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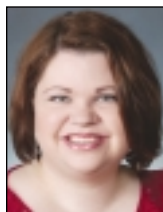
### MISSION STATEMENT

*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.*

## Community

# Ways to Give!

Jamie Hutchison



**T**he Community Service Committee would like to invite you to participate in some upcoming drives!

The Community Service Committee is hosting a **clothing drive**. Please bring new or gently used men's, women's and children's sized clothing, to the **February GMM** or drop them off at the JLL office by February 13th. This drive will benefit St. Lawrence's resale shop which provides clothing to the residents of End Violent Encounters and other charities. Please contact Debra Landis at 336-1987 for more information.



The Community Service Committee is hosting a **household items drive**. Please bring your basic kitchen and bedding (new or gently used), cleaning supplies, laundry baskets, non-perishable foods, or personal hygiene items to the **April GMM** or drop them off at the JLL office by April 2nd. This drive will benefit Refugee Services which provides Resettlement Services for Refugees. Please contact Susan Soper 349-8646 for more information.

April/May **Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure** JLL Team WANTED! More information to follow. On these or any other events feel free to contact Jaimie Hutchison, Community Service Chair for more information at 285-2118 or jaimjohutch@hotmail.com.

## Education

# Day at the Capitol

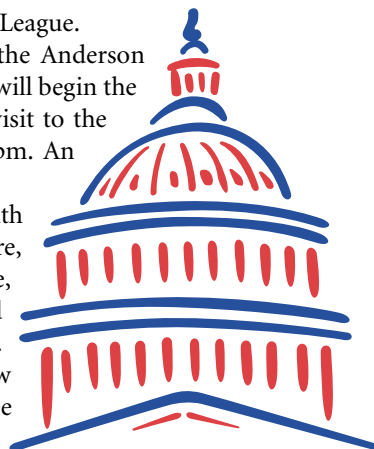
Gabe Johnson, Training Vice Chair & SPAC Chair



**T**he Day at the Capital will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2009. This is a yearly event that is planned by the State Public Affairs Committee members from each Michigan Junior League.

As in years past, the event will be held at the Anderson House Office Building in downtown Lansing. We will begin the program around 9am and will conclude with a visit to the Capitol to watch the House of Representatives session around 2pm. An afterglow will follow at a location that is yet to be decided.

Day at the Capitol is a wonderful opportunity to network with members of other Leagues as well as with members of the legislature, to stay informed about legislation that is of interest to our League, and to enjoy a day downtown. Absolutely no experience is required and we would love to have at least 20 JLL members in attendance. More information will follow, but please mark your calendars now for March 11 and RSVP to me at johnson.gabrielle@gmail.com. See you there!



## JLL Email Addresses

Just a reminder to use these emails:

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### Webmaster

webmaster@jllansing.org

### Public Relations

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### Signature Fundraiser

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### JLL Office (Nancy)

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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, Kate Quinn.

**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** submission are due by 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday following each GMM. Email submissions should be sent to Focus@jllansing.org in Microsoft Word. 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...

Amy Suhrheinrich, President



## Care

It seems like we move from one holiday to the next without any time to spare. It's almost Valentine's Day and the stores are filled with candy and red hearts. I believe kindness and caring are a big part of this holiday. Many phrases are thrown around on conversation hearts and Valentine's cards. "When you care enough to send the very best," "Handle with Care," "Because I care" and in Junior League Board terms "Duty of Care" are just a few that you may have heard. I have to admit that I love the whole Valentine's Day hoopla and I am excited when Maddie brings home her Valentine's list. Just knowing that I get to help her sort the cards, address them and maybe even put on a sticker or two brings back fond elementary school memories. High school..., now that's a different story!

As an organization, I know that we are caring individuals or we would not have made the commitment to this organization. We care about our community, we care about our members and we care about improving ourselves. The time you give and the details that are carried out are most appreciated. Knowing that I receive emails at 1:05 a.m. regarding our Signature Project selection process and the request from chairs to meet about new ideas and paths to take on as a committee prove we are dedicated to our Mission. Watching the expressions on your faces when the Signature Project candidates showed how we will make an impact in our community is another way that I know all of you care. Please continue this thoughtful attitude while preparing to select the next Signature Project. Your careful research on our responsibility regarding selecting a project that impacts the community is so important. I know that the more time you put into this process, the more you will learn and personally benefit from it. I hope to see all of you participate at the February General Membership and Annual Meeting.

Because I care about developing our potential and believe we are women building better communities, I want to encourage you to attend the Michigan State Council Training on February 21 in East Lansing. It is a great opportunity to meet your fellow League members from around the state and receive fantastic instruction and inspiration from a top-notch training organization. If you have thoughts or aspirations about serving on the Junior League of Lansing Board in the future, I would encourage you to attend the session "Nuts & Bolts of Serving on the Board" presented by Pam Mosley from AJLI. Our Area IV Director, Allison Hammond will also be providing more information about the AJLI New Strategic Vision. I was impressed by everyone's feedback at the January GMM on this topic and would encourage you to participate in this session also. Actives, Sustainers and New Members are all invited to attend. We hope to see you there.

While the temperatures may be cold, and some are wishing winter would come to an end, I wish a relaxing and enjoyable month to all of you and your big warm hearts!

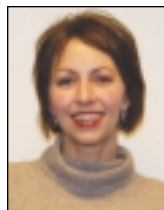
Take good care,

*Amy*

## Community

## Done in a Meeting

Kristi Hicks, Done In A Day Committee



This month's recipient for the DIAM project was **Care Free Dental**. Forty-one members participated with \$149.00 being donated. In addition to that impressive dollar amount, 16 toothbrushes, 12 tubes of toothpaste and 7 packages of dental floss were brought to the meeting for donation. Thanks for supporting this project!

