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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.

Fundraising

A Night of Fantasy

Amanda Campbell, Signature Fundraiser Committee



The 2009 Junior League of Lansing's Masquerade Ball is now merely a fond memory! We wish to thank everyone who joined us on October 30th for a fantastic night of great music, great food and great fun!

We must say a very special thank you to our wonderful entertainers who gave so selflessly of their time and talent to help make the night such a success, and to the attending Sustainers who helped immensely with volunteering the night of the event.

And finally, to our sponsors, who gave time, money and advertising in their support of our event, community and the Care Free Dental program. You'll never know what a difference you made!

Check out the marvelous professional photos taken by Mikenna White Photography. There are 58 from the party and 24 kissing booth photos. They can be purchased directly on the website. Go to: www.mikennaelizabeth.com then click "Clients" on the menu.

Dawn Hall was crowned Queen of the Ball and adorned in Becky Beauchine Kulka jewelry for the night — *congratulations!* Other winners were:

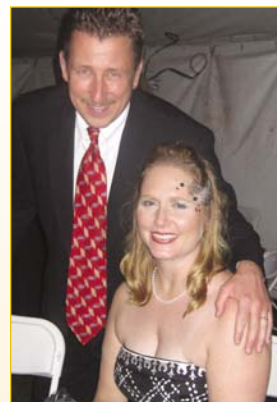
Beauchine Kulka Shopping Spree Raffle:

1st prize – \$2,500 shopping spree – **Tom Jones**
2nd prize – \$1,000 shopping spree – **Lori Noyer**
3rd prize – \$500 shopping spree – **Ann Smith**

Mega Masquerade Raffle:

A Piece O'Cake Cupcakes for a Year – **Kathy Colby**
Lucy Grey Custom Hand Bags for a Year – **Kathy Colby**
Kelli Hughes Arbonne Basket for a Year – **Christie Lemon**
Wine for a Year Plus in Home Wine Tasting – **Katie Lynwood**
Ensō Dinner for a Year – **Julie Morgan**
The Poodle Pedicures for a Year by Liz Wilson – **Susan Lupo**
Bigby Coffee for a Year – **Ginny Brooks**
Showroom ShineCar Washes for a Year – **Nancy Lewis**
Dr. Marvin Matson's Contact Lens for a Year – **Tiffany Dowling**

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From top: David & Tracy Jelneck;
Thuy Pham & Lisa Gnass;
Simone LaVoie & Sara Pixley.
Below L to R: Phil Denny & Guest;
Ben Price, Doug & Shelley Mielock;
Connie James & Amanda Garcia-Williams



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

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

FOCUS submissions are due by 5:00 p.m. on the Monday before each GMM. Email submissions should be sent to Focus@jllansing.org in Microsoft Word, Times New Roman 12 pt. font. Articles should include a title, author and author's placement. All photos should be digital and sent to the Focus email address with the word "photo" in the subject line. Photos must include a caption with the names of those pictured and the title of the accompanying article.

President's Message...

Tracy Jelneck, President



Opportunity

It is hard to believe that the 2009–2010 Junior League year is just about half over. Heavens, it feels like we just had our first GMM. As a Junior League Member in whatever your placement, you start the year with so many high expectations. You may want to accomplish this and that, but there never seems to be enough time. If you have children school begins and with that comes the extracurricular activities, the celebrations and parties announcing the arrival of the holidays, girls nights out, date nights, new adventures, committee and council meetings, and the list just goes on and on.

Junior League is an organization like no other. We don't just support one cause or one particular organization but many, what with our Signature Project, DIAD, DIAM, and community service activities. What makes us different from all of the other not-for-profits out there? We are a training organization. A training organization that, believe it or not, is supposed to train our Members and then, regretfully...let them go.

Several years ago I was told my children were on loan to me and that I was not to keep them forever. My job was to raise them to be respected and productive members of the community, but then at some point I was to let them go to make their own way in this world. Junior League is similar to that. We train our Members, we give them opportunities to lead and train others and then like all good parents...we let go. We let go so that our Members can go out into the community and fall back on their training and improve the community.

As we start this new calendar year may you all begin to think of ways that you can improve the community. Start thinking of where you want to be in Junior League and what impact you would like to make. The 2010–2011 Board, New Member Committee, and Nominating and Placement Advisors were slated in November and we will vote in those Members at the Annual Meeting in January. Then comes chair selection and budget preparation sometime in February followed by the placement fair in March, just to name a few. Then lo' and behold it is May already and time to celebrate our year and all of our accomplishments at our May Celebration Meeting where the reigns are passed to the incoming Leadership Team. Whew! We sure have a lot in which to look forward.

