Happy New Year! 2011 will be a bit more shiny and bright for six lucky women after winning the Junior League of Lansing's "It's All About the Sparkle" raffle. **Ruth Ridgway, Donna Gardner** and **Barb Becker** all won shopping sprees at Becky Beaucine Kulka and **Kathy Colby, Barb Cleland** and **Jayme Clark Taylor** all won teeth whitening sessions with Dr. Scott Stone at Smile by Stone. It will also be a bit brighter for community members who benefit from our fundraising efforts.

Back in September each Active Member was asked to sell a minimum of five raffle tickets as part of your financial obligation to League. Individuals who sold six or more were entered in a drawing for the fabulous incentive prizes graciously donated by area businesses and solicited by our Signature Fundraiser Committee Members. Prizes were awarded at the January General Membership Meeting.

Our top three JLL "It's All About the Sparkle" raffle ticket salespeople, **Kate Powers, Donna Gardner** and **Sue Mills** won the top three incentive prizes: a week long stay at a Cross Village cottage on the shores of Lake Michigan north of Harbor Springs, donated by **Mary A. Collins**, a weekend stay in the Bay Harbor Marina District condo donated by Clark Construction and dinner at Troppo, donated by Troppo.

Sparkle, shine, glimmer, glow – however you choose to describe our raffle, the JLL combined fundraising efforts exceeded the $20,000 goal and were brilliant. Join us on Friday, February 11th at 8pm at the beautiful Michigan Dental Association building in Okemos to celebrate.
“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.” ~Elizabeth Andrew

The busyness of the Holidays is over, but we continue with the business of life. I sometimes feel that I am not only a mom, but a taxi driver, as I cart our four kids to school, appointments and all their events. I am sure many of you can relate.

I have been asked by many people, “How do you have time to be the Junior League President with four children?” I think to myself, “How could I not take the time to volunteer?” Each of us could offer a multitude of excuses why we don’t have time to give back to our community, but that seldom happens with our Junior League volunteers. As our Sustaining Advisor, Sue Mills, once said, “A Junior League volunteer arrives early and stays late”; that is just who we are and what we do. It is our heart for volunteering that sets the Junior League women apart from others. It is out of the goodness of our heart that we give of our time, our finances and our gifts to build better communities.

And in return, we earn the heartfelt thanks of the people and organizations we give to each year. Through our Community Service and Every Little Bottom Campaign, almost 5,000 diapers were given to Hannah’s House and Shared Pregnancy Women’s Center to help mothers and their children, thirty one (31) dozen cookies were donated to Volunteers of America by our New Member Class, and hundreds of boxes of food will be collected during the JLL State vs. the JLA Michigan Food Drive competition. Families who are guests at both the Ronald McDonald House and the Volunteers of America Soup Kitchen will be served and fed by our Done in a Day volunteers this month.

Later this month, we will pause from our busyness to celebrate the many accomplishments of the JLL this year. I hope that each of you will bring your sweetheart, friends and family to our “Celebration Party” to be held Friday, February 11th at the Michigan Dental Association building in Okemos. We have so much to celebrate! Not only have we exceeded our fundraising goals, we have spent less than in past years. Thirty eight (38) New Members joined us at our January GMM, a new board has been voted in and will assume their leadership roles in May, our Annual Meeting allowed us to see the strength of our volunteer organization and hearing May Fathallah, from St. Vincent Catholic Charities Refugee Services, speak from her heart, gave us all a new perspective on what a difference a volunteer can truly make in one individual’s life.

So, as you hurry about the business of a New Year, remember that because of your heart to volunteer, you are making a difference and each of you are truly the heart of the Junior League of Lansing. I look forward to celebrating our shared accomplishments together!
On December 13th, many league members, some wonderful community partners, and one fabulous presenter braved the snow and cold to turn out for a wonderful night of fun, dessert, and innovative training. We would like to thank Ann Lofgren of Zingerman's so very much for donating her time to spend the evening with us and share Zingerman's unique approach to customer service. Ann was engaging and effective, and all present were able to take home improved customer service ideas. Thank you, Ann!

Ann Lofgren of Zingerman's
On the evening of December 14, just after our first "big snow" of the season, our New Members gathered for their last social event of 2010 – the New Member Cookie Exchange. Around 30 women attended the event at Cathy McKenna's home (mother of Jennifer Charette). Our wonderful hostess welcomed us into her beautiful home, where we enjoyed wine, appetizers, and delightful conversation.