## Planning Annual Operating Plan

Tracy Jelneck, President Elect



**V**ision. Mission. Goal. Objective. Action Plan. Measurement. Timeframe. Responsible Council. Status. Responsible Council? Who me? Yes, you, all of membership. What is all of this? Why, the JLL Annual Operating Plan, of course. At the May Board Retreat, the goals and objectives of the Junior League of

Lansing were reviewed and updated by the current Board members. Then in June at the Leadership Team Training, the JLL chairs created the means in which to measure our achievement of meeting those goals and objectives and believe it or not it involves meeting the needs of membership.

JLL is a training organization and many of our goals revolve around meeting that training through the Board retreat, Leadership Team Training, OPS, council and committee meetings, MSC Trainings, and GMMs. Members want to socialize so JLL is providing opportunities to get to know and network with other members. Members want to give, give, give so JLL is providing opportunities through DIAD, DIAM, Community Service, past projects, and the Endowment Fund. Membership wants a League that is fiscally responsible and financially sound so JLL is constantly monitoring budgets and current spending as well as year end reports.

Check out the JLL Annual Operating Plan in the 'documents' section with the 'Members Only' area of the JLL website. If you have any comments our suggestions please let me know.

## Sustaining Sustaining Notes

Lynn Fiedler, Sustaining Advisor



**T**he happiest of New Year's to all of you and your family. I hope your holidays were bustling with family and fun!

Our annual holiday events were spectacular. **Ginny Brooks** and **Kathy Colby** outdid themselves (again) with the "Shop 'til You Drop" Chicago Bus Trip. Nearly 30 women and their credit cards took on the challenge of power shopping in the Windy City. Everyone had a marvelous time. Thank you Ginny and Kathy!!

On December 9th, we held our Holiday Open House in the beautifully decorated home of Past-President **Becky Myers**. With fabulous food and wine, the event was a perfect way to meet new and old friends alike. Over 80 Sustainers, Actives and New Members attended! Becky, **Jane Bitsicas** and **Lynn Fiedler** organized the evening. We would like to thank each of you for your contribution of food, wine and labor. And a huge thank you to **Becky Myers** for opening her home. The Junior League of Lansing is truly a wonderful organization of dynamic women impacting lives.



## Planning Pictures Needed!

Deb Robinson, Assistant to the President



**I**t is hard to believe that the Junior League year is near half over and planning for the May Celebration Meeting has already begun.

As President and Assistant to the President, Amy Suhrheinrich and I have started to talk about the slide show that we will create that will showcase highlights of the 2008-2009 Junior League year. As Amy and I cannot be present at every event, we are asking League members to submit any League pictures that they may have taken at meetings, DIAD events, Member Relation events, the Signature Fund-raiser, the Signature Project, the Holiday Open House, or any other League function. We still have time to capture more League members in action and would kindly ask members to snap photos whenever possible.

Pictures can be emailed to Amy Suhrheinrich at [rsuhr@comcast.net](mailto:rsuhr@comcast.net). We can also accept hard copies of pictures that we can scan and return to you. Thank you in advance for all your help! We truly do appreciate it.

## Membership End-of-Year Nominations Request

Renee Knack, Membership Vice President



**B**elieve it or not, now is the time to begin thinking about recognizing your fellow League members for outstanding service and achievements this year.

Membership awards are presented at the May General Membership Meeting to recognize those who served in an outstanding capacity in community service, placement, spirit, leadership, New Member and Sustainer involvement. Members who received a monthly KUDOS award during the League year will automatically be considered a candidate for an Annual Membership Award. Active members may also provide a written nomination of fellow members they believe are most deserving of an award.

All nominations must be submitted by the April General Membership Meeting. Please consider the ladies you believe deserve these awards and send your nominations along with a few sentences describing their accomplishments to Renee Knack, 1439 Meadowbrook Lane, East Lansing, MI 48823 or [reneeknack@yahoo.com](mailto:reneeknack@yahoo.com).

## \$25 for 25 Years—Every Member Drive Contributions (as of 1/14/2009)

### Sustainers

#### \$25.00

Ellen Allman  
Mary Ann Austin  
Susan Benivegna  
Carolyn Boger  
Mrs. Alexander Brede III  
Catherine Brennan  
*In Memory of  
Jan VanGorder*  
Ginny Brooks  
Julie Buckberry  
Julia Campau  
Arlie Ann Campbell  
Gengen C. Chan  
Ann Chick  
Gene & Marilyn  
Cornelius  
Betsy Costello  
Amy and Dan Crites  
Patricia Crouse  
Linda Dansby  
Marilyn Desjardins  
Peg Stone Dickman  
Jane Drake  
Darrell F. Duffield  
Caryn Edwards  
Wendy Faulhaber  
Maggie Frankland  
Lori Hacker Fuller  
Barbara Galloway  
Donna M. Gardner  
Melody Glick  
Jo Hacker  
Barbara Hagain  
Annie Hayes  
Alicia and Andy  
Hopping

