago, now she stays home with her four year old daughter, Madeline. When not playing a tough game of Candy Land or raising money for League, you can find her at yoga, ballet, or in the kitchen baking something yummy.



Jackie Lillis-Warwick, Membership VP

Jackie Lillis-Warwick is in her third active year in JLL. She has previously served on the Member Relations Committee as a member and as Chair and is currently serving on the Nominating/Placement Committee. Jackie is a reformed archaeologist currently working at MSU in a dual appointment of Collections Manager at the MSU Museum and Undergraduate Advisor for the Department of Anthropology. She lives with her husband Matthew (also an archaeologist) in Lansing with their cat Gabby and dog Oscar. She enjoys reading, bad reality TV, and spending time with family and friends.



Heather Frick, Fund Development VP

Heather joined Junior League in 2010. She served as a Fund Development Committee member and the Annual Fund Committee Chair. She lives in East Lansing with her husband Jason and daughter Isabelle. Heather is an attorney and works as the Internal Property Tax Specialist for the Michigan Department of Treasury. She also sits on the Bay Harbor Foundation Board. Heather loves golfing, running, entertaining and Northern Michigan summers.



Anita Lindsay, Communications VP

Anita joined the Junior League of Lansing in 2011. She has served on the Communications Committee and has played in active role in providing support to the League's website. Anita is currently the Marketing Chair/Webmaster. She lives in Lansing and works for the Michigan Infrastructure & Transportation Association. She enjoys skiing, shopping and spending time with her friends and family.



Colleen Kushmaul, Secretary

Colleen joined Junior League in 2010, since then she has served on the Community Service Committee, as a committee member, Vice Chair, and Chair. An employee of the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Colleen coordinates health care services for MDA's patient population. Colleen lives in Lansing's Westside Neighborhood, with her husband Bob, son Connor, and puppy Stella. In her spare time Colleen enjoys running, sailing, and spending time with friends and family.

Gloria Zunker, Treasurer Elect

Gloria lives in Dewitt, Michigan with her family. Prior to living in Dewitt, Gloria lived in Marshall and Rochester Hills, MI. She works for the State of Michigan in the Department of Community Health as a Healthcare Preparedness Unit Manager. Gloria has a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Oakland University and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Medical Dietetics from Wayne State University. Her hobbies include walking/jogging and taking care of her family.

NOMINATING/PLACEMENT ADVISORS - DOUBLE SLATE



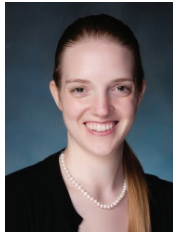
Emily Caswell

Emily Caswell has been a Junior League member for three years, serving first on the Signature Project Committee and later on the DIAD/ DIAM Committee, working closely with the Caring about Kids project in 2013. She is the Publications Director at M3 Group, a Lansing-based full-service branding agency where she serves as editor of Capital Area Women's LifeStyle Magazine and The Greater Lansing Business Monthly. Along with Junior League, Emily is active in Junior Achievement and works to coordinate events at M3 Group that benefit a variety of charities including C.A.R.E., Eve Inc., REACH Studio Art Center and more. She lives in Lansing with her husband Matt and their rescue puppy Yeti. In her spare time she enjoys traveling, shopping and sipping cool beverages poolside.



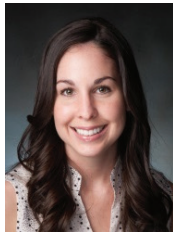
Mallory Horrocks

Mallory joined the Junior League of Lansing in 2011. In her first active year Mallory served on the Member Relations Committee. Now in her second active year she is a Co-Chair of the Member Relations Committee. Mallory lives in Grand Ledge with her husband Adam. She is a stay at home mom to their baby boy, who is arriving late this November. In her spare time Mallory enjoys spending time with family, cooking and playing with their cockapoo puppy, Joey.