But in the meantime, remember that the holidays are meant to be spent in the company of family and friends. They should not be full of stress, but should be enjoyed. Spend the time savoring your accomplishments of the year past and celebrating the year to come.

Looking forward to seeing you all in January,

Tracy



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Membership Member Relations Corner

Angela Emlet-Dardas, Member Relations Chair



Happy Holiday season to all! Over the next few months your Member Relations Committee has a variety of activities for socializing and getting to know each other better! Our Pottery Painting event took place on November 20 in Okemos. The kids painted pottery while Members had a chance to visit with each other.

Quite a few Members enjoyed the after GMM socials at Dusty's Tap Room after the October and November GMMs. We hope more Members can participate as the year goes on!

Next up is the Dream Dinners Repeat Performance on Thursday, January 14, 2010 at 7:00 pm. Please plan to join us as we assemble dinners to take home for our families. RSVP for the Dream Dinners event to **Angela Emlet-Dardas** at jiaphobe@aol.com by January 7, 2010.

Also, in February or early March we will be doing our Pampering Morning with pedicures and manicures, and a couples night out!

KUDOS KORNER:

At the November GMM, we recognized the following Members for their outstanding work in planning and executing the fabulous and successful Signature Fundraiser:

Amanda Purdy LaVoie
Kelli Hughes
Rachel Rosenbaum
Amanda Campbell
Amanda Garcia-Williams
Dawn Hall
Connie James
Becky Paalman

Remember to nominate Members who go above and beyond for special recognition at each GMM! You may send your nominations to Angela at jiaphobe@aol.com or to Pattie at pattiemcniel@gmail.com

Community JLL Stocks Mission Pantry

Kristi Moore, DIAD Committee



On October 21, 2009, a group of Leaguers bought, delivered and stocked food for the Lansing City Rescue Mission. Lansing City Rescue Mission is one of two primary homeless shelters in the Lansing area. They serve approximately 200 meals a day, have 44 beds and are almost always full. They have seen a huge increase in need in the past few years.

Given the need and seeing the faces of those waiting for dinner made us all feel like we participated in a really worthwhile event. Lansing City Rescue Mission and other organizations like it doing such fantastic work to ensure no one has to sleep outside in the winter months or go without a meal are totally dependent on donations like the one from Junior League. I think we can all be proud of contributing and helping such an organization! There will be other opportunities in the future to participate with their new women and children shelter. Special thanks to **Jill Tuley, Lynn Garrett, Jennifer Brewer, Stacy Carl** and **Angela Vlahakis!**

New Year... New Office Location!!!!

1231 Michigan Ave., Suite 204, East Lansing

Betsy Svanda, President-Elect



The board has been like the show "House Hunters" recently, but instead of looking for a house we have been looking for office space.

For the League's current office space we pay \$1,560 each month for rent, this adds up to \$18,720 a year in rent. With the Building Fund at \$116,000, we will have depleted it within 6 years if we stay at our current location.

The board has looked into many options from buying, to partnering with other non-profits and have decided it would be best to have a smaller office with shared meeting room space. By going to a smaller office space we will bring our rent down to \$350.00 a month, including phone and internet. This will allow us to sustain the Building Fund for many years to come.

We look forward to "Cleaning House" and starting the New Year with a new office for the Junior League of Lansing. Our new address will be 1231 Michigan Ave., Suite 204, East Lansing, Michigan 48823. Although not yet determined we will most likely have the same phone and fax number. Our attorney is currently reviewing the lease, but we expect to have signed it prior to Thanksgiving.

A Night of Fantasy *continued from page 1*

Stateside Deli & McAlister's Deli Lunches for a Year – Ken Carache
Douglas J Day Spa Massages for a Year – Traci Riehl
Entertainment for a Year – Lisa Gnass
Pilates for a Year with Hillary Henderson – Jason Haywood
Redwood Landscaping Lawn Service for a Year – Betsy Svanda

Live Auction Oprah Tickets:

2 Oprah Tickets – **Tiffany Dowling**
2 Oprah Tickets – **Camron Gnass & Chad Paalman**

Blackjack Drawing:

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Jesse Lothamer



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Membership New Member Recruitment

Courtney Schnelker, New Member Recruitment Chair



The New Member Recruitment Committee has been meeting some wonderful new faces this fall, as the New Member class, made up of 28 women, has formed.

This past fall, prospective New Members attended informational events, the New Member retreat, and a social that took place in November. A New Member cookie exchange will take place at the home of Suzanne Johnson on Tuesday, December 15th. The New Member class will start their training in January.

Thank you to all of the Active and Sustaining Members for supporting and attending our recruitment activities. Please look for our November social event recap and pictures in the next Focus. Thank you to **Ivana Marinig** and **Suzanne Johnson** for opening up their homes to the New Members for our November and December gatherings.