Phyllis Irwin  
Karen Kiser  
Cathy & Craig Lazar  
Joan Legg  
Mary Liechty  
Patricia Linnell  
Beverly J. Marshall  
Ellen McKay  
Betty Moore  
*In Honor of Sue Mills and  
Mary West, my friends,  
for their work for the JLL  
Endowment Fund*  
Sally and Art Nolen  
Shelley Olson  
Maggie Papesh  
Candy Parker  
Mary Beth Pirich  
Kay E. Riegel  
Matt and Caryn Rhodes  
Barbara Schaberg  
Betsy Sessions  
Marlene Russell Stover  
June S. Stow  
Jane Ellen Tabler  
(Mrs. Thomas)  
Mary VanWieren  
Betty Y. Vlahakis  
June L. Whipp  
Kerry Zsigo

#### \$50.00

Nancy Berger  
Jane Bitsicas  
Lynn Dwight  
Lynn Fiedler  
Kris Kildea  
Jan Moore  
Mary Lind Olson

Nancy Shepard  
Judy Wilkinson  
*In Memory of  
Ruth Ann Runquist*  
Lisa Whiting Dobson  
Barbara Wirtz

#### \$100.00

Susan A. Allis  
Joan Bauer  
Margaret Guy Brodbeck  
Susan Brewster  
Shary Carr  
*In Memory of  
Virginia Atayan*  
Kathy Colby  
Frank and Janet Freund  
Barb and Larry Hamilton  
Jan and Bill Kahl  
Shirley Paxton  
Sharon Regan  
Ruth Nolen Ridgway  
Nancy C. Sheldon  
Dotty Spousta

#### \$125.00

Suzanne Kregel

#### \$250.00

Chrissie Brogan  
*In honor of  
Joan Stapleton*  
Barb Cleland  
Diane & Bill Hollister  
Kevin and Jamie Kelly  
Nanette V. Martin  
Sue Mills  
Tunde Rigel  
Barbara Sukenik  
Mary & Ken West

#### \$500.00

Jan and Joe Foster  
Beverly Oetzel  
*In honor of  
Donald and June Whipp*  
Marcia Jensen Spencer

#### \$1000.00

Cheryl Martyn  
  
Brenda & Stephen  
Ramsby  
Linda L. Smith

#### \$25,000.00

Char Roe

### Actives

#### \$25.00

Andrea Billups  
Patricia Black  
Stephanie Bredahl  
Shelly Ann Bugg  
Molly Chan  
Amanda Campbell  
Daniela Cibelli  
Beth Cook  
Barb Fishell  
Elizabeth Goebel  
Suzanne Johnson  
Lisa Keefer  
Renee Knake  
Kelly Kobus  
Christie Lemon  
Susan Lupo  
Pattie McNiel  
Becky Myers

#### \$30.00

Jaimie Hutchison

#### \$50.00

Mary Boyer  
Mrs. Bethe Day  
Colette Evangelista  
Valerie Green  
Michelle Thompson  
Ann Vogelsang

#### \$75.00

Thuy Pham

#### \$100.00

Kimberly Garrison  
David & Tracy Jelneck

#### \$250.00

Cheryl Bartholic

## February & March Birthdays

### ACTIVES & NEW MEMBERS

Cibelli, Daniela 02/01  
Thompson, Michelle 02/02  
Melville, Amy Sue 02/06  
Williams, Christina 02/08  
Green, Valerie 02/09  
Shaffner, Stacy 02/19  
Whitaker, Beth Ann 02/19  
Forillo, Susie 02/22  
Fenech, DeAnna 02/24  
McNiel, Pattie 02/25  
Pace, Jennifer 02/29  
Terry, Margaret 03/02  
Kobus, Kelly 03/04  
Purdy, Amanda 03/04  
Combs, Susan 03/05  
Dowling, Tiffany 03/05  
Gillespie, Sara 03/14

Rosenbaum, Rachel 03/16  
James, Connie 03/17  
Hicks, Kristin 03/17  
Marining, Ivana 03/18  
Bellingar, Rosalie 03/19  
Skene-Pratt, Erin 03/22  
Fink, Michelle 03/22  
Branoff, Andrea 03/23  
Walta, Lynna 03/24  
Martin, Darcy 03/25  
Quinn, Kate 03/25  
Powers, Kate 03/31

### SUSTAINERS

Olofsson, Pat 02/08  
White, Gail 02/11  
Hopping, Alicia 02/14  
Liedholm, Margaret 02/15

Buta-Blair, Kim 02/20  
Gucky, Janet 02/20  
Archipley, Joan 02/21  
Chegwidden, Janet 02/21  
Benivegna, Susan 02/22  
Charchut, Eleanor 02/22  
Werbelow, Louise 02/22  
Stearns, Libby 02/23  
Swords, Christy 02/23  
Stover, Betsy 02/26  
Foster, Jan 02/27  
Wakeland, Pam 02/27  
Regan, Sharon 02/28  
Hay, Donna 03/01  
Swift, Anne 03/01  
Barron, Marni 03/02  
Glick, Melody 03/04  
Spagnuolo, Teresa 03/07  
Stover, Marlene 03/08

Fuller, Lori 03/09  
McKouen, Polly 03/10  
Murray, Debbie 03/13  
Shepard, Nancy 03/14  
Wirth, Peggy 03/14  
MacDonald, Caroline 03/15  
Martyn, Cheryl 03/16  
Morrison, Julie 03/18  
Foster, Liz 03/22  
VanWieren, Mary 03/22  
Roe, Char 03/23  
Kelly, Jamie 03/24  
McLean, Barbara 03/24  
Dudley, Carolyn 03/26  
Tuck, Suzanne 03/27  
Hicks, Cathy 03/30  
Morgan, Liz 03/31  
Papesh, Maggie 03/31

# New Board and Advisors, 2009–2010

*It is with great pleasure that the Nominating/Placement Committee presents the 2009–2010 Junior League of Lansing Board, New Member Advisors and the candidates for Nominating/Placement Advisors. Congratulations!*



## **President Elect Betsy Svanda**

Betsy joined the Grand Rapids Junior League in 1997 and transferred to Lansing in 2000. Her past placements include Done In A Day, Done In A Meeting, Signature Fundraiser Committee, Provisional Advisor, Nominating Placement Advisor, Placement Chair, Community VP and Arrangements. Betsy lives in Portland with her husband, Todd and their four children. Betsy's hobbies include Portland Education Foundation, being a soccer mom (which she loves!) and being very active in the Children's Programs at her church.