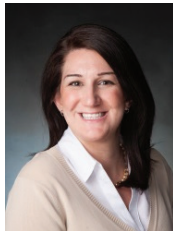
Karissa Chabot-Purchase

Karissa began her service with the JLL by Co-Chairing her New Member class Kids in the Kitchen (KITK) endeavor (one of the JLL's largest KITK projects to date!). After spending her first active year on the Member Relations Committee she was excited to step up as this year's Chair of the New Member Recruitment Committee—a role that continues to be both engaging and enjoyable. Karissa is energized by the prospect of serving as a N/P Advisor; she looks forward to learning even more about what fuels the JLL and to serving as a supportive resource to her peers. Karissa juggles her role as State Representative Andy Schor's (D-Lansing) Legislative Director with her other important titles: 'Mommy' to six-month-old Lincoln and wife to her husband of four years, Stephen. During her scant spare time Karissa enjoys perusing Pinterest, getting caught up on her favorite shows, and organizing anything she can get her hands on.



Kaleigh Jaeger-Hale

Shortly after moving to Okemos in 2011, Kaleigh joined the Junior League of Lansing. She has served on the Member Relations Committee and is currently the Co-Chair of this committee. She is a development coordinator at Hayes Green Beach Memorial Hospital in Charlotte. Kaleigh enjoys playing on summer softball and volleyball leagues with some fabulous JLL ladies, traveling with her husband, Aaron, and spoiling her pup, Syd.



Alyson Kechkaylo

Alyson Kechkaylo joined League in 2011 and served as Co-Chair of the Day of Event Committee for Kids in the Kitchen. She is currently serving on the Member Relations Committee and has previously held positions on the Arrangements Committee and as a New Member Advisor. She works as a program and grant coordinator for the State of Michigan and in her spare time enjoys reading, wine, travel and running. She lives in Haslett with her husband Nick and brand new son Alex.



Melissa Seifert

Melissa joined JL of Lansing in 2009 and has loved every second! During her first active year she served on the community service committee, following that she chaired Fund Development and then sat on the Board as VP Fund Development. Mel also served in Member Relations and most recently as a Nominating Placement Advisor. She is the Associate State Director for Government Affairs for AARP and lives in DeWitt with her husband Paul, 18 month old son Jackson and dog Berry. Mel likes to socialize so meet her after the GMM for a glass of wine!



Bridget Seitz

Bridget joined Junior League in 2007 and has served on Arrangements, as Grant Chair (2 years), as Treasurer Elect and as Treasurer. She is currently Endowment Treasurer. Bridget is a research scientist and works for MSU. She lives in East Lansing with her husband, Ted and their three children. She enjoys having fun with her family and friends.



Amber Terakedis

Amber is in her fourth active year in Junior League. She has been on the Member Relations Committee, Fund Development Committee and is currently a Nominating/Placement Advisor. She lives in Dewitt with her husband Dave, 3 year old son Drew and 9 month old daughter Bryn. Amber works as a Senior Financial Advisor at Plante Moran in their Wealth Management Group. She enjoys the outdoors, traveling and spending time with family and friends.

NEW MEMBER ADVISORS - SINGLE SLATE



Diontrae Hayes

Diontrae is in her first active year here in the Junior League of Lansing. She was an active participant in the Kids in the Kitchen project last year and is looking forward to working on Member Recruitment next year. Diontrae currently sits on the Member Relations Committee.



Katie Hebden

Katie is in her first active year of League. This year she served on the Lunch with League committee. She works for Northwestern Mutual as their Director of Selection and lives in Haslett, Michigan. She enjoys tennis, working out, sporting events, volunteering and spending time with friends and family.



Julie Krueger

Julie joined the Junior League of Birmingham in 2004 and transferred to Lansing in 2011. She has served on the Signature Fundraising Committee in Birmingham and Member Relations and Communications Committees in Lansing. Julie is currently a New Member Advisor. She lives in Haslett with her husband Nick and two daughters, Allison and Lindsay. Julie is an art director at Pace Marketing and Communications in Lansing. She enjoys weekend getaways, decorating, and spending time with her family. Julie is looking forward to being a New Member Advisor for the second year.