December/January Birthdays

Kroeger, Dawn	12/03	Wiesner, Alex	01/24	Marshall, Beverly	12/21
Burditt, Jodie	12/06	Swain, Meghan	01/29	Balesky, Bridget	12/23
Seitz, Bridget	12/09	Gandhi, Maria	01/30	Grua, Linda	12/23
Millbrook, Lydia	12/10			Ellsworth, Mary	12/27
Synk, Polly	12/10	SUSTAINERS		Berger, Nancy	12/28
Donahue, Kay	12/12	Oetzel, Bev	12/02	Hartman, Kim	12/29
Morgan, Julie	12/20	Moore, Betty	12/03	Ruth, Pam	12/29
Hull, Kellyan	12/21	Seaman, Martha	12/04	Brogan, Carol	12/30
Hutchison, Jaimie	12/22	Edwards, Caryn	12/06	West, Mary	12/30
Lynwood, Katie	12/24	Claypool, Cathy	12/07	Rhodes, Caryn	12/31
Dwyer, Rosie	12/31	Foster, Trish	12/09	Bassos, Zoe	01/02
Lemon, Christie	01/03	Archibley, Joan	12/10	Chick, Ann	01/02
Evangelista, Colette	01/04	Maner, Phyl	12/10	Stow, Shorty	01/03
Mielock, Shelley	01/12	Anderson, Doris	12/14	Lawton-Essa, Julie	01/06
Pham, Thuy	01/14	Cotter, Martha	12/14	Allis, Susan	01/08
Carr, Suzanne	01/15	Forsyth, Gretchen	12/14	Campbell, Paula	01/08
Watters, Kim	01/15	Kildea, Kris	12/14	Atkinson, Deb	01/11
Reome, Alana	01/18	Matter, Lorri	12/14	Cleland, Barb	01/13
Tuley, Jill	01/20	Coy, DeDe	12/17	Shaheen, Denise	01/14
				Maison, Nicole	01/15
				Broviac, Carol	01/16
				Olson, Karen	01/17
				Fedewa, Paula	01/19
				Weiss, Sue	01/19
				Bauer, Joan	01/21
				Brogan, Pat	01/24
				Booth, Jane	01/28
				Shanker, Melissa	01/28
				Robinson, Deborah	01/29
				Moore, Jean	01/30
				Riegel, Kay	01/30
				Olson, Shelley	01/31



CAB Guides League

Betsy Svanda, President-Elect



CAB?? I am not talking about a cab that takes us somewhere, but The Community Advisory Board (CAB) which helps steer Junior League in the right direction. The Community Advisory Board, which is chaired by **Betsy Svanda**, President Elect, meets twice

a year, once in the fall and once in the spring. The CAB members act as consultants for our Strategic Plan and our involvement in the community. They provide input regarding areas of critical need within the Lansing community and assess the League development of programs, both volunteer and financial, which address these needs. Members represent areas critical to the community and are actively involved in the improvement and growth of the community.

Ginny Acheson

Virginia Acheson is the Principal at Sheridan Road Elementary School in the Lansing School District. She has been with the Lansing School District as both an administrator and teacher for over thirty years. Virginia graduated from Michigan State University with both a Bachelors and Masters degree.

Mark Criss

Mark Criss is the Executive Director of the City Rescue Mission of Lansing. Mark earned a B.A. degree from Michigan State University in General Business Administration. Before entering into the ministry, Mark spent fifteen years in the information technology industry. His duties during that time ranged from Program Analyst to Technology Director and Chief Information Officer. Mark's call to the ministry began as a volunteer and years later felt the calling to be in ministry with the City Rescue Mission full time.

Michael F. Gadola

Michael Gadola is counsel to the Michigan Supreme Court and the State Court Administrative Office. He previously served as Majority Counsel in the Michigan House of Representatives and as Deputy Legal Counsel to Governor John Engler. Michael and his wife, Preeti a sustainer, reside in Haslett with their children, Sameer and Malini.

Beany Tomber

Since 1996, Beany Tomber has been the Ready To Learn Coordinator for WKAR/TV, MSU. In this role she works with community agencies to plan and implement training, workshops and other activities for early childhood teachers, parents and childcare providers. Prior to 1996, Beany was the Corporate Development Director for WKAR. She is a member of the Ingham County Birth to Five Subcommittee, the Early Childhood Literacy Coalition, the Capital Area Community Services Board and the Michigan Council on Crime and Delinquency Board.

Annie Topie

Annie Topie oversees internal communications and community relations for Jackson National Life Insurance Company. Prior to joining Jackson National Life in 2004, Annie was Senior Account Executive at a public relations agency in Chicago. Annie holds a B.A. in Communications and French from Albion College.