## **Communications Vice President Shelley Mielock**

Shelley joined League in 2005 and her past placements include: Training Committee, Vice Chair of New Member Recruitment and Chair of New Member Recruitment. Shelley lives in East Lansing with her husband, Doug and her three children. Shelley enjoys running, hanging out with friends, reading and is spending her time starting a new business as an Image Consultant.



## **Fund Development Vice President Becky Paalman**

Becky joined League in 2005. Becky is currently the Communications VP and has also served as the Vice Chair and Chair of the Signature Fundraiser Committee. Becky lives in Dimondale with her husband, Chad and two children, CJ and Sydney. In May, Becky will be a registered nurse. Becky enjoys downhill skiing, running and reading.



## **Education Vice President Tiffany Dowling**

Tiffany has been an Active member since 2007. She is currently the Publications/Marketing Chair. Tiffany lives in Holt with her husband and two sons. She owns Motion Marketing and Media and is the publisher of Capital Area Women's Lifestyle Magazine. Tiffany is looking forward to her new position in Junior League.



## **Treasurer Elect Julie Morgan**

Julie has been a member of League since 2006. She has served on the Done In A Day Committee and as a New Member Advisor. She works as the Associate Bank Manager at Independent Bank. She lives in Lansing with her husband, Mike and dog, Maggie. She enjoys spending time with her family, working out, traveling, baking and enjoys studying the French language.



## **Membership Vice President Suzanne Johnson**

Suzanne is in her second Active year with League and is currently the chair of the Member Relations committee. She lives in Okemos with her husband, Scott and two sons, Sam who is 10 and Connor who is four. Suzanne enjoys running, cooking, weight lifting, reading and gardening. She is hoping to add golf to that list this spring.



## **Community Vice President Lisa Gnass**

Lisa has been very active in Junior League for three years. Her past placements include being a committee member of the Signature Project, FEAST, Vice Chair of FEAST and now Chair. Lisa is married to Camron and they have three children. Her hobbies include crossword puzzles, traveling, taxiing kids, and spending time with friends. Her hope for the next year is to mix fun, purpose and education in all her JLL activities. "Keeping those three things in mind will help me to honor the women who worked years to create the organization that JLL is today. We owe a lot to them for what they've established for us as well as what they've done for the community."



## **Secretary to the Board Lori Noyer**

Lori joined the South Bend (IN) Junior League in 1997 and transferred to Lansing in 2000. Her past placements include Member Relations, Nominating/Placement, Webmaster, Secretary, and FOCUS Editor. Lori lives in Lansing with her husband, Jason. Lori's hobbies include tennis and bowling.

## **New Member Advisor    Single Slate**



## **Christina Williams**

Christina is currently in her first Active year in League, where she serves on the Signature Project Committee. In her free time Christina enjoys playing tennis and spending time with friends and family.



## **Jennifer Schick**

Jennifer is in her first Active year of League. She is currently a member of the Signature Project Committee. Jennifer lives in East Lansing with her husband, Jack and her three children, Carson, Colson and Jackson. She works for Motion Marketing and Media. Her hobbies include reading and running.

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### Lydia Millbrook

Lydia is in her first Active year of League. She currently stepped up to fill a New Member Advisor position mid-year as well as maintaining her Signature Fundraiser Committee placement. Lydia lives in Lansing with her husband and 3 children. Lydia enjoys reading, baking and spending time with her family.



### Kate Marchyok

Kate has been an Active member for two years with experience on the Signature Fundraiser for both years. She is currently in her last year of law school at Cooley Law School and looking forward to applying her knowledge by commuting to Washtenaw County two days a week in the near future. She is a cat lover,

enjoys spending time with her family and friends, reading and visiting museums.

## Nominating Placement Advisor Double Slate



### Kirsten Soltis

Kirsten joined League in the fall of 2006 and is currently serving on the Done-In-A-Day Committee—her project was Back to School Backpacks, which she really enjoyed. Kirsten has lived in the Lansing area her whole life and is currently living in Haslett with her husband

and almost two year old son. Kirsten is a Financial Advisor for Hantz Financial Group in Okemos, MI. In her spare time, she enjoys taking her son on walks, grabbing coffee with friends and improving her baking skills.



### Stacy Carl

Stacy joined League in 2004. She has served on the Signature Project Committee, Arrangements Committee, and the Done In A Day Committee. She is currently serving as the Tracking Chair. Stacy graduated in May with a degree in interior design from MSU. Stacy stays busy at home (husband and two chil-

dren). She is very interested in deepening her commitment to JLL and believes that a Nominating/Placement Advisor position would be a great way to accomplish that goal.



### Samantha Hughes

Samantha has been an Active member since 2006 and has served on the Signature Fundraiser Committee and as a New Member Advisor. She lives in East Lansing with her boyfriend, Mike and works as a claims adjuster with Citizens Insurance. Samantha enjoys

spending time with family and friends, attending the theater and musicals, going to concerts, dancing and reading.