Britton Smith

This is Britton's first active year in Junior League. She is currently serving on the Lunch with League Committee and loved co-chairing the Day of the Event Committee during Lunch with League. Four years ago her husband, Kolby, received a job in the area, and both have enjoyed beginning to call Lansing home. Britton is a high school Spanish teacher in Grand Ledge and enjoys cooking for friends, traveling, gardening, getting crafty and spending time outside.

THE SUSTAINING LINE

Sue Mills, Sustaining Advisor

It is a pleasure to be the Sustaining Advisor to the League this year and to be able to work with an outstanding group of young women who are serving on the board, guiding our membership and working to shape our League's direction in the future. But another joy for me is to reconnect with so many sustainers. It is great to see our new Simply Social groups so active. Members are partaking in the activities and reconnecting with friends, some of whom they had not interacted with in years. And several sustainers have reinstated with our League so they could join in the fun. Welcome back! The actives are also getting to know

our sustainers as we are becoming more active in working with them. At each general membership meeting a sustainer has been highlighted. She has told the actives how the skills she acquired during her active membership have helped her make an impact in the community whether as a volunteer or in the workplace. Sustainers have been seen everywhere, serving as League volunteers at the joint project with the Greater Lansing Housing Coalition, selling raffle tickets, attending the ticket turn-in party at BBK, having lunch 54 strong at the Sustainer Luncheon, supporting Lunch with League at the University Club and partaking in the

Shop 'til You Drop Bus Trip to Chicago. But along with the joys of reconnecting, there is also sadness as we have said good-bye to departed members Past President **Jane Drake, Kay Logan, Carolyn Hoagland, Mary Terry, Boots Halstead** and **Barb Hacker**. The League sends a memorial contribution to the Endowment for each departed member. Is this something you do also, or that you might consider? It is a wonderful way to honor Junior League friends. Our Endowment is soon to be celebrating its 30th birthday and a party is being planned for the Spring. We hope you will join us. Stay tuned.

SUSTAINER DUES CHANGE PROPOSAL

Sue Mills, Sustaining Advisor

A ballot that proposes a dues change to align our local Junior League sustainer dues policy with that of the Association of Junior Leagues International will be emailed soon and presented at the January GMM. The current AJLI policy states that "Emeritus membership may be granted, upon request, to any Sustaining member who has reached the age of 80 years, and has

requested emeritus membership. Upon being granted emeritus membership permanently the member shall no longer have a dues requirement to the Junior League." Our current JLL policy grants "emeritus membership" at age 65 for local dues and at age 75 for AJLI dues. Therefore, our Lansing League is required to pay AJLI dues for all JLL members between the age of 75 and 79

who have elected not to pay AJLI dues. The passage of the proposed policy change aligns our JLL policy with that of the AJLI. Sustaining members who are currently between the ages of 75-79 who have previously elected not to pay AJLI dues will be grandfathered in under the old JLL policy.

NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT EVENTS DRAW VARIETY OF PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Karissa Chabot-Purchase, Member Recruitment Chair

The New Member Recruitment Committee hosted its first recruitment reception at The Pump House in East Lansing in September. The historic 1930's building, which is home to the Bailey Community Association and a popular community concert series, was a unique, fun venue for welcoming our first group of prospective members. We heard a few words from Junior League President **Ann Vogelsang**, Membership VP **Alexis Chadderdon**, and Sustaining Advisor **Sue Mills**, among others. Despite being held the same evening as downtown Lansing's annual 'Trick or Treat on the Square' event, October's reception drew a large crowd of women excited to hear about the Junior League of Lansing and chat with current members about their interests. Our recruitment efforts wrapped up in November with a reception at Petal & Forrest in Haslett. That gathering was in collaboration with the JLL's Member Relations Committee, who hosted a social event in conjunction with our reception that offered current and prospective members the opportunity to design holiday table arrangements for their homes. The collaboration was a great way for some of our New Members to participate in one of the JLL's social offerings and get a taste for what we're all about.

The New Member Recruitment Committee would like to extend their gratitude to all of the current, senior active, and sustaining members who made themselves available throughout the fall (some more than once!) to come mingle with the women considering membership in our organization. Feedback from attendees was excellent; your insights and perspectives were clearly much appreciated!