Peter Sheldon

Peter Sheldon attended Dartmouth College B.A. 1961; University of Michigan Law School, LL.M., 1964; University of Michigan MBA 1965. Peter is engaged in the private practice of law with Dickinson Wright PLLC and focuses on business transactions, estate planning, retirement benefits and state and local tax litigation. Peter is very involved in the Lansing community, having chaired the boards of the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division and the Ingham County Bar Foundation. He is also Past President of the Ingham County Bar Association and Greater Lansing Estate Planning Council and served as a Past Member of the Junior League of Lansing Endowment Fund Board. Peter and his wife Nancy, a sustaining member, reside in Mason.

Paula Bates

Paula Bates holds an associate's degree in dental hygiene from Lansing Community College, an associate's degree in business from Cornerstone University, and is nearing completion of a bachelor's degree in health administration from the University of Phoenix. Ms. Bates brings 15 years of administrative business and medical office experience with her to the Dental Clinic.

Suzanne Thelen

Suzanne Thelen is an Account Executive at ABC Channel 3 News, Lansing CW5. Prior to ABC 3, Suzanne worked at WLNS as a reporter for six years. She attended Central Michigan University and received a degree in Public Administration with a minor in economics. She was a lobbyist for the Michigan AFL-CIO and worked for the House of Representatives. She is actively involved in the community, volunteering with Children's Ballet Theatre, Carefree Dental and Hospice of Mid-Michigan.

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Proposed DIAD Projects 2010–2011

Done in a Day (DIAD) projects will be voted on at the January GMM. Ten projects will be chosen. *Projects supported 2009–2010.

- ***Habitat for Humanity (Summer 2010)**

JLL volunteers would work on a house one half day (four hours) and would be able to work with any additional, regular open crews. Projects may include work pertaining to framing, interior finish work and/or landscaping. Precise job requirements would be determined by when in the building sequence JLL would participate. One low income family will purchase the home from the Habitat for Humanity Lansing organization with a no interest loan.

Dollars needed: \$1000

Volunteers needed: 15

Time commitment: 4 hours

- ***St. Vincent Catholic Charities Operation Backpack (August 2010)**

JLL volunteers would help sort donated school supplies and pack back packs.

Dollars needed: None

Volunteers needed: 8–10

Time commitment: 4–6 hours

- ***Sparrow Foundation Women Working Wonders 5K (September 2010)**

Volunteers would be assisting the race committee in any number of roles the day of the race. The funds raised will be used to aid in the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer.

Dollars needed: None

Volunteers needed: 8–10

Time commitment: 3 hours

- ***Special Olympics (November 2010)**

Each fall, the Summit hosts the Special Olympics for an amazing group of athletes. JLL volunteers would provide and assist athletes with arts and crafts projects between their events.

- ***Caring About Kids (November 2010)**

JLL volunteers would shop for age appropriate gifts or the gift of the child's choice for Christmas. Each volunteer shops for gifts for up to 6 children. Wrapped gifts are dropped off to the JLL office and then delivered to the Department of Human Services.

Dollars needed: None (Caring About Kids, Inc. will reimburse JLL)

Volunteers needed: 75

Time commitment: Flexible

- **EVE, Inc. (2010–11)**

Eve, Inc. stands for End Violent Encounters. This organization provides free services to domestic violence survivors of Ingham county and surrounding communities. Some of these services include 24 hour crisis support, emergency shelter, counseling, children's programs and community education. JLL volunteers would assist with regular maintenance of the facility with

responsibilities ranging from interior work to exterior landscaping.

Dollars needed: None

Volunteers: 8–10

Time commitment: 4 hours

- **Haven House Exit Baskets (Fall 2010 or Winter 2011)**

JLL volunteers would create exit baskets containing cleaning supplies and personal care items for families who are leaving Haven House in an effort to make their transition to housing easier. Various community churches and neighborhood organizations are currently assisting with this project. JLL could collaborate with these organizations by taking responsibility for one month of the year. Approximately 8-10 bags would be needed to cover a one month supply.

Dollars needed: \$500

Volunteers needed: 5

Time commitment: 3 hours

- ***Volunteers of America Soup Kitchen (2010–11)**

Volunteers of America provides meals to the homeless in the Lansing area. The JLL would volunteer two three hour shifts either dinner or breakfast and help prepare, serve and clean up after the meal.

Dollars needed: None

Volunteers needed: 8

Time commitment: Two 3 hour time blocks

- ***Ronald McDonald House Dinners (Winter 2011)**

JLL volunteers would be paired up to prepare a dinner for the overnight guests of Ronald McDonald House. Each pair would plan one meal, shop for the food, prepare the dinner, serve the meal and clean the kitchen. Typically, 7-20 guests are served dinner.

