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President's Message...

"Every day is a gift, that is why it is called the present."

Betsy Svanda, President



Just returning from our nation's capital, I reflect on the birthday celebration our nation experiences each year on the 4th of July. Also this summer I will be celebrating my 40th birthday. In years past, I would have been ineligible not only to be president of our League, but also an active member as well; once you turned forty you were required to go sustaining. Thankfully that rule has changed and I can serve the Junior League as an active member.

To mark this monumental year, I am challenging myself to do 40 special things for League. First I have committed to celebrate all of your birthdays by sending each of you a card and making a gift on your behalf to the Endowment Fund. This gift will be a gift that keeps on giving to the community for years to come. Next I plan to start blogging about the "story" of League and all the "gifts" we share with one another and the community at large. I am excited that the Junior League will be better able to share and expand that story of League with the gift of \$21,587 we have received from the Power of We grant. This capacity building grant will not only change the course of our League for the upcoming year, but in the years ahead, as we continue to share the Junior League story of "women building better communities."

I hope you enjoy all your celebrations this summer and look forward to seeing you this Fall at the September 14 GMM, as we look forward to all we will be accomplishing this coming year. In the meantime, I challenge each of you to consider what special contributions you can make to the League this year, whether it be a donation to the Endowment Fund, sharing the "story" with those people in your circle of influence or otherwise advancing our mission to serve families and children at risk.

UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

KATIE STRONG - Monday, August 30th 7:00 pm - All board and chairs are to attend. Chairs are encouraged to ask your committees to dinner before the meeting - dessert will be provided at the meeting.

ZINGTRAIN - December, time and date to be decided.

Community Sponsorship Ann Vogelsang, Community Vice President



Junior League of Lansing's Community Council delighted to announce our first two Community Sponsorships of 2010-2011. On September 11 we will be a "Cute Koala" Bear" \$1000 Sponsor of the Teddy Bear Picnic at the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens in support of MSU

Children's Health Initiative. Our sponsorship will help the Initiative in its aim to establish an ambulatory, integrated children's health center with outstanding pediatric specialists in the greater Lansing area. Then on September 12 we will be a "Walker" level \$500 sponsor of Sparrow Foundation's 7th Annual W3 5k/0k at Hawk Island Park. The race aims to fundraise for Sparrow Regional Cancer Center's Radiation and Oncology Department's MicroSelection HDR V2 machine which helps in the treatment of cancers patients including more than half being treated for breast cancer. Our Community Sponsorships benefit organizations in the Lansing area which also support our mission and help to increase our visibility in the community. With both these sponsorships you will see JLL's name on t-shirts and publications for the events. We will also have an information station on-site at the Teddy Bear Picnic.

Do you know other organizations which could benefit from our support? We have \$3500 remaining in our 2010-2011 budget, and we are looking for opportunities to benefit the community and at the same time share the story of the Junior League of Lansing.



Dear Jill,

I noticed our General Membership meetings are located at Walnut Hills Country Club can we afford this?

Sincerely,

Frugal Fran

Dear Fran,

Yes, we can afford to have our meeting at Walnut Hills Country Club. We were very strategic when planning our year out with Walnut Hills Country Club, making sure we could give our membership a special meeting place while meeting our budget needs. They were crucial in helping us meet our budget. The JLL is saving over \$2,500 that has been budgeted in the past for facility use by holding our GMM's at WCC, now that's frugal! We would like to thank Walnut Hills Country Club for all their generosity.

Thank you for your concern, Tíll



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September Starts a New League Year

Dawn Hall, Arrangements Chair



Junior League of Lansing (JLL) is kicking off the 2010-11 year with a party! There will be great food, drinks and a little sparkle. September 14, our first General Membership Meeting (GMM), will be held at Walnut Hills in East Lansing, beginning with drinks and mingling at 5:30 p.m. and dinner served at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Our décor will showcase a "sparkle" theme to get you in the mood for our "It's All About the Sparkle" raffle fundraiser. Becky Beauchine Kulka is our meeting sponsor and will be showcasing her new Italian Jewelry Line, Belle E'toile. Dinner tickets for the September kick-off are \$10 and the deadline to RSVP is Wednesday, September 1. Make checks out to "Junior League of Lansing" and send them to:

Dawn Hall 5643 Babbitt Haslett, MI 48840

The Arrangements Committee worked very hard last year to secure a meeting space for the GMMs that met our budget, capacity, and overall needs. We are pleased to announce that Walnut Hills will continue to be the official host for JLL's GMMs this year.