Petal & Forrest: (Back row) Mary Kennedy, Kim Sebastian, Jaimie Walsh, Wesley Reece, Trish Garvey (Front row) Kaleigh Jager-Hale, Leah Arendt



MSU Tailgate: Karissa Chabot-Purchase, Kaleigh Jager-Hale, Diontrae Hayes, Lindsey Ohle, Melody Kindraka and Kim Sebastian

ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR THE JANUARY 14, 2014 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Instructions:

1. Mark your Ballot
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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

Mail to:

Alexis Chadderdon
415 Holt Road
Williamston, MI 48895

Ballots MUST be received BEFORE the start of the January 14th GMM.

ABSENTEE BALLOT (1)

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.

2014-2015 BOARD

(single slate)

_____ Michelle Lange, President Elect
_____ Colleen Kushmaul, Secretary
_____ Anita Lindsay, Communications Vice President
_____ Kelly Miller, Community Vice President
_____ Cameron Braybrook, Education Vice President
_____ Heather Frick, Fund Development Vice President
_____ Jackie Lillis - Warwick, Membership Vice President
_____ Gloria Zunker, Treasurer Elect

ABSENTEE BALLOT (1)

2014-2015 BOARD

Signature

ABSENTEE BALLOT (2)

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.

Nominating/Placement Advisors

2014-2015

(double slate)

_____ Emily Caswell
_____ Karissa Chabot-Purchase
_____ Mallory Horrocks
_____ Kaleigh Jaeger-Hale
_____ Alyson Kechkaylo
_____ Melissa Seifert
_____ Bridget Seitz
_____ Amber Terakedis

ABSENTEE BALLOT (2)

2014-2015

Nominating/Placement Advisors

Signature

ABSENTEE BALLOT (3)

New Member Advisors

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.

New Member Advisor

2014-2015

(single slate)

_____ Diontrae Hayes
_____ Katie Hebden
_____ Julie Krueger
_____ Britton Smith

ABSENTEE BALLOT (3)

2014-2015

New Member Advisors

Signature

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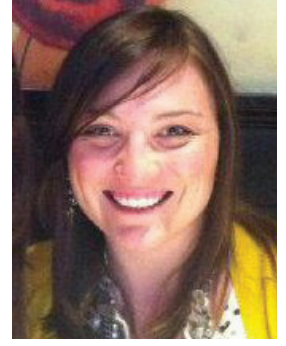
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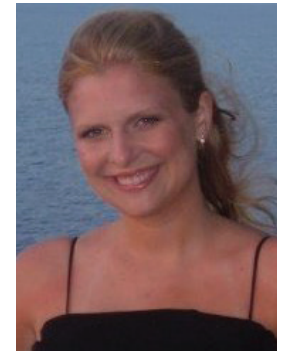
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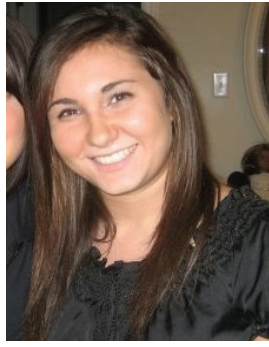
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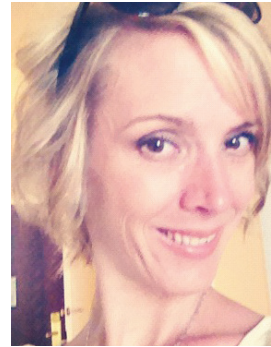
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Jennifer Zeiss



Emily Purcell



Caitlin Polus



Kim Sebastian



Kelly Sudderth



Tabitha Mpamira (Kaguri)