This year the New Members not only brought cookies to exchange, but baked extra batches of cookies to donate to Volunteers of America. The New Member Recruitment Committee would like to thank all of the New Members and Actives who contributed to this cause, along with the Community Service Committee, who helped organize this "Done in a Social." We donated 31 dozen cookies!

We would also like to thank all of the Active Members who attended, including several Board Members. A special thanks to Cathy McKenna for hosting this event, and to the members of our committee for making this night a success! Our committee members include Kate Marchyok, Chair, Kelly Kobus, Vice Chair, and the following Advisors: Chrissy Carr, Jennifer Charette, Connie James, and Abbie Matthews.
NewMember
Cookie
Exchange

Left to right: Back row: Jennifer Choroma, New Member Advisor; Becky Souda, President; Kizie Muehling, New Member Chair; Front row: Kelly Kalas, New Member Vice Chair.

Left to right: Sarah Triplett, Chrissy Carra, New Member Advisor; Abbie Matthews, New Member Advisor; Ashley Meyer, Jennifer Edmonds, Caryn Kaufman, Sandy Littie, Alyson Kecklaylo.
On November 30 volunteers from the Junior League of Lansing happily delivered gifts for approximately 300 foster care children through Department of Human Services (DHS) in Lansing. This partnership has been happening between DHS and JLL for many years. The Junior League shops, wraps and delivers the gifts so the case workers can get the gifts to the well deserving foster kids for Christmas.


Special thanks go to those who went out last minute to make it possible to cover all the children. You know who you are. And to those who came on the day of delivery to make sure the over 400 presents got to DHS safely: Thuy Pham and her son and Charlene Rabideau and her father. A very special thanks goes out to Premier Moving Systems who donated a truck and staff member to get the gifts to DHS. Remember them when you need moving help.
Happy February!
We've had some great events already this year- our first JLL tailgate, a visit to the Princess Diana exhibit at the GRAM with the Junior League of Grand Rapids, ornament decorating, MSU volleyball and our mani/pedi day at Douglas J- but the fun doesn’t stop there, we’ve got plenty more to come!

Arrange Flowers like a Pro!
Junior League of Lansing’s very own Dawn Hall has graciously offered to teach those of us who wish we had more of a green thumb how to arrange flowers like a professional. Please join us at Petal and Forrest (1491 Haslett Road in Haslett-just east of Marsh Road) February 17th at 7p.m. for a floral arrangement class- $15 takes care of the flowers, a container and beverages. Please RSVP to Michelle Lange at LangeM77@aol.com no later than Feb 10th if you are interested. Payment will be due to Dawn the night of the event.

Other Upcoming Events
With a little luck o’ the Irish, the Member Relations Committee is looking into throwing a St. Patrick’s Day party on March 18th if there is enough interest from the membership. Later in the spring we’ll also be putting together an Easter event for kids.

Kudos
We would like to recognize Melissa Seifert, Ginny Brooks and Lynn Garrett for going above and beyond their JLL placements and receiving Kudos at our January GMM.
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The Sustainers have been busy the past couple of months organizing events for sustainers and actives alike. Utilizing the expert organizational skills and the past ‘bus trip’ leadership experience of co-chairs Ginny Brooks and Kathy Colby, the annual “Shop ‘til You Drop” Bus Trip to Chicago on December 3rd went off without a hitch. Thirty-nine Sustainers, Actives and friends filled the bus and enjoyed a fun-filled day. Ginny and Kathy are stepping down as co-chairs after this year but Lori Fuller and Suzanne Tuck have already committed to organizing another enjoyable and shopping-productive trip for next year. Stay tuned!