The schedule for 2010-2011 GMMs is:

September 14 - Walnut Hills Country Club
October 12 - Walnut Hills Country Club
November 9 - Sustainer homes
January 11- Walnut Hills Country Club
February 8 - Movie night (location TBD)
March 8 - Walnut Hills Country Club
April 12 - Walnut Hills Country Club

May 10 - Celebration (Country Club of Lansing)

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



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SUSTAINERS, YOU ARE WONDERFUL!!!

Sue Mills, Sustaining Advisor



In every organization that is relevant to the times, it is necessary to constantly keep updating its methods of operation. The Junior League of Lansing is no exception. As we have moved from an organization that was almost exclusively membered by stay-at-home moms to an organization where the majority of the membership is gainfully employed outside the home, we have changed how we fundraise, how we view community projects, and how we train our members.

Now, with our Power of We Grant, we have the opportunity to change our operational efficiency internally. We have grant funds which are allowing us to upgrade our office equipment, our website, our software programs, our brochure and to scan our historical

and current documents.

The biggest impact to us Sustainers in this electronic movement is the distribution and access to FOCUS. In mid-June I sent a letter to bring you all "up to speed" on what we were doing. I asked for your email address, as this is the way our younger Active Members communicate. Broadcast emails inform the membership about what is happening almost as soon as it happens. I also asked if you would accept an electronic version of the FOCUS or if you preferred a mailed hard copy. For those of you who have email, your response and acceptance of the electronic version of FOCUS is an overwhelming "yes". And for those of you who don't work with emails or who want a paper copy, we want you to be informed and we will get our little "ad hoc" committee together and run copies and do a mailing!

In addition, in my Sustainer mailing I asked for volunteers to work with the League Actives and other Sustainers this coming year. The response was OUTSTANDING! Eight of you indicated you would help with mailings, 21 said you would work on the Fall Luncheon, 14 indicated you would open your home for a fall active members group meeting, 10 volunteered to work on the Bus Trip, 5 of you offered to open your home for the Annual Holiday Open House, 15 of you volunteered to work on the Holiday Open House Committee, 8 of you volunteered to work on the MSU Hospitality Auction and 8 of you indicated an interest in being a Sustaining Advisor. Thank you so much. I am in the process of contacting you volunteers as I juggle pleasure trips and kids and grandkids coming to visit. Mark your calendars now as we have three dates set. The Annual "Shop 'Til You Drop Trip" to Chicago will be Friday, December 3; the MSU Hospitality Cocktail Party and Auction, a fundraiser for our Endowment Fund will be held on Saturday, February 5th; and the May Annual Celebration Meeting will be Tuesday, May 10 at the Country Club of Lansing.

If I haven't received your survey/questionnaire back, you can still send it to me. I want your email address and a response on your preferred Focus delivery. I only put June 25th on the form because I didn't want it sitting on a pile on your desk! I am so looking forward to working with the actives this year as their Sustaining Advisor and to seeing all of you at various functions throughout the coming year.

Condolences...

The Junior League of Lansing sends sincere condolences to **Barb McLean**, her family and friends. Barb's husband, Neil passed away on June 20, 2010.



Board Highlights Amanda Purdy LaVoie, Secretary



All board minutes can be found on the website.

Board Highlights: June 1, 2010

- -DISC training was provided by sustainer, Susan Combs.
- -"It's All About the Sparkle" raffle will be our Fall Fundraiser with celebration to follow.
- -FOCUS will be printed for Aug/Sept and

Dec/Jan; the others will be electronic version.