Britton Smith



Carrie Waggoner



Katie Swords

Not Pictured: Randi Bowers-Payne, Debbie Garcia and Emily Stevens

CONDOLENCES



Jane W. Drake, was born in East Lansing 85 years ago. Jane passed peacefully on Thursday, August 15, 2013, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. She was the daughter of Hugh Donald and Wynn timer Hootman of Sunset Lane in East Lansing, a home and neighborhood that were ever dear to her. East Lansing and later nearby Okemos, remained her home for the rest of her life. A self-proclaimed “water baby”, she loved spending summers at the Hootman cottage on Lake Michigan and later at the family cottage on Glen Lake that she created with her husband of 63 years, Robert. Jane graduated from Michigan State University in 1950 with a B.A. in English and was a member of the Alpha Phi Sorority. In September of that same year, she married Bob and together they had three children, Tom, Leslie and John. She was a loving mother and nurturing presence to all of her children, believing first and foremost in the responsibilities of good parenting. Her ability to recognize the needs of others led her to devote many hours to community service, often in leadership roles. She volunteered her time at Sparrow Hospital, in head start programs, at the Thrift Shop, and in countless other ways. Later, she served as a docent at the Kresge Art Center and enjoyed participation in monthly book clubs. She felt lucky to be able to travel widely with her family and friends. She loved reading and gardening. She was known to many for her graciousness and classic style, often hosting friends and family at home and at the summer cottage. She was always a beautiful woman who conducted herself with grace and poise. But for those who knew her best, what mattered most to her was a person’s integrity and character. Jane leaves behind her husband, her son Tom (Carolee), her daughter Leslie (David) Carleton, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Her beloved son, John, preceded her in death and we are happy knowing that she is now reunited with him.



Barbara Jane McLean Hacker, 78, passed away peacefully at home with her family on November 3, 2013. She was born in Lansing, MI on April 9, 1935 to Edwin and Verona (Oakes) McLean. Barb graduated from J. W. Sexton High School and Michigan State University, and taught school in Marshall and Lansing. She was an active member of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Lansing and St. Mary’s Episcopal Church in Bonita Springs, FL. A member of the Junior League of Lansing, League Club of Naples, St. Lawrence Hospital Auxiliary, the Country Club of Lansing, and the Pelican’s Nest Golf Club in Bonita Springs, and various other community organizations. Barbara enjoyed the sunsets on Lake Michigan and watching her grandchildren playing on the beach. She enjoyed playing bridge, and thanks her friends for their patience. She also loved her book club, golf, concerts and her friends, old and new.

She was the loving wife of Richard of 56 years; loving mother of Pamela (Russell) Austin of Dublin, OH, Catherine (Joseph) Phoenix of Wellesley, MA, Tonya (Benjamin) Kennedy of Cincinnati, OH; loving grandmother of Margaret and Mackenzie Austin, Maxine and Thomas Phoenix, Georgia and Piper Kennedy. Also surviving are brother and sister-in-law Edwin and Linda McLean of Grand Rapids, MI, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother Roger McLean.



Carolyn Talbot Hoagland, died of natural causes at her Glen Lake, Michigan home on September 13, 2013, the day after her 92nd birthday. Carolyn Lee Talbot was born in Dayton, Ohio to Willard and Lenore (Beard) Talbot September 12, 1921. She graduated from Penn Hall Junior College and Miami (Ohio) University. Carolyn was a talented artist who studied at the Dayton Art Institute, Scott Carbee School of Art in Boston, Michigan State University, Lansing Community College and various arts workshops across the country. She painted in oil, pastel, and watercolor and sculpted in clay. Carolyn's main interest throughout her life was art - appreciation, participation, and support. She married John Hardie Hoagland in 1944. She is survived by four children (John T. and Anne Magoun of Maple City, Michigan, Nancy L. of Auburn, California, and James H. of Hubbards, Nova Scotia), seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and stepsisters Mary T. Hartford and Sarah T. Schwaegler. She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Mariel, husband John, and stepfather Andrew U. Thomas. Carolyn and John lived in Columbus, Ohio after John returned from service in World War II, then moved to East Lansing, Michigan in 1952. They maintained seasonal residences on Glen Lake and in Sanibel, Florida. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, Junior League of Lansing, Lansing Woman's Club (president), Sparrow Hospital Guild, Arts Council Center, Metropolitan Lansing Fine Art Center (president), Glen Lake Art Association, and BIG ARTS of Sanibel, Fla. In 1975 Governor William Milliken appointed Carolyn to the Michigan Council for the Arts, where she served until 1983. She was elected to the boards of the Michigan Arts Foundation and Arts Midwest. She served on many other community boards and committees in the Lansing area, mostly supporting arts programs. In the 1960s she initiated creative arts classes for Lansing school children. After her children were grown she established her art studio and showed her paintings in Michigan and elsewhere.