Over 90 league members gathered at Sustainer Renee Knake’s East Lansing home for the annual Holiday Open House. Thanks to Lynn Dwight, Gretchen Forsyth, Janine Medler, Dottie Spousta, and Suzanne Tuck for helping with set-up and clean-up; Mary Ann Austin, Margaret Brodbeck, Arylie Campbell, Gretchen Forsyth, Janet Freund, Lori Fuller, Karen Hubbard, Janine Medler, Nancy Nyquist, Teresa Spagnuolo, Dottie Spousta, Suzanne Tuck, and Mary West, for the delicious homemade hors d’oeuvres and desserts; Lynn Dwight, Karen Hubbard, Nancy Nyquist and Mary VanWieren for donations toward the wine; Jane Bitsicas, Kate Powers, Kris Kildea, Katie Strong, Betsy Svanda and Mary West for serving as greeters; and a special thank you to Barb Cleland for the gorgeous center piece. In addition, for the first time we did a “Done in a Meeting” at the Holiday Open House and I am pleased to report that 90 cans of food were donated for the annual food drive to assist those in need in our community. Thanks to all who contributed.

Congratulations to Suzanne Tuck on recently being appointed to the Board of Trustees of Burcham Hills Retirement Community. Suzanne currently also serves as the treasurer of the Sparrow Foundation’s Women Working Wonders Board.

And congratulations to Janet Freund for accepting the position as Sustaining Advisor to the JLL Board for 2011-2012. Janet was President from 1998-1999 and has served as the Sustaining Advisor to the New Member Committee the past two League years.

In the past three issues of FOCUS in keeping with President Betsy’s theme, “Sharing the Junior League Story”, I have highlighted the 30’s, 40’s and the 50’s. In the Decade of the 60’s several new projects were initiated. One major project started by the League with a $17,000 grant was the Alcoholism Information Center. League leased a house on South Walnut in downtown Lansing to house the League office and to provide a facility for new Creative Art classes for children. The League was heavily involved in the arts working in the areas of Children’s Theatre, Puppetry and an Arts to the Schools program. With the proliferation of art programs in the Lansing area, the league was instrumental in the formation of the Lansing Fine Arts Coordinating Committee that later became, with our League’s assistance, the Fine Arts Council which still stands today. Junior League Active Member Leslie Donaldson currently serves as the Arts Council Executive Director. I was ED of the Arts Council for over 23 years and I have always been proud to know that it got its beginnings with our League. The Cedar Chest continued as a provider of quality clothing to the community while serving as a major source of income for the League. League also produced two Follies in the 60’s to raise additional funds for community projects.
Christin Armstrong
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Erin Cunningham
Erin grew up in East Lansing. She graduated from New York University's Tisch School of the Arts with her BFA in Theater, and stayed in New York City for a few years working in the theater. In 2008 she moved back to Lansing and is currently the Marketing Coordinator at Michigan Works! Association, a non-profit organization supporting workforce development in Michigan; she has been with the association for two years, and she is on the Emerging Professionals Committee for the Michigan Society of Association Executives. Erin is in training for her first marathon as a member of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team in Training; they will be running 26.2 miles on April 30, 2011 in Nashville, TN as a fundraiser for cancer research. Erin's volunteer activities include: teaching Catechism classes at St. Thomas Aquinas and working in the Red Cross donor room. Other hobbies include cooking, painting and jewelry making. She recently became an Associate Member of the Lansing Sailing Club where she is learning to sail. Erin joined JLL to engage more in volunteerism.

Alexis Derrosett
Alexis is originally from Kansas City, MO, and after college at Purdue University, she moved to Lansing to attend Thomas M. Cooley Law School. During her last year of law school she met her boyfriend of the past three years, Allen, and decided to make Michigan her home too. Alexis has been a licensed attorney for two years now and currently works for the State of Michigan in the Corporation Division. In her spare time, Alexis enjoys reading, traveling and planning her next vacation, and last summer she started learning how to golf. Alexis joined Junior League because she has always heard great things about the organization, and she wanted to meet other people who also enjoy giving back to the community.

Kim Drew
Kim is originally from Saginaw, MI. She lives in Mason with her husband, Dan Drew. Currently, Kim is an insurance adjuster with EMC Insurance, handling litigation and large losses. She has a BA in Education from Michigan State University. Kim and her husband have season tickets to MSU football and basketball and have a big tailgate during football season. Kim loves dogs and they have an old lab and a pug. She is a Master Gardener, and is on the fundraiser banquet committee of Ducks Unlimited Red Cedar Chapter. Kim joined JLL to learn how to make a difference in the community and meet others who had that same goal.