- -Response Grant deadline Sept. 1
- -JL applied for MDA grant for the amount of \$5,000
- -Chair training will be held on June 8th *The board approved the following motions:*
- -JL sponsored Sparrow Working Wonders at the \$500 level
- -Ceisa design was voted in to create website and brochure
- -Voted in to reinstate members
- -Reviewed accountant quotes, will stay with Wozen Accounting

Email Vote: June

-Moving ahead with Celebrity Luncheon.

Board Highlights: June 30, 2010

- -The first New Member Relations Event will be held Aug. 3
- -Collaboration of community partners discussed
- -Community Service will bring forward projects to board for a vote.
- -Celebrity Luncheon currently has 19 servers. Packets for "Community Partners" and Celebrity Servers will be sent out at the end of July.
- -JLL will be applying for the Delta Dental Grant for the amount of \$5,000
- -Bus trip will be Dec 3rd.
- -Power of We: contracts will be signed for Fund Development Consultant, Website/Brochure Design, Scanning of files. Computer and office equipment will be purchased in August. *The board approved the following motions:*
- -JLL sponsored Michigan Health Innitavie at the \$1,000 level
- -Nannette Nasar was voted in as Community Service Vice Chair

Email Vote: July 16th

-"Every Little Bottom" campaign will be done by Community Service donated diapers will go to Shared Pregnancy and Haven House.

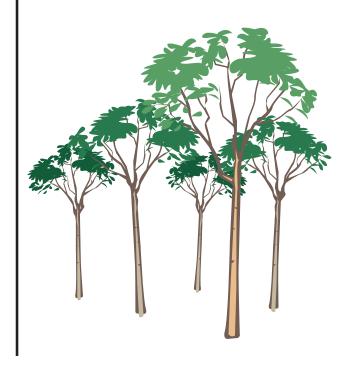
Member Relations Update

Michelle Lange, Member Relations Chair



Happy August! Hope everyone is enjoying the summer and looking forward to getting back into the swing of Junior League! Your Member Relations committee is very excited about being able to provide you with great events this coming

year. You'll see the return of some old favorites as well as the inclusion of new activities. As always, we will be hosting the after GMM socials each month and we're looking at a new approach to kudos awards. Additionally, the forms for Junior Pals will be available at our first GMM. We hope you'll consider signing up as it is always fun to walk into the meeting and have a little gift waiting for you! If you have any ideas or suggestions for Member Relations events, please feel free to e-mail me at LangeM77@aol.com. See you in September!

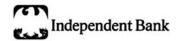


September 16, 2010 at Timber Ridge Golf Club

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August and September Birthdays

	SUSTAINERS			
08/01	McKay, Ellen	08/01	Bacon, Sue	09/05
08/03	Condon, Georgia	08/03	Haas, Catherine	09/08
08/07	Jakubiak, Karen	08/04	Hicks, Marybeth	09/08
08/08	Brodbeck, Margaret	08/05	Peery, Virginia	09/08
08/12	Dubenion-Smith, Shela	08/07	Horton, Marcia	09/10
08/18	Brick, Gina	08/11	Boger, Carolyn	09/11
08/19	Crooks, Patti	08/12	Hoagland, Carolyn	09/12
08/19	Brown, Sue	08/15	Knapp, Sarah	09/12
08/27	Lazar, Cathy	08/18	Willoughby, Carolyn	09/12
09/02	Reed, Jan	08/19	Faulhaber, Wendy	09/13
09/03	DesJardins, Marilyn	08/21	Costello, Betsy	09/14
09/06	Maas, Mary Ellen	08/21	Kahl, Janice	09/14
09/08	Hagan, Barbara	08/22	Noe, Karen	09/14
09/10	Gillespie, Pamela	08/23	Sessions, Betsy	09/14
09/13	Parker, Candy	08/23	Barnes, Candy	09/17
09/17	Hagan, Pat	08/26	Martin, Dorothy	09/17
09/20	Burns, Judy	08/27	Bens, Kathy	09/18
09/22	Grettenberger, Sandy	08/27	Campbell, Arylie	09/20
09/28	Stebbins, Jackie	08/29	Gardner, Donna	09/20
	Hayes, Annie	08/31	Maguire, Claudia	09/21
	Wirtz, Barb	08/31	Kotz, Barb	09/24
	Hidlay, Molly	09/01	Hornbach, Catherine	09/26
	Wilkinson, Judy	09/01	Gadola, Preeti	09/27
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New Year New Start

Melissa Seifert, Fund Development Chair



I am very excited to be the chair of the Signature Fundraiser Committee! With the help of our President **Betsy Svanda**, our Fund Development consultant Donna Gardner and the committee, we are off to a running start. I am happy to announce that we are in the process of planning our first two fundraising events. Here's the best part: we're spending less than two thirds the amount we have in the past and raising the same amount of money!