### Jodie Burditt

Jodie is in her second Active year and has been on the Community Service Committee and the Done-In-A-Day Committee. She lives in Lansing and works in the communications field with Consumers Energy. She is currently writing books she hopes to have published

some day. In her free time Jodie enjoys reading, writing, board games, hanging out with family, friends and her favorite person in the world, her niece, Audrey.



### Renee Knake

Renee has been a member of League since 2002, transferring to Lansing from the Charlottesville, VA League in 2005. Her previous placements include the Signature Fundraiser Committee and Chair of New Member Recruitment. Currently, she is the Membership

Vice President. Renee lives in East Lansing with her husband Jeff, toddlers James and Grace, and yellow lab, Huron. She teaches at MSU College of Law. This position appeals to Renee because she loves working with membership and she wants to help others get the most out of their Junior League experience.



### Michelle Thelen

Michelle has been an Active member since 2007. She is currently the Spring Fundraiser Chair and has previously served on the Signature Fundraiser Committee. Michelle lives in DeWitt with her two children and husband, Sam. Michelle is the owner of LUCY

GREY clothing store in Okemos.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO:**

**JLL ENDOWMENT/ THE SCHOOL OF HOSPITALITY BUSINESS  
AT MSU BROADWAY AUCTION 2009**

**PRIVATE RECEPTION FOR JLL MEMBERS  
FEBRUARY 7, 2009  
5:30 - 6:30 PM  
KELLOGG CENTER  
THE SCHOOL'S DINING ROOM - GARDEN LEVEL**

**WONDERFUL WINE, BEER, MOJITOS  
AND HORS D'OEUVRE RECEPTION  
PREPARED AND SERVED BY THE SCHOOL OF HOSPITALITY  
BUSINESS STUDENTS**

**LIVE AUCTION BEGINS AT 7:30PM  
(there is a \$10.00 entry charge for Auction)**

**FABULOUS VACATION PACKAGES!  
WEEKEND GETAWAYS!  
DINING AND EVENT PACKAGES!**

**This event will benefit the Junior League of Lansing  
Endowment Fund**

**\*\*Donations gratefully accepted at the door\*\***

**Please RSVP to: Ginny Brooks at 655-8153  
Or [gbrooks@stewart.com](mailto:gbrooks@stewart.com)**

**SPACE IS LIMITED!!**

## Planning Signature Project Update

Polly Synk, CRPD Chair



### Overview of Signature Project Candidate

**Carefree Dental** is a nonprofit dental clinic that provides free dental care, prevention and patient education using volunteer doctors and hygienists at its Lansing clinic. Care Free already provides free care to Head Start children in Lansing, and seeks to use JLL support to expand services to reach the parents of Head Start children (Head Start has identified 300 parents of its enrollees in the area in need of dental care) and possibly adult patients referred from emergency rooms. \$10,000 will allow approximately 133 additional patient encounters. The untreated dental problems of these adults often lead to medical problems and to difficulties finding employment because of missing or decaying teeth. Care Free also proposes to use JLL volunteers to expand dental education at elementary schools in Lansing (possibly in conjunction with the MI Dental Hygienists Association), to Head Start parents, and to patients at the Care Free clinic. Training will be provided by Care Free Dental.

## Fund Development Signature Fundraiser Totals

Nicole Maison, Fund Development Vice President



The Signature Fundraiser Committee is proud to report the following numbers for "A Night in New York" from November 2008.

Total collected (as of GMM)	\$41,676.00
Total expenses (as of GMM)	\$14,384.22
In Kind Donations	\$15,250.00
Live/Silent Auctions	\$ 6,610.00

A check was presented to the Junior League of Lansing by Traci Riehl, the Signature Fundraiser Committee Chair in the amount of: **\$27,291.78**.



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## Membership Mark Your Calendar

Suzanne Johnson, Member Relations Chair



Winter Greetings to everyone! This months Kudos awards go to **Polly Synk**, for her tireless effort on Community Research/Project Development's search for next Signature Project, and **Lisa Meny** and **Christina Williams** for their work on the Passport pages for FEAST. Kudos to you all for your hard work and dedication!

Our next Member Relations Event will be on Tuesday February 17th at Dream Dinners in Frandor. Members who attend will have the opportunity to sample some of the offerings off of the Dream Dinners February Menu, and will be provided one complimentary 3 course meal to take home with them to enjoy at a later time. Members will also have the opportunity to assemble/purchase any other meals at the regular price if they wish. Adult beverages and light snacks will be served. To view the February menu, please go to [www.dreamdinners.com](http://www.dreamdinners.com). To RSVP for this fun culinary event, please email me at [ssscjohnson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ssscjohnson@sbcglobal.net).

Please mark your calendars for March 28th for the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Jumping Jacks located on Lake Lansing Road. The Easter Bunny will not be the only one hopping at this event! More detail to be discussed at the February GMM.

A quick reminder to everyone who is participating in the Junior Pal program. If you know that you are not going to be attending the GMM, please make arrangements to have someone take your Junior Pal gift home for you. Thank you!

## Membership Placement Process

Kristi Moore, Nominating/Placement Advisor



Our committee is looking forward to working on Chair selection as well as placing members soon. Nominating/Placement works through these placement processes using the point system we have been using to track and record each of our advisee's points 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  
DIAD: 1 point  
Fall interview: 3 points  
Winter interview, if phone interview held: 2 points  
Winter interview if roundtable held: 1 point  
Timely payment of dues: 1 point

Please contact your advisor with any questions.