Dollars needed: \$500.00

Volunteers needed: 10

Time commitment: 3–4 hours in evening

- **United Way Walk for Warmth (February 2011)**

JLL volunteers would join other volunteers from across the city to participate in an organized walk in an effort to increase awareness that there are people less fortunate who struggle to stay warm during the cold winter months and relay a message of the great need to support these people in any way possible.

**Note: Option to provide monetary donation.*

Dollars needed: None (option to donate available)

Volunteers needed: 5–20

- **MSU Safe Place Race for the Place 5K (April 2011)**

MSU Safe Place provides assistance and advocacy to women and children who are victims of domestic violence on the MSU campus and in the East Lansing community. JLL volunteers

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Absentee Ballots for the January 12, 2010 General Membership Meeting

If you are unable to attend the January GMM, please use the Absentee Ballots

Refer to Redbook Bylaws, Article VII, Page 13, Section 4

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

Ballots MUST be received BEFORE the start of the January 12th GMM.

Mail to: Suzanne Johnson, 2056 Timberview Lane, Okemos MI 48864

Note: Suzanne will present any absentee ballots unopened to the Nominating Chair

Absentee DIAD Ballot	Absentee DIAD Ballot
<p>A check mark next to the name indicates a YES vote.</p> <p>Please vote for 3 proposed DIADs.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Habitat for Humanity (Summer 2010)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> St. Vincent Catholic Charities Operation Backpack (August 2010)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sparrow Women Working Wonders 5k (September 2010)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Special Olympics (November 2010)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Caring About Kids (November 2010)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> EVE, Inc. Maintenance Day (2010–11)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Haven House Exit Baskets (2010–11)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Volunteers of America Soup Kitchen (2010–11)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ronald McDonald House Dinners (Winter 2011)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> United Way Walk for Warmth (February 2011)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> MSU Safe Place Race for the Place 5K (April 2011)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Haven House Mother's Day Gift Bags (May 2011)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> United Way Letter Carrier Food Drive (May 2011)</p>	<p>Signature</p> <hr/>

DIAD Proposed Projects *continued from page 6*

would assist with various tasks during the day of the event which includes a 5K run and children's 100 yard dash and 1 mile run.

Dollars needed: None

Volunteers needed: 8–10

Time commitment: 3 hours

- **Haven House Mother's Day Gift Bags (May 2011)**
Haven House is a shelter for women and children and has served the East Lansing community since 1989. JLL volunteers would purchase, fill and deliver approximately 7-10 gift bags to mothers staying at Haven House.

Dollars needed: \$100

Volunteers needed: 5

Time commitment: 2–3 hours

- **United Way Letter Carrier Food Drive (May 2011)**
JLL volunteers would drive their own vehicle and follow a letter carrier on his/her delivery route to pick up donated food items that have been left at residential homes. Volunteers would pair up to collect items and would then deliver them to a collection center.

Dollars needed: None

Volunteers needed: 10–16

Time commitment: 3–4 hours

Absentee Ballots for the January 12, 2010 General Membership Meeting

Refer to Redbook Bylaws, Article VII, Page 13, Section 4 & Redbook Policies, Section 16.1, #4, Page 39

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<p style="text-align: center;">ABSENTEE BALLOT (1)</p> <p>A check mark next to the name indicates a YES vote. You may vote for up to 8 candidates. For each candidate to be ratified, a majority vote of the total votes cast is required.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2010–2011 BOARD (single slate)</p> <p>_____ Kate Powers, President Elect</p> <p>_____ Amanda Purdy LaVoie, Secretary</p> <p>_____ Tiana Hawver, Communications Vice President</p> <p>_____ Ann Vogelsang, Community Vice President</p> <p>_____ Shelly Bugg, Education Vice President</p> <p>_____ Gabrielle Johnson, Fund Development Vice President</p> <p>_____ Courtney Schnelker, Membership Vice President</p> <p>_____ Lisa Callaghan-Keefer, Treasurer Elect</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ABSENTEE BALLOT (1) 2010–11 BOARD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ Signature</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">ABSENTEE BALLOT (2)</p> <p>A check mark next to the name indicates a YES vote. You may vote for no more than 4 candidates. The 4 candidates receiving the most votes will be elected.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nominating/Placement Advisor 2010–2011 (double slate)</p> <p>_____ Angela Emlet-Dardas</p> <p>_____ Katie Gallagher</p> <p>_____ Kristin Hicks</p> <p>_____ Tracy Jelneck</p> <p>_____ Suzanne Johnson</p> <p>_____ Dawn Kroeger</p> <p>_____ Lydia Millbrook</p> <p>_____ Ivana Marinig</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ABSENTEE BALLOT (2) 2010–11 Nominating/Placement Advisor</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ Signature</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">ABSENTEE BALLOT (3)</p> <p>A check mark next to the name indicates a YES vote. You may vote for up to 4 candidates. For each candidate to be ratified, a majority vote of the total votes cast is required.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">New Member Recruitment Advisor 2010–2011 (single slate)</p> <p>_____ Christina Carr</p> <p>_____ Jennifer Charette</p> <p>_____ Connie James</p> <p>_____ Abbie Matthews</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ABSENTEE BALLOT (3) 2010–11 New Member Recruitment Advisor</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ Signature</p>