First, the Junior League of Lansing will host a Celebrity Luncheon thanks to the help of Sustainer **Kathy Colby** and members of the community that will be serving at the event.

The Celebrity Luncheon will be held on Thursday, September 23, 2010 at the Texas Roadhouse in Lansing. The committee has secured 20 servers that will be selling 20 tickets each. In the past this event has profited \$10,000 while spending a minimal amount. If you are interested in serving, selling tickets, sponsoring the event or helping on the day of, please contact me at (810) 531-1260.

For our second event, we will again have the Becky Beauchine Kulka raffle, "It's All About the Sparkle," with additional teeth whitening prizes donated by Dr. Scott Stone. The raffle drawing will be held on Saturday, November 27, 2010, on the "In Her Shoes with **Tiffany Dowling** and **Shelley Davis Mielock**" radio show. First prize will be a \$2,500 gift certificate to Becky Beauchine Kulka; second prize is a \$1,000 gift certificate to Becky Beauchine Kulka and third prize is a \$500 gift certificate to Becky Beauchine Kulka. The fourth through sixth prizes will be teeth whitening services donated by Dr. Scott Stone valued at \$595 each.

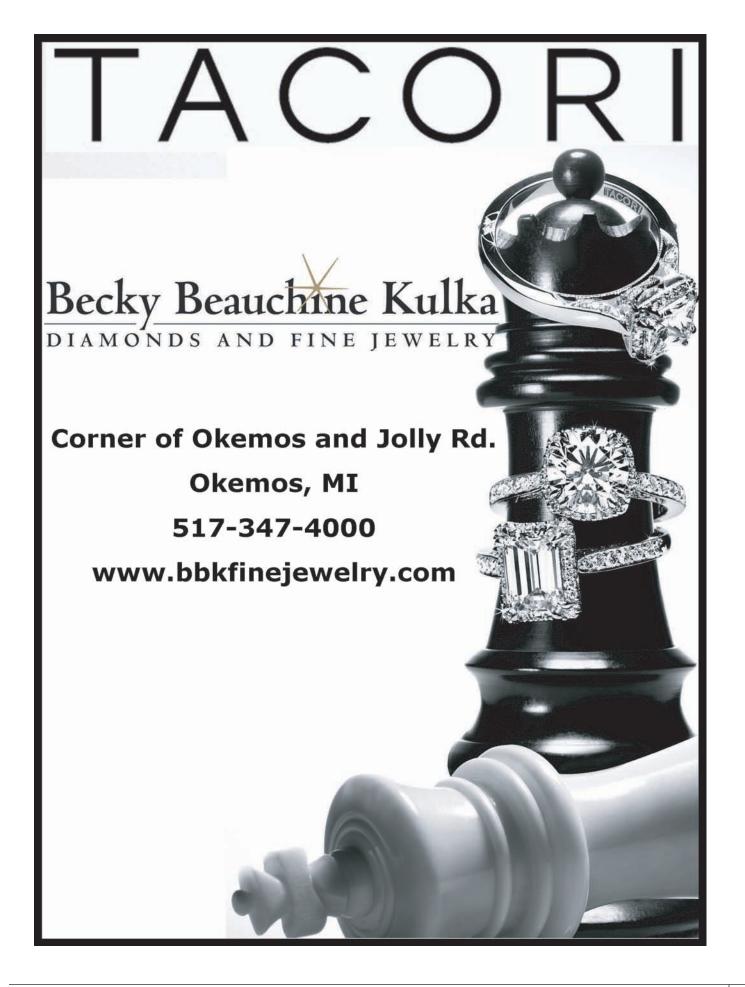
"It's All About the Sparkle" ties in with our Signature Project, Care Free Dental, as well as engaging the community at large outside of Junior League. It is our goal to raise over \$20,000.