Jaime Edmonds
Jaime lives in Lansing, but is from Pittsburgh, PA. She has been a reporter with WILX-TV for the past three years. Jaime went to the University of Delaware for undergrad, and to the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University for graduate school. She was a competitive figure skater for 13 years and skated with the collegiate team at the University of Delaware, where they were the 2002 National Champions. She still coaches ice skating in Lansing on some week nights and weekends and loves it. Jaime is also an avid Pittsburgh sports fan. One of her greatest moments as a reporter at channel 10 was covering the Stanley Cup finals and interviewing Sidney Crosby on the ice at the Joe after her Pens won the Cup. Jaime joined JLL because she wants to get more involved in the community and do more things that help others.

Lauren Evans
Lauren anchors News 10 Today on WILX-TV. She moved to Lansing after graduating from the University of Southern California with degrees in broadcast journalism and political science. Lauren enjoys traveling, playing tennis, and volunteering. She is involved with the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association and Children's Miracle Network. Lauren joined JLL to meet new people and to get more involved in the Lansing area. She is originally from Birmingham, MI.
Erin Flood
Erin grew up and currently lives in Mason with her husband Kyle. She is a Certified Public Accountant for Plante & Moran PLLC and has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Central Michigan University, with a focus in finance and accounting. Erin's hobbies include sewing and currently fixing up their house. She loves animals and volunteers at the Ingham County Animal Shelter, as well as at her church, St. James in Mason. Erin joined JLL because she was looking for an opportunity to meet people in the Lansing area, and also was looking to get more involved in the community!

Heather Frick
Heather recently moved from Bay Harbor, MI to East Lansing with her husband Jason Watson and their daughter Isabelle (age 4). Heather is an attorney and works at the Department of Treasury as the Internal Property Tax Specialist. She enjoys tennis, running, and traveling. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the Bay Harbor Foundation. Heather joined JLL not only as an avenue to volunteer in the Lansing community but also as a means to meet a wonderful group of women.

Jessica Garcia
Jessica is originally from Schenectady, NY. She moved to East Lansing in 1995 to attend school at Michigan State University and has been in the Lansing area ever since. She earned her doctorate in Sociology from Michigan State University in 2009 and currently resides with her husband, Tony Garcia, and their pets in Lansing. Jessica Garcia is a professor in the Department of Sociology at Michigan State University. In her free time, Jessica enjoys walking her dog, reading, yoga, and relaxing with friends and family. Jessica joined JLL to become more involved in the Lansing community and to meet other caring and capable women in the Lansing area.

Heather Harmon
Heather currently lives in Holt with her husband Jon, and their two children Audrey (age 5) and Ava (turning 2 at the end of January.) She attended Western Michigan University where she received her degree in Organizational Communication/Marketing and Economics.

Kimberly Hess
Kimberly lives in Okemos with her husband, Ellery. They moved to the area last year from Washington, DC, but are both originally from MI. They are expecting their first child in June. Kimberly works from home for a non-profit malaria advocacy group based in Washington, DC. She has a BS from Michigan State University and a Master of Public Health from The George Washington University. Kimberly is also a returned Peace Corps volunteer. She enjoys running and swimming. Kim joined JLL to help out in the community and meet people.

Ashlee Howton
Ashlee is originally from northern Indiana but currently resides in Howell, MI. She is an attorney for IBM in Lansing. Ashlee graduated from the University of South Carolina where she received a BA in Political Science and Economics with a minor in finance, and she received her J.D. from Indiana University School of Law – Bloomington in 2010. Ashlee enjoys horseback riding and shows Arabian horses competitively throughout the United States and Canada. She joined Junior League to get involved in her new community, and is very excited at the volunteer opportunities and camaraderie that the organization can provide.
Thank You’s

January 5, 2011

Junior League of Lansing
1231 Michigan Ave Suite 204
East Lansing, MI 48823

Dear Junior League of Lansing,

Thank you for your gift to Hannah’s House. Every dollar you give and each prayer you raise, gives homeless, pregnant women and newly parenting mothers the opportunity to turn their lives around.

Your generous donation allows us to provide shelter, food and supplies to those young women who find themselves in a lonely and vulnerable situation. It is only through the actions you take, because of your concern for this ministry, that we can continue.

The love of our Lord Jesus Christ is evident in your gift. We thank you again for helping women to better their lives and those of their babies.