# It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!

Sara Gillespie & Ro Bellingar, Done in a Day Committee Members



**J**unior League members lived up to their ability to shop 'til they dropped yet again this year! League's partnership with Ingham County Department of Human Services and Caring About Kids

made it possible for over 400 area foster children to receive Christmas gifts. Without the help of the Junior League of Lansing and the funds raised by Caring About Kids (a local non-profit organization), this staggering number of area kids could go without gifts for the holidays. When the loads of beautifully wrapped packages were delivered to DHS, case workers were overwhelmed by the work of the Junior League.

Thank you to our shoppers:

**Ro Bellingar, Patricia Black, Andrea Branoff, Stephanie Bredahl, Jasmine Breslin, Gina Brick, Jodie Burditt, Cristina Burnham, Stacy Carl, Molly Chan, Daniela Cibelli, Margaret Cole, Bethe Day, Tiffany Dowling, DeAnna Fenech, Barb Fishell, Kimberly Garrison, Heather Gilkey, Sara Gillespie, Lisa Gnass, Marcia Gresens, Holly Hatch, Kristin Hicks, Jaimie Hutchison, Tracy Jelneck, Gabrielle Johnson, Suzanne Johnson, Renee Knake, Kelly Kobus, Amanda Lake, Amy Lothamer, Susan Lupo, Nicole Maison, Jennifer Main, Ivana Marining, Amy Sue Melville, Shelley Mielock, Lydia Millbrook, Julie Morgan, Nancy Nyquist, Karen Olson, Thuy Pham, Nicki Proulx, Traci Riehl, Jennifer Rigterink, Deb Robinson, Rachel Rosenbaum, Jessica Schaub, Bridget Seitz, Stacy Slobodnik-Stoll, Sara Smith, Jill Story, Katie Strong, Betsy Svanda, Polly Synk, Maggie Terry, Michelle Thompson, Ann Vogelsang, Alex Wiesner, Christina Williams.**

An extra special thank you to the following people for playing Santa and delivering hundreds of gifts to DHS:

**Daniela Cibelli, Amy Sue Melville, Shelley Mielock, Torge Santucci, Andy Bellingar and Scott Gillespie.**

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# New Member Cookie Exchange

Christie Lemon, New Member Advisor



**O**n the wintery evening of December 16, the New Members enjoyed a Cookie Exchange. A good time was had by all. Over 25 women joined us at the beautiful home of **Renee Knake**. Renee graciously opened her home to us for a wonderful evening where we enjoyed wine, appetizers and sweet treats. The New Members are already busy giving back to the community by donating many delicious cookies to Volunteers of America to be enjoyed during the holiday season.

A special thank you to Renee Knake for her warm hospitality, to Amy Suhrheinrich for attending this special event and to **Shelley Mielock** for her warm welcome. Many thanks to **Courtney Schnelker, Julie Morgan, Ivana Marining** and **Samantha Hughes** for all their assistance. Our 2008-2009 New Member Training will begin in January.

## Membership Changes

- (NRA) **Mary Boyer**  
mdboyer@columbus.rr.com
- (S) **Maura Campbell**  
Reinstated and transferred to Detroit  
124 Merriweather Road  
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48239  
H: 313-886-2111 • Cell: 517-944-0811
- (S) **Cinda Dowdy** — Resigned  
3929 Sierra Heights, Holt, MI 48842-7701
- (A) **Holly Hatch** — Resigned
- (A) **Kristy Kellom** — Resigned
- (S) **Karen Noe**  
Summer Address  
800 Front Street, Unit 98, Boyne City, MI 49712  
Summer: 231-582-9670, H: dnoe@cablespeed.com
- (S) **Ruby Anne Magee**  
5884 Vienna Way, Lansing, MI 48917-5002  
517-323-3367
- (S) **Mary Perry**  
521 Cottage View Drive, Suite 201  
Traverse City, MI 49684-3196
- (S) **Christine Piotter** — Resigned
- (A) **Nicki Proulx**  
Phone: 517-377-0882 (not 337)
- (A) **Jill Story** — Resigned
- (S) **Ann Swift**  
2700 Burcham Drive, Room 515  
East Lansing, MI 48823-3894
- (S) **Lisa Whiting Dobson**  
Delete Road from address  
MSU Department of Telecommunication, Information  
Studies and Media
- (S) **Cathy Kerwin**  
New Email: CathyKerwin@gmail.com



## New Member Class

Shelley Mielock, New Member Recruitment Chair



The New Member Recruitment Committee is excited to present the 44 new members in this year's class.

Lea Ammerman  
Michelle Bens  
Jen Brewer  
Laura Brown  
Amanda Campbell  
Chrissy Carr  
Suzanne Carr  
Jennifer Charette  
Rosie Dwyer  
Susan Fiorillo  
Lori Fischer  
Amanda Garcia-Williams  
Maria Gandhi  
Alison Glass  
Dawn Hall  
Sabeena Hubbard  
Kelli Hughes  
Kellyan Hull  
Connie James  
Brandi Jones  
Lisa Keefer  
Kelly Komray

Michelle Lange  
Katie Lynwood  
Darcy Martin  
Mercedes Martinez  
Abbie Matthews  
Kirsten McNelly  
Pattie McNiel  
Nanette Naser  
Faye Pickleman  
Alana Reome  
Katrina Rhea  
Kristen Rhorer  
Rochelle Shrewsbury  
Kristina Seiffert  
Meghan Sifuentes  
Erin Skene-Pratt  
Sheila Steger  
Meghan Swain  
Kelly Sweet  
Melissa Topelewski  
Lynna Walta  
Angela Vlahakis