Katherine (Kay) Logan, 82, died Wednesday August 7 peacefully at her Cape Haze, Florida home with 4 generations of her family nearby after a battle with Alzheimer's. Kay and her husband John (Jack) Logan, married in 1952 and lived in the Lansing area then moving to Williamston. Over the years Kay's career took her first to the Financial Dept of the House of Representatives, then to Instant Oil Change, the business they started with their son's Jim and Tom, then into selling real estate. Owner of K Realty Champagne Properties for over 13 years, Kay sold her company to Tomie Raines Inc and continued selling until 2007 when she and her husband retired and moved to Florida. Kay's joys in life were her wonderful husband, her grandchildren, Junior League, the theater, the beach and selling real estate. She is survived by John, husband of 61 years, son, Jim (Janice) also of Florida, son Tom (Nancy) of Williamston, son John (Kelley) of Harbor Springs, grandchildren Alexis Kay, Jonathan, Ian, Jason, Kaitlin (Chris Berry) and great grandchildren Ella Kay and Layne Victoria, her only sister Sylvia (Doug) Potter of Roger City, nieces, Mindy, Carrie and nephew Mark .



Mary L. Perry, formerly of East Lansing, MI, died peacefully in her sleep August 30, 2013 in Traverse City, MI. She was born July 20, 1920 in Lansing, MI, the daughter of Andrew Langenbacher and Vera (Norris) Langenbacher.

Mary graduated from Lansing Central High School, attended Michigan State University where she was affiliated with Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, graduated from National College of Education, and received her master's degree from Columbia University. Mary was active in a number of organizations including the Junior League of Lansing, Lansing Women's Symphony Board, Town Hall Board, Matinee Musical and Wharton Center Inner Circle. She was a member of St. Elizabeth's Guild, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Lansing. She loved animals and was a lifelong supporter of organizations dedicated to their welfare.

She is survived by two children from her first marriage: son Robert Clyde Weed, Jr. (Linda) and his children Dylan, Alan (Meaghan) and Ashley; and daughter Carolyn Weed (William Rastetter) and her children Andrew and Clyde. In 1987 she married Fred B. Perry, Jr., who predeceased her in 2008.



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- You will polish your party planner skills as we enjoy an entertaining look into the world of a professional event marketer and fundraiser specialist. Learn how to maximize the fun and guest list at any event! If you are planning a fundraiser for charity, a training meeting for your peers or simply love to play party hostess at home, this topic is sure to spark your interest.
- The Double Up Foodbucks program provides low-income, urban families with access to affordable, fresh food in areas commonly referred to as food deserts - urban environments with few grocery stores and limited access to produce. Together we will learn how this initiative has grown to reach over 75 farmer's markets in Michigan and is now poised for replication across the country. We are sure you will be inspired by this organization and will garner new insights into how to build the impact of your outreach efforts!
- Back by popular demand, and sure to be a highlight of our time together, we will offer a breakout session to encourage dialogue between leagues. Choose a topic of personal interest and spend time chatting, brainstorming and problem-solving with some of the smartest and most interesting women in Michigan – your fellow MSC members!

The highest virtue of the Michigan State Council is that it unites us and offers the opportunity for us to build relationships, share ideas and learn from each other. Your board is looking forward to sharing this time with you in January!

Saturday, January 11th 2014 at 8:30AM

University Club of Michigan State University - Ballroom

3435 Forest Road, Lansing, MI, 48917

Continue the conversation at an all-league luncheon at Beggar's Banquet immediately following (self-funded).

For questions regarding the day, please contact us!

Kindly RSVP your anticipated attendance to

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