New Board and Advisors, 2010–2011

BOARD



President Elect **Kate Powers**

Kate joined Junior League in 2004. She lives in East Lansing with her husband Jeff and three year old son Joseph and works at Michigan State University as a fundraiser. She is excited about being the President Elect because she has gotten so much from being a Member of Junior League and wants to give back to the organization that she loves.



Secretary **Amanda Purdy Lavoie**

Amanda has been a Member of Junior League since 2008. She currently resides in East Lansing with her husband Pierre and their Shiba Inu, Ginger. Amanda has worked in the real estate industry for seven years and is currently working towards a Bachelor in Management and Associate in Real Estate in addition to working as the Development Coordinator for the YMCA. She is very excited to hold the position as secretary on the board next year as she thinks it will be a great opportunity to share her ideas as a newer Member and build new relationships.



Communications Vice President **Tiana Hawver**

Tiana has been a Member of JLL since 2007. She lives in DeWitt and works as an Event Planner at Motion Marketing and Meeting. She thinks that this will be a fantastic way to grow both personally and in Junior League.



Community Vice President **Anne Vogelsang**

Anne joined Junior League in 2006. She lives in Haslett with her husband Tim and their two daughters Hannah and Sophie. She is excited to become the Community Vice President because she is interested in continuing and supporting the work that she has done on the Signature Project.



Education Vice President **Shelly Bugg**

Shelly joined Junior League in the fall of 2007. She and her husband live in East Lansing. Shelly is the Director of Tennis Operations at Court One Athletic Club. She is excited about taking on this role because she wants to expand her leadership skills all while providing leadership to JLL.



Fund Development Vice President **Gabrielle Johnson**

Gabe has been a Member of JLL 2006. She is currently a law student at Thomas Cooley Law School and lives in Lansing. She looks forward to being the Fund Development Vice President because she has considered joining the Board for the past few years, and wants JLL to be successful, and thinks that her personal experience can help to make that happen.



Membership Vice President **Courtney Schnelker**

Courtney has been a Member since 2005. She is currently a speech pathologist. She and her husband Adam live in East Lansing with their two sons, William and Henry. She is excited to take on this role to become more involved in Junior League and assist with all facets of membership.

Treasurer Elect **Lisa Callaghan-Keefer**

Lisa has been a member of Junior League since 2008. She lives in Lansing with her husband Jeff and her two children Hannah and Thomas. She works at the Michigan Nonprofit Association as the Director of Operations. She is excited to take on the Treasure-Elect role because she looks forward to giving back to Junior League by using her many years of accounting and finance experience.

VOTE

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NOMINATING PLACEMENT ADVISORS:



in League will be an asset to the committee.

Dawn Kroeger joined Junior League in 2004. She lives in Haslett with her husband Andy and her two daughters, Audrey and Harper. She works at Two Men and a Truck. She would love to be a Nominating Placement Advisor because she has always wanted to be an advisor, and thinks that her varied experience



thinks that it will be a great way to meet other Actives and help them make the most of their JL Placements. She is also interested because it is her goal to learn as much as possible about Junior League and this seems a great way to do it.

Katie Gallagher transferred into the JLL in 2006. She lives in East Lansing with her husband Sean and her 14 month old son Conor. She is the Communications Manager at the Michigan State University College of Law, but in December will be a stay at home mom. She is interested in this placement because she



Ivana Marinig is in her fourth active year. She lives in Haslett and works at Jackson National Life Insurance. She and her husband Michael have two children, Madeline 6 and Ethan 9. She is very interested in meeting new league Members as a Nominating Placement Advisor.



League Members and become more involved. She sees it as a good way to see how League really works.

Kristin Hicks joined Junior League in 2007. She lives in Haslett, is married to Steve and has two children Andrew, 7, and Sarah 3.5. She works part time as a speech pathologist with Hope Network Rehabilitation Services. She feels that being a Nominating Placement Advisor will be a good way to connect with



natural transition from being a New Member Advisor.

Lydia Millbrook joined League in 2007. She lives in Lansing and stays home with her three children. She is married to Roger. She is excited to be a Nominating Placement advisor because she wants to have the opportunity to get to know more about League and learn more in depth information. She feels it is a



puts their best abilities to best use.