*Dear Jill,*

*I am so excited about being a member of the Junior League of Lansing but with the economy being down, how important is it that I pay my dues?*

*Molly Moneyhead*

*Dear Molly,*

*The dues you pay are very important as they support the Junior League of Lansing as well as the Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI). The majority of your dues payment is used here in Lansing to support our mission and vision which provides training for our members, supports the area community programs and allows us to hold informative meetings. A portion is also sent on to AJLI which is our main governing body which provides training and guidance for all the Leagues. Without membership dues, the Lansing League could not sustain itself. So, Molly, please send in payment by February 28th to continue to train and support yourself and your fellow women leaders who make our Greater Lansing community better.*

*Sincerely,  
Jill*

## New Member Training

Samantha Hughes, New Member Advisor



The first New Member training meeting was held on January 13, 2009 at the Hannah Community Center. Over half of the 44 members of the New Member class attended the meeting. It was a great turn out for the first meeting and for being right after work for some ladies. The New Members

were introduced to all of the Advisors and also received their New Member binders. AJLI, JLL and GMM were also discussed as well as Kids in the Kitchen. Pictures were taken of those who were unable to make the retreat in October. A big thanks to **Becky Paalman**, Communications VP and **Lynn Fielder**, Sustainer Advisor who were able to stop by from the Board before the GMM.

After the training, the New Members attended the GMM. They learned more about Junior League, as well as, one of the candidates for Signature Project. The next event for the New Member class is the first planning meeting for Kids in the Kitchen which will be January 20th at the League office. Kids in the Kitchen will be held March 14th at Okemos High School.

## New Member Social

Julie Morgan, New Member Recruitment Advisor



The New Member Recruitment Committee had a very successful and fun social on November 18th, 2008. The social was held at **Courtney Schnelker's** beautiful home in East Lansing.

Over 25 New Members were in attendance, in addition to the New Member Recruitment Committee.

We would like to thank Active Members, **Renee Knake**, **Colette Evangelista** and **Kim Gregory** for joining us at the social. We enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and wine while getting to know one another. **Renee Knake**, Membership Vice President, explained the process of training New Members to become Active Members. The social was also a great opportunity to learn why each of us joined Junior League.





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Every year we look forward to receiving your support, for the collection and donations of the most needed items that we dispense daily to our patients

/students. On behalf of the Otto Community Health Center, we extend our sincerest appreciation and thanks to you.

Sincerely,

*Otto Health Center Staff*



We would like to express our gratitude to you and the Junior League of Lansing for providing dinner at the Ronald

McDonald House. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Patty for Ronald McDonald House



Dear Ms. Svanda:

On behalf of the Reach Out and Read programs in Ingham County, I wanted to give you an update on the \$500 grant you

made to provide waiting room materials, books, and equipment for the MSU Well-Child health Clinic.

The Clinic is in the process of updating its waiting room to create a literacy rich environment where reading is encouraged among parents, children, and volunteers. To date, they have purchased a bookshelf and some educational toys for the waiting room.

I would like to invite you and members of the local Junior League over to visit the Clinic at our convenience and I am very happy to come speak at a meeting to explain the Reach Out and Read program.

Sincerely,

*Michele Strasz*

Dear Junior League Volunteers

Thank you so much for your assistance with the Girls on the Run 5k. We really appreciate your involvement in our race. There were so many of you and you were involved in just about every aspect of the race - parking, refreshments, handing out medals and marathon blankets at the finish line. You just made my day so much easier knowing how much experienced help I was receiving from you all. The event was a great success and we couldn't have done this without your support and participation.

The weather was a bit chilly but you provided the warmth and enthusiasm that truly made it a 5k Celebration for the girls.

Thank you again,

Sincerely,

*Steve Widder*  
Race Director

## CRPD Absentee Ballots for the February 10, 2009 General Membership Meeting

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

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

**Ballots MUST be received BEFORE the start of the February 10th GMM.**

**Mail to: Renee Knake, 1439 Meadowbrook Lane, East Lansing, MI 48823**

**(note: Renee will present any absentee ballots unopened to the Nominating Chair)**

### ABSENTEE BALLOT (4)

Please vote for your choice of Signature Projects. Place an X on the line of your choice.

- \_\_\_\_\_ **CareFree Dental**—request of \$10,000 annually for a three year total of \$30,000.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **DeepWater Transitional Program**—request of \$10,166 annually for a three year total of \$30,498.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **WKAR Ready to Learn Service**—request of \$9,961 annually for a three year total of \$29,883.

### ABSENTEE BALLOT (4) Signature Project

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ABSENTEE BALLOT (1)</b></p> <p>A check mark next to the name indicates a YES vote. You may vote for up to 9 candidates. For each candidate to be ratified, a majority vote of the total votes cast is required.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2009–2010 BOARD</b> (single slate)</p> <p>_____ Betsy Svanda, President Elect</p> <p>_____ Lori Noyer, Secretary</p> <p>_____ Shelley Mielock, Communications Vice President</p> <p>_____ Lisa Gnass, Community Vice President</p> <p>_____ Tiffany Dowling, Education Vice President</p> <p>_____ Becky Paalman, Fund Development Vice President</p> <p>_____ Suzanne Johnson, Membership Vice President</p> <p>_____ Julie Morgan, Treasurer Elect</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ABSENTEE BALLOT (1)</b> <b>2009–10 BOARD</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ Signature</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ABSENTEE BALLOT (2)</b></p> <p>A check mark next to the name indicates a YES vote. You may vote for no more than 3 candidates. The 3 candidates receiving the most votes will be elected.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Nominating/Placement Advisor</b> <b>2009–2010</b> (double slate)</p> <p>_____ Jodie Burditt</p> <p>_____ Stacy Carl</p> <p>_____ Samantha Hughes</p> <p>_____ Renee Knake</p> <p>_____ Kirsten Soltis</p> <p>_____ Michelle Thelen</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ABSENTEE BALLOT (2)</b> <b>2009–10 Nominating/Placement Advisor</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ Signature</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ABSENTEE BALLOT (3)</b></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;"><b>New Member Recruitment Advisor</b> <b>2009–2010</b> (single slate)</p> <p>_____ Kate Marchyok</p> <p>_____ Lydia Millbrook</p> <p>_____ Jennifer Schick</p> <p>_____ Christina Williams</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ABSENTEE BALLOT (3)</b> <b>2009–10 New Member Recruitment Advisor</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ Signature</p>
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# General Membership Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 13, 2009 • Hannah Community Center, East Lansing