To reach our goal your help is needed in selling raffle tickets. Members who sell tickets will have an opportunity to win incentive prizes. The more tickets you sell the better the incentive prize!!! Tickets will be printed and ready for pick up at the September 14 General Membership Meeting. The prizes will be announced then.

As you can see we have a plan and we are working towards a goal! It is time to regroup and raise the money necessary to fulfill our community commitments and prepare our members to become pillars in the community. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at Melissa_Topolewski@hotmail.com or my cell phone (810) 531-1260.

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JLL Member Award Winners

Suzanne Johnson, Membership Vice President



Placement Award:

The Placement Award is given to a JLL Member who consistently goes "above and beyond" her placement job description, or, in addition to her regular placement, assists other committees or projects in an outstanding manner.

Her initiative, hard work and tireless effort with both the website and the broadcast email system make her very worthy of this award. The Junior League of Lansing is proud to recognize *Tracy Riehl*.

Community Service Award:

The Community Service Award recognizes a JLL member who has contributed significant, outstanding volunteer time and effort to improve the quality of life in the Lansing community, either through her own community involvement or League Placement. This year's award winner's peers describe her as "epitomizing volunteerism and the value of Junior League Training."

This JLL Sustainer has been a member of the Junior League for over 45 years. This member served as President of League in 1970-1971, and also served as Sustaining Advisor twice, first in 1982-1983 and again in 1999-2000. The Junior League of Lansing is proud to recognize *Joan Stapleton*.

Super Sustainer Award:

The Super Sustainer Award is given to a JLL Sustaining member who has given of her time and talents to support the efforts of the organization. She single handedly raised more money for the Junior League of Lansing throughout her tenure, than any other active or sustaining member. She has done this through personal hard work and significant arm-twisting of her friends.

This Super Sustainer is one of those "Junior League Heroines" who has used her creative skills, contagious



enthusiasm, and limitless unselfishness, to enhance our organization for over 30 years. She is forward thinking and amazingly tireless. The Junior League of Lansing is proud to recognize, Barb Cleland as Super Sustainer, 2010.

Community Service Award Winner, Joan Stapleton and Super Sustainer Award Winner, Barb Cleland

Super New Member:

The Super New Member Award goes to a new member who has given "above and beyond" of her time and talents to support the efforts of this organization. Being a new member can be very trying.

This year's New Member Award goes to a woman who has exhibited strong organizational and leadership skills with her involvement in the New Member Project, Kids in the Kitchen. Her colleagues contribute her energy, positive attitude and devotion to Kids in the Kitchen as reasons for its success. The Junior League of Lansing is proud to recognize *Kristin Clark*.

Spirit Award:

The Spirit Award is given to a JLL member who embodies the spirit of junior League voluntarism in her actions and interactions in the community and with other JLL members. This person consistently inspires others with her caring, understanding, enthusiasm and pursuit of excellence embracing the values of JLL.

As a current Board member, this lady single handedly stepped up to the plate to organize, facilitate, and help in all aspects of moving the JLL Office while performing both her duties as President Elect and mother of four! Her grace, thoughtfulness and enthusiasm in the "training opportunity" demonstrate her spirit as a leader and lay the foundation for inspiring others. Her spirit is infectious, and The Junior League of Lansing is proud to recognize *Betsy Svanda*.

Leadership Award:

The Leadership Award is given to a JLL member who demonstrates outstanding leadership abilities and who motivates and inspires others to further the vision of the organization.

Her outstanding performance leading the Nominating and Placement Committee and her amazing leadership skills have propelled her to President- Elect for the 2010-2011 year. The Junior League of Lansing is proud to recognize *Kate Powers*, our 2009-2010 Leadership Award recipient.