Sincerely,

Stephanie K. Johnson
Executive Director

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November 23, 2010

Junior League of Lansing
Attn: Ann Vogelsang, Community Vice President
1231 Michigan Ave. Suite 204
East Lansing, MI 48823

Dear Ms. Vogelsang and JLL Members,

Words cannot adequately express our gratitude for your help. We are thrilled that with the funding we receive from you, we will be able to purchase a freezer for Hannah’s House. The grant that you are giving us makes you an integral part of helping the homeless pregnant women that we serve. You have our deepest thanks.

We will be sending out a press release to let others know of your generosity. We will also mention the grant in our next newsletter which will be published in January 2011. We will send you copies of both of these items.

Thank you again for meeting this need for us. You have been an answer to prayer.

Sincerely,

Stephanie K. Johnson
Executive Director
Hannah’s House
New Member Bios

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Ashley Meyer
Ashley currently lives in East Lansing with her boyfriend Justin. They have 2 kitties, Tazzi and Chester. Ashley is originally from Kalamazoo. She is an interior designer for a furniture dealer in Lansing. Ashley received a BA in Interior Design from Michigan State University in 2009. She loves to ski, snowmobile, read and go to the beach, and she also enjoys tutoring. Ashley joined JLL for 2 reasons: to give back to the community like she did in school, and to meet people in the Lansing area.

Stephanie Parkinson
Stephanie lives in East Lansing, and grew up in Oakland County, but her birthplace is much farther away, in South Yorkshire, England. She is currently the web producer for WLNS-TV 6 CBS in Lansing, where she has been since June of 2010. Before that she worked in northern Michigan and Ohio as an anchor and reporter, but decided to move to where she could be closer to her family and now fiancé. Stephanie is also a freelance writer, and locally her work can be seen in Michigan’s Detroit-based Ambassador Magazine, which is also distributed in the greater Lansing area. Stephanie graduated from Oakland University in Rochester, MI with a B.A. in Journalism. When not busy working, Stephanie enjoys traveling, spending time on the water in beautiful northern Michigan, and helping out in the local community. She joined JLL because she liked how the organization focuses on a variety of areas of need in the community, and sees JLL as a great opportunity to do more in the community she lives in with a group of women who have the same mission.

Dana Pray
Dana moved to Charlotte after marrying her husband J. Tyler Pray in 2009. Dana obtained her B.S. from the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science. She worked several years as a funeral director, and for the MFDA, and is recently employed by Hayes Green Beech Hospital as a Community Development Associate for ALIVE. Dana joined JLL to cultivate new, life-long friendships with other altruistic women. She wants to be part of a group that gets things “DIAM/DIAD,” and supports her favorite, Ele’s Place. She is on the board for CANDO! and belongs to GFWC Charlotte. Dana enjoys entertaining, dining out, red wine, and has a penchant for world travel.

Kate Prins
Kate is originally from East Lansing and moved back to the area a few years ago after studying and teaching in the Chicago area. Now she is a Middle School Language Arts teacher. Kate enjoys reading and running in her free time and joined the Junior League to become more active in the community and meet new people.

Sara Sastamoinen
Sara is a native of Twining, MI, and lives in Lansing with her husband Erik Sastamoinen. Sara is a lawyer, who earned her B.A. in Psychology from Michigan State University, and her J.D. from Thomas M. Cooley Law School. When not busy working, Sara enjoys reading, cooking, and photography. She joined JLL to get involved in volunteer activities in the Lansing area.

Patricia Scott
Patricia lives in DeWitt and is originally from West Branch, MI, where she lived for 35 years. She has been married to Michael Scott for 17 years, and they have one wonderful daughter, Megan Taylor Scott (age 14). Patricia is an attorney at Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, P.C. in Lansing. She attended undergrad at Saginaw Valley State University and attended law school at Thomas M. Cooley Law School. Patricia is a member of Thomas M. Cooley American Inns of Court and ATHENA WIN. In her spare time Patricia enjoys spending time with her family and traveling. Patricia joined JLL to get to know other women in the community and to assist women and children in need throughout our community in a positive manner.
Allison Sevegney Reynolds
Allison was born and raised in the Upper Peninsula, and currently lives in Okemos. She lives with her husband, Steve Reynolds, and their four cats. Allison is a clinical social worker for Ele’s Place, the healing center for grieving children that is well known in the Junior League community. Allison earned a BA in Psychology at MSU, and a Master’s degree in Social Work from the University of Michigan. When not working, Allison enjoys spending time with her pets, decorating her home, gardening, reading, going to Lake Michigan in the summer, and participating in her small group through her church. Allison joined JLL to have another avenue in which to serve the community as well as to meet women from the area with similar interests.