Tracy Jelneck lives in Williamston with her husband David and their three children Savannah, Brianna and Ethan. She has been a member since 1997. She works for the State of Michigan as an audit supervisor. She would like the placement because she would like to help the membership get a placement that



Angela Emlet-Dardas is a fourth year active. She lives in Okemos with her husband Tim Dardas and their three kids, Logan, Ashlynn and Aurora. She is looking forward to being a Nominating Placement Advisor so she can help Members understand League better.



Suzanne Johnson joined Junior League four years ago. Currently she lives in Okemos with her husband Scott and stays home with their two sons Sam and Connor. She is excited to be a Nominating Placement advisor because she looks forward to joining such an important and dynamic committee.

NEW MEMBER ADVISORS:

Jennifer Charette is a first year active. She and her husband Mike live in Lansing with their daughters, Addison and Gabriella. She is a regional manager with the Gillespie Group. Jen is excited about being a New Member Advisor because she had such a great experience as a new member.



League. She looks forward to welcoming New Members into the fold, helping them feel comfortable learning the ins and outs of League, and being a part of the recruitment team.

Abbie Matthews joined Junior League of Lansing in fall of 2008. She lives in Lansing and works at the Emmanuel Community Reformed Church as the Director of Music and Dance Ministries. She is interested in taking on this position because she wants to help New Members get better acclimated to

Connie James joined Junior League during the 2008–2009 year. She has lived in East Lansing for four years after moving here from California. Connie has been married for 23 years, and is the proud mother of three children (with two still in college) and one grandchild. She is a member of Trinity Church. She works as a Study Administrator in the Department of Epidemiology at MSU. She is excited about becoming a New Member Advisor because she is interested in reaching out to other women in the community and getting them involved in such an important organization.



Chrissy Carr resides in South Lansing and is enjoying her first active year in Junior League. She works at Northern Michigan University as a Senior Admissions Counselor. Chrissy is looking forward to her new role as it will allow her to connect with the women of Junior League on a different level.

Spring Fundraiser News

Diane Sloan, Spring Fundraiser Chair

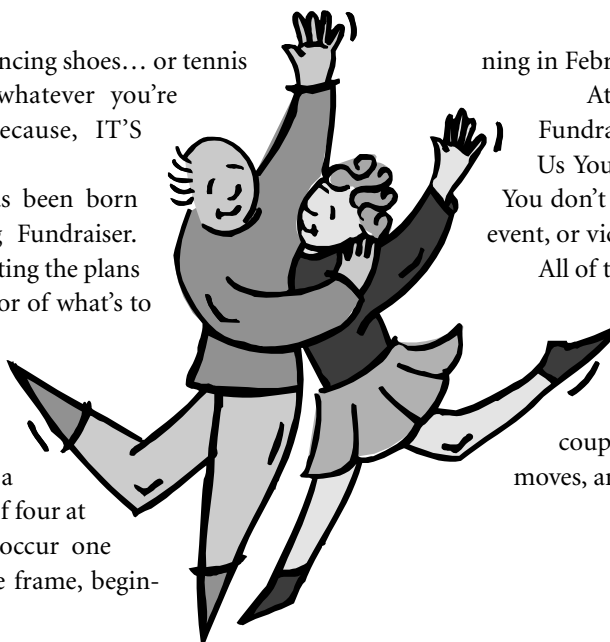


Put on your dancing shoes... or tennis shoes... or whatever you're comfortable in, because, IT'S SALSA TIME!!!

A new idea has been born for the JLL Spring Fundraiser.

We are just in the beginning stages putting the plans in place, but wanted to give you a flavor of what's to come.

The Spring Fundraiser will have two parts this year. The first phase will consist of a series of four salsa lessons. You can either sign up for a single lesson or sign up for the group of four at a reduced rate. These lessons will occur one night per week over a four week time frame, begin-



ning in February.

At the end of the lessons, phase two of the Fundraiser commences in March with a "Show Us Your Salsa Moves" Event at a local venue. You don't need to take the lessons to come to the event, or vice versa — just come wherever you can!

All of the details are being finalized at the present time, but for now, grab your girlfriends, or your husband and some couple friends and tell them what's coming up in their near future... a fun couple of nights filled with friends, new moves, and healthy exercise!

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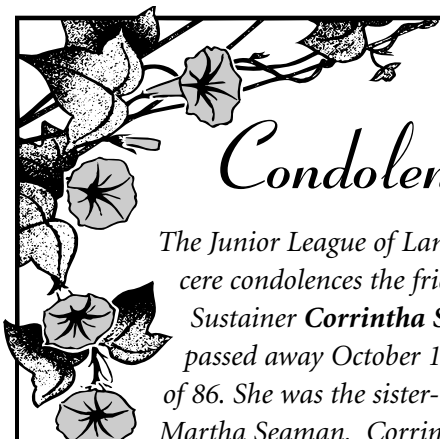
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Condolences . . .