Leadership Award Winner, Kate Powers, Spirit Award Winner, Betsy Svanda and 2009-2010 JLL President, Tracy Jelneck

\$21,587.00 – An Amazing Number

Gabe Johnson, Fund Development Vice President



The Junior League of Lansing has been awarded the largest grant in its history!! A total of \$21,587.00 has been awarded to the JLL through the "Power of We" grant. The "Power of We" is a capacity building grant program that was initiated under former President George W. Bush. The purpose of a capacity building grant is to better equip the organization to increase their capacity in serving the community. Funds cannot be directly used or given to community projects. The Junior League of Lansing will be able to better "build its capacity" to serve our community by using the grant money for the following:

\$5,000 – Website Design

\$5,000 - Fund Development Consultant

\$3,700 - Printed Brochure

\$3,025 - Computer

\$2,552 – Scanning of Documents

\$1,000 – Website training for Board and Members

\$620 - Branded Public Service Announcements

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\$90 – Screen

We are so excited about the impact the "Power of We" grant is going to have on the Junior League of Lansing and our community.

"The indispensable and transforming work of faith-based and other charitable service groups must be encouraged. Government cannot be replaced by charities, but it can and should welcome them as partners. We must heed the growing consensus across America that successful government social programs work in fruitful partnership with community-serving and faith-based organizations."

-President George W. Bush

2010-2011 Board Members

From left, standing: Courtney Schnelker, Ann Vogelsang, Tiana Hawver & Shelly Bugg

From left, seated: Gabe Johnson, Betsy Svanda, Kate Powers & Julie Morgan



Community Advisory Board Meeting

By Kate Powers, President Elect



The Junior League of Lansing Community Advisory Board met on May 18 at the Junior League office. The Community Advisory Board, or CAB, is group of individuals committed to forwarding the mission of the JLL through their input and support. In attendance at this meeting were CAB members Mark Criss, of the City Rescue Mission, Paula Bates from Carefree Dental Clinic and Pete Sheldon from Dickinson Wright. Additionally, JLL Members Betsy Svanda, Tracy Jelneck, Kate Powers, Lisa Gnass and Kris Kildea were there to provide updates regarding the Junior League's support to the community over the past year. Other members of the CAB include Ginny Acheson, Principal, Sheridan Road Elementary, Michael F. Gadola, Counsel, Michigan Supreme Court and the State Court Administrative Office, Beany Tomber, Ready To Learn Coordinator, WKAR/TV, MSU, and

Annie Topie. The next JLL CAB meeting will be September 22, 2010 at the Junior League office. Thank you so much to the current CAB members for their support and commitment to JLL!

Nominating/Placement Committee Welcomes You Back!

Susan Lupo, Placement Chair



The Nominating/Placement Advisor team has been busy this summer preparing for the upcoming year. A goal of the Junior League of Lansing is to have every Member experience a rewarding placement. To ensure that this happens, every Active Member is assigned an Advisor. The purpose of an Advisor is to allow both the committee chair and the committee members an avenue in which they are able to discuss ideas and concerns that may occur regarding League and a particular placement. Advisors will be conducting fall interviews in September/October to receive feedback on current placements and also to discuss each Member's goals for placement for the following League year. One important responsibility of your Advisor is to track placement points throughout the year. Points collected throughout the year are used during the placement process in the spring

for the following League year.

This year's Advisors are excited to serve our League Membership. The 2010 Nominating/Placement Advisors are **Jodie Burditt**, **Stacy Carl**, **Kristin Hicks**, **Samantha Hughes**, **Tracy Jelneck**, **Suzanne Johnson**, and **Dawn Kroeger**. You should have already received an introductory letter from your Advisor. If you have not yet received a letter from your Advisor, please contact **AmySue Melville**, Nominating Chair at asmelville@ymail.com or **Susan Lupo**, Placement Chair at smlutz@hotmail.com as soon as possible. We are looking forward to seeing you all at the September GMM!