Jacqueline Szalanski
Jacqueline lives in Grand Ledge. She was born in New York and grew up in Ohio. Her husband’s name is Jason, and he works at Pratt & Whitney. Jacqueline is a Doctor of Physical Therapy and works at Residential Home Health. Both Jacqueline and her husband attended undergraduate school at Miami University, where they met. She went to the University of Pennsylvania for graduate school in physical therapy. Her husband went to Michigan State University for his MBA and just earned his second Master’s in Aeronautical Science from Embry-Riddle University. Together they have a 3 year old Bichon Frise named Gracie. Jacqueline enjoys running (she has completed 8 half-marathons and 5 marathons), traveling all over the place (favorite place so far has been Antigua), and reading (usually anything -right now it is Live It, Love It, Earn It). Jacqueline is interested in teaching at a post-graduate level and is considering a second Master’s in Education from Michigan State. She volunteers with her church, St. Mary’s Cathedral, and with the Capital Area Humane Society. Jacqueline joined JLL to meet new women and to have a more active role and increased pride in her community.

Allison Treppa
Allison is originally from Macomb Township and now lives in Lansing with her boyfriend Ron. She is the Director of Marketing and Communications at Michigan Nonprofit Association and has undergraduate degrees in Business and Japanese from Eastern Michigan University and an MPA with a focus in nonprofit leadership and administration from Western Michigan University. Allison enjoys traveling, reading, and Spartan tailgates. She joined JLL because she is interested in meeting a new network of people and participating in volunteer service.

Sarah Triplett
Sarah lives in East Lansing, and is originally from Holland, MI. Her husband’s name is Nathan Triplett. Sarah is currently occupied as the Events Manager for Early Childhood Investment Corporation. She graduated from Hope College with a B.A. in Communications and Political Science. Sarah’s hobbies and interests include cooking, road biking, traveling, attending the theater and MSU sporting events. Sarah joined the JLL to meet like-minded women who want to volunteer and give back to the community.

Mona Walter
Mona grew up in Grosse Pointe MI, and moved to Lansing to attend MSU. She graduated with a degree in Communications, met her husband, Kevin, while attending, and stayed in the area. Mona and her husband have been married for almost 8 years, and they currently live in Charlotte with their children Ava (age 5) and Luke (age 21 months). Mona was lucky enough to be able to leave her job last year to stay home with their children. She is an avid reader, scrapbooker, enjoys occasional gardening and spending time outdoors. Mona joined Junior League to become more involved in the community, to meet other women with the same interests, and to expand her personal experiences.
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Dana Zecchino
Dana lives in Lansing with her husband, Rich, and their two-year-old son, RJ. Dana has a Bachelors degree in Business Administration from Northwood University. She is currently working on her Precision Nutrition Certification, which is helping her work toward a career as a personal trainer. For now, Dana enjoys her job as a full-time mom. She joined Junior League because she loves volunteering her time to organizations within the community, and JLL is the perfect way to get involved!

Gloria Zunker
Gloria presently lives in Dewitt with her husband Greg and three children, Kyle, Natalie, and Elizabeth. They have lived in Dewitt for approximately seven years. Prior to Dewitt, they lived in Marshall and Rochester Hills, MI. Gloria works as a Consultant Dietitian for both the State of Michigan in Lansing and Rose Hill Center in Holly, Michigan. Her formal education includes a Master of Public Administration degree from Oakland University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Medical Dietetics from Wayne State University. Gloria's hobbies include reading, walking/jogging and taking care of her family. Gloria's sister is a Junior League member and she speaks very highly of it, so she decided to join too.