*The Junior League of Lansing extends sincere condolences the friends and family of Sustainer **Corrintha Seaman** who passed away October 15, 2009 at the age of 86. She was the sister-in-law of Sustainer Martha Seaman. Corrintha had been a member of the Lansing Junior League for over 60 years, joining in the late 1940's. She was very active in volunteer work her entire life and will be missed by the Lansing community.*

*Sincere condolences from the Junior League of Lansing are extended to the friends and family of Sustainer **Arylie Campbell** whose husband Robert passed away on October 11, 2009 at the age of 78.*

*The Junior League of Lansing extends sincere condolences to the family and friends of Sustainer **Virginia Schaefer (Heckert)**. Virginia passed away October 14, 2009 at the age of 95. She was a Member of the Junior Service League in the 1940s. When the Junior Service League became a Member of AJLI as the Junior League of Lansing in 1948 she continued her membership to present, well over 60 years.*





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CELEBRATION!

Endowment

Sue Mills



On a gorgeous fall Sunday afternoon Members of the Junior League and their guests gathered at the beautiful new home of **Marcia Horton** and Joe Fink to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the establishment of the Junior League of Lansing Endowment Fund. And what a celebration it was. Guests circulated throughout the home while munching on hors d'oeuvres and conversing with League friends including New Members, Actives, Sustainers and former Members.

Sue Mills, chair of the Endowment Fund Board of Trustees welcomed **Mary Olson**, chair of the original planning committee who joined us from Florida for the event. Special mention was made of Sustainer **Char Roe**, the guiding force behind the development of the endowment and its first president, for her continuing support and guidance through the years. Joe C. Foster, Jr., husband of Sustainer **Jan Foster**, was recognized for his development of the original Declaration of Trust. But the highlight during the event was the announcement that League Members had met the challenge of raising \$25,000 to match the \$25,000 anniversary gift to the endowment from **Char Roe**. To date, \$51,110 has been raised through the \$25/25 Every Member Drive and the proceeds from the Celebration Party.

Special thanks to **Mary West**, chair of the Celebration Party, the committee, the ten JLL Actives who volunteered at the event and to the Patrons: **Deb Atkinson**, **Cheryl Bartholic**, **Nancy Berger**, **Chrissie Brogan**, Dave and **Pat Brogan**, Ken and **Ginny Brooks**, Jim and **Barb Cleland**, Rick and **DeDe Coy**, Jim and **Patty Croom**, **Carolyn Dudley**, **Lynn Fiedler**, Joe and **Jan Foster, Jr.**, **Janet Freund**, **Sandy Grettenberger**, **Barbara Hamilton**, Jim and **Kim Hartman**, John and **Carolyn Hoagland**, **Marcia Horton** and Joe Fink, Don and **Cheryl Martyn**, **Sue Mills**, Craig and **Jan Moore**, Terry and **Bev Oetzel**, **Mary L. Olson**, Stephen and **Brenda Ramsby**, Dave and **Sharon Regan**, Tunde and **Lee Rigel**, **Char Roe**, Ralph and **Denise Shaheen**, **Linda Schaeffer Smith**, Clyde and **Marcia Spencer**, **Katie Strong**, Tom and **Barb Sukenik**, Ken and **Mary West**, Doug and **Alex Wiesner** and John and **Carolyn Willoughby**. Overall, there have been 237 contributors to the Every Member Drive and there have been 510 individuals who have contributed to the Endowment Fund over the past 25 years.



Top: The 25-year celebration hosts, **Marcia Horton** & **Joe Fink**.

Middle: **Debby Harrison** & **Mary West**.

Bottom: **Mary** & **Curt Liechty**.

Left: JLL Members celebrating.



\$25 for 25 Years—Every Member Drive Contributions (as of 11/20/2009)

A heartfelt thank you to all of you who contributed to the \$25/25 Every Member Drive and/or attended the JLL endowment Celebration Party. Total raised to date is \$51,110.

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- 15 New Member Cookie Exchange at home of Suzanne Johnson

January

- 5 Board Meeting — location TBA
- 11 FOCUS deadline
- 12 OPS, Annual Meeting and GMM
- 14 Dream Dinners Repeat Performance
- 16 NM Kids in the Kitchen Planning Meeting

February

- 6 MSU School of Hospitality Auction

NEXT FOCUS DEADLINE

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Training & Networking Event

Saturday, January 16, 2010

9:00 am–2:00 pm

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