2010-2011 Calendar

AUGUST

- 30 Chair Training Walnut Hills 7 p.m.
- 31 New Member Recruitment Perspective Studio, Old Town 5:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

- 12– JLL Sponsored Event- MSU Health Intiave Teddy Bear Picnic
- 13– JLL Sponsored Event Sparrow Foundation's Women Working Wonders 5k/0k
- 14 GMM Walnut Hills cocktails 5:30 p.m., dinner 6:00 p.m., GMM 7:00 p.m.
- 21 Community Advisory Community Meeting 8:30 a.m.
- 21 New Member Recruitment Independent Bank, 2900 West Road, Suite 100, East Lansing 6:00 p.m.
- 23 Celebrity Luncheon Texas Road House

OCTOBER

- 12 GMM Walnut Hills OPS 6 p.m.
- 19 New Member Recruitment Swank Salon, Lansing 6 p.m.
- 23 MSC Training Ann Arbor

November

- 14 GMM Sustainers Homes
- 16 New Member Bus Retreat
- 27 "It's All About the Sparkle" Raffle Drawing on "In Her Shoes" radio show

DECEMBER

- 3 Bus Trip to Chicago
- 7 Holiday Open House

JANUARY

- 11 GMM Walnut Hills OPS 6 p.m.
- 15 MSC Training Lansing

FEBRUARY

- 5 MSU Hospitality Auction
- 8 GMM Movie Night

MARCH

- 8 GMM Walnut Hills
- 16 Day at the Capital

APRIL

- 12 GMM Walnut Hills
- 19 Transition Meeting

MAY

10 – May Celebration Country Club of Lansing - cocktails 5:30 p.m.

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- Making travel arrangements
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Community Service is Up and Running!

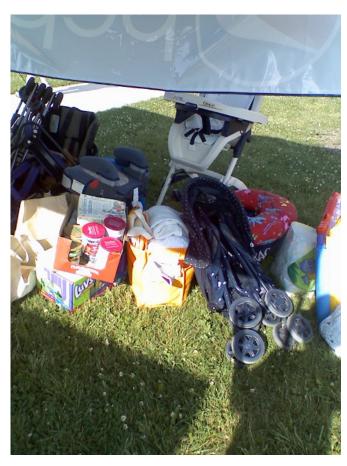
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The Community Service Committee kicked off summer and the 2010-11 year by participating in the Race 4 Life 5K sponsored by Pregnancy Services of Greater Lansing (Pregnancy Services). On a hot summer evening, members from Junior League joined Pregnancy Services volunteers and staff to pass out water, assist with registration and encourage the more than 120 runners at the race/walk which was held at Granger Meadows Park in Lansing. Many thanks to **Tiana Hawver**, **Christie Lemon**, **Becky Myers**, and President **Betsy Svanda** for volunteering their time and talent. In particular, thanks goes out to our future Junior League Members, the children of the Lemon, Myers and Svanda families for their enthusiasm and support of all the runners. And a very special thank you to all those who donated baby items. Many items were collected, including

formula, car seats, strollers, a high chair, linens, and other much needed baby items.

Pregnancy Services is a local organization that provides a variety of free services including counseling, pregnancy and ultrasound testing. They also donate over 15,000 baby items (clothing, diapers, formula), 1,200 pieces of equipment (car seats, high chairs, playpens) and 70 cribs per year to women in need. The organization has been serving our community since 1977.



Donated items from Junior League Members



From left, standing: Betsy Svanda, Bethe Day, Christie Lemon, Tiana Hawver & Caroline Svanda

From left, seated: Catherine Svanda, Olivia Lemon & David Svanda



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MISSION - The Junior League of Lansing, Michigan is a non-profit 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.

VISION - Dynamic Women Impacting Lives.

This JLL envisions a community where the health, safety and welfare of all individuals are assured, where citizens work together to solve problems, and where the Junior League of Lansing, Michigan trains and inspires leadership, so our lives and the legacy of our organization reach their fullest potential.

VALUES - Because we value the positive impact our League makes in the community, we are committed to identifying problems that face greater Lansing and developing solutions; using fundraising dollars to support community projects; and executing community projects within collaborative partnerships that include a diversity of people and organizations.

FOCUS AREA - Supporting Children and Families at Risk

NEXT FOCUS DEADLINE

Monday, September 13, 2010 • 5 pm

All articles must be sent in Microsoft word with Times New Roman 12 pt font. Email all articles as attachments to Focus@jllansing.org