2011-2012 DIAD's

- Habitat for Humanity
- St. Vincent Catholic Charities: Operation Backpack
- Sparrow Foundation Women Working Wonders
- Women's Center, Girls to Women Conference
- Caring About Kids
- Haven House Exit Baskets
- Ronald McDonald House Dinners
- Volunteers of America Soup Kitchen
- MSU Safe Place Race for the Place 5K
- Haven House Mother's Day Gift Bags

Michigan Dental Association Foundation

We are proud to have supported the Junior League of Lansing with an Access to Care Grant 2010, which provided dental care for Head Start Parents. Parents who now can model ideal oral health care to their children, and help to educate another generation of future oral health care. Congratulations to the Junior League of Lansing

The Michigan Dental Association Foundation is the philanthropic leader of the oral health community who provides support to student scholarships, oral health education and access-to-care initiatives.

Please visit: www.smilemichigan.com for more information regarding the Michigan Dental Association Foundation
November 19, 2010

Junior League of Lansing
1231 Michigan Avenue, Suite 204
East Lansing, MI 48823

Dear Friends of Haven House,

Your recent donation of hats, gloves, and hygiene items will help Haven House continue to serve homeless families with children. We appreciate your generous gift.

Each year we provide temporary homes to more than one hundred families, including more than two hundred children. During their stay we offer job search, housing search, budgeting, goal setting, activities for children, help with parenting skills, and referrals for medical and legal assistance.

Families leave Haven House with hope for a fresh start. Your generosity enables us to assist families when they move into permanent housing. Your gift means a lot to those troubled families. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Angie Mayeaux
Executive Director

December 9, 2010

Ms. Ann Vogelsang, Community Vice President
Junior League of Lansing
1231 Michigan Avenue, Suite 204
East Lansing, MI 48823

Dear Ms. Vogelsang:

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to you and the members of the Junior League of Lansing for your $250 grant which will be used to provide financial aid to low-income Greater Lansing youth participating in music education and music therapy programs at the MSU Community Music School.

Over the past year, requests for scholarships and financial assistance from students and music therapy clients have been increasing at CMS. Your gift will help us respond to increased need and will help keep our school filled with the music of those of all ages, incomes, and abilities. It is CMS’s goal to bring music to all members of the community, including youth, families, the elderly and those with special needs, while turning no individual away due to inability to pay. Your support will help us reach this goal.

If you should ever wish to arrange a tour of the school or if I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call me at (517) 355-7661, ext. 17.

On behalf of the students, therapy clients, faculty, and staff at the MSU Community Music School, please accept my sincere thanks for your generosity. Music and the people who support music, together, change lives.

With gratitude,

Rhonda Buckley
Associate Dean for Outreach and Engagement
Executive Director, Community Music School
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The first New Member Social of the fall was held on Tuesday, November 16, 2010. The New Member Social was held at Grace Boutique in Old Town Lansing. It was a wonderful opportunity for New Members to mingle with fellow New Members, Actives, and Board Members.

In a twist on the classic JLL DIAM, the New Members rose to the occasion and participated in a "Done in a Social" to benefit the Every Little Bottom Community Service Project. The New Member group collectively donated 792 diapers to help women in need in our community. The much needed diapers will benefit babies and mothers who visit Shared Pregnancy - a local women's center that provides prenatal services and counseling.

We would like to thank Board Members Betsy Svanda and Courtney Schnelker for stopping by, along with several Active Members.
Welcome to M3, my name is Aha.

Have you had an aha moment lately?

Share yours at www.m3group.biz/aha
The Placement Process
Susan Lupa, Placement Chair

The Nominating/Placement Committee is looking forward to the upcoming placement process for next year's committee placements. The N/P Committee placement process uses a points system, which the advising team has been tracking and recording for each Active Member throughout the year. The total point score is then used to prioritize members during the placement process for the following year.

Current Point Values:
• GMM attended: 2 points
• GMM not attended but advance notice given: 1 point
• Signature Fundraiser: 2 points
• Spring Fundraiser: 2 points
• DIAD: 1 point
• Fall interview: 3 points
• Winter interview: 3 points
• Timely payment of dues: 1 point

At the March GMM the Nominating/Placement Committee will hold our annual Placement Fair. The Placement Fair gives membership the opportunity to see what opportunities are available to you on each council in League. From that point, you will work closely with your advisors to answer any questions about the different placements. Prior to the start of the April GMM, placement cards will be distributed and you will be instructed to complete and return that card to your advisor before the meeting begins. Members will be asked to submit their top three placement choices, as well as their selection for the Done In A Day (DIAD) project(s). You will receive placement and DIAD information at the May celebration meeting. Please let your advisor know if you have any questions regarding this process.

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