- I. Welcome and Call Meeting to Order—Amy Suhrheinrich, President called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. There was a last call for donations for DIAM items.
- II. Approve minutes from November 11, 2008 GMM—Amy Suhrheinrich, President asked for a motion to approve minutes. Kate Powers moved to approve. Samantha Hughes seconded. Motion carried.
- III. MSU Hospitality Event and Endowment Reception—Ginny Brooks, Sustainer introduced the MSU Hospitality Auction to be held on February 7, 2009 at the Kellogg Center. The auction benefits the JLL Endowment Fund. Discussion ensued regarding the auction and the JLL pre-party which is created for JLL by MSU Hospitality students. The pre-party is from 5:30-6:30 the evening of the event. Email or call Ginny Brooks with your reservation if you would like to attend the pre-party as there is only room for 80 people.
- IV. Introduce New Members—Renee Knake, Membership Vice President & Courtney Schnelker, New Member Recruitment Chair introduced the new members and welcomed each one of them to JLL. Members were asked to start thinking of end of year membership awards. Shelley Mielock was recognized for her outstanding leadership in her Chair position.

## V. Planning Council

- A. Community Research and Project Development—Tracy Jelneck, President Elect introduced Polly Synk, CRPD Chair who explained why there was an addition of Carefree Dental to reenter consideration for a Signature Project choice. Paula Bates, Carefree Dental was then introduced to membership and presented to membership about Carefree Dental.

1. Questions for Carefree Dental—there will be a Board position for a JLL member. The grant money is kept in a Dental Savings Account with other grant money and is accounted for in a financial report. Volunteers would be used primarily in schools and usually in the Lansing school district. JLL funds will cover patients who do not have Medicaid, which according to demographics is 60% of their practice.
2. Review Process of February Signature Project Vote—Tracy Jelneck, President Elect spoke to the membership about what will happen at the February GMM. All three organizations will return and speak briefly to the membership again about their program. Members were asked to go home and review the organizations' information previously passed out. Members were then asked to go home and come up with questions for each of the organizations. After all candidates have had a chance to answer their questions, we will ask them to leave so we can have a pro/con discussion. All members are asked to attend the February GMM. You may fill out an absentee ballot but if that night there is an amendment to the ballot, your absentee ballot is null and void. New members are asked to bring their questions although they will not be able

to vote due to their new membership status. We will need to have quorum to vote which is 1/3 or resident Active members Two-thirds of Active members present (if quorum) to pass the Signature Project. Information for each organization is on the website including the powerpoint presentations.

## VI. Fund Development Council

- A. Signature Fundraiser Update—Nicole Shumway, Fund Development Vice President introduced Traci Riehl, Signature Fundraiser Chair who spoke to the members regarding the results of the fundraiser. There was about 300 people in attendance and although it was under budget, not by much. Any members who have not met their financial obligation (\$100.00) they were asked to give their money to the Treasurer or you can send it in to the JLL office. We did get within 70% of our budget which we are proud of as we did come under our expenditure budget. Amy Suhrheinrich, President was presented with a check for \$27,291.78. Traci Riehl and her committee were thanked for their great effort.

## VII. Membership Council

- A. Chair Selection Process—Kate Powers, Nominating Placement discussed the chair selection process. N/P will be meeting the end of January to pick out suggestions for chairs to present to the incoming Board. If you are interested in being a chair next year, please let your advisors know in the next few weeks for input to N/P.

## VIII. Ad Hoc Committees

- A. Explanation of Ad Hoc—Amy Suhrheinrich, President discussed the ad hoc committees this year and how and why they are created. We have two ad hoc committees, rent and two year board terms ad hoc committees.
- B. Rent—Nicki Proulx, Treasurer Elect discussed why this ad hoc committee was created. Our current lease is up this year and we are looking at whether or not to renegotiate the lease or look into purchasing property or renting another property. If you have any suggestions for property or questions, please email or call Alex Wiesner, Treasurer.
- C. Two Year Board Terms—Kate Powers, Ad Hoc Chair discussed the reasons for a two year board term. The organization is growing and we need to see what is best for JLL for continuity and legal issues, and this will create less work for the Board. They will be discussing a rotation of Board positions, creating a President Elect position (recommended by AJLI). Contact Kate Powers with questions or if you would like to be on the ad hoc committee.

## IX. Finance Council

- A. Updated Actual to Budget for November/December—Nicki Proulx, Treasurer Elect reported on the 25 for 25 Endowment Contributions and gave the financial report which is on the web. Budget request forms for next year are due February 5, 2009.

## X. Education Council

- A. Michigan State Council (MSC) Training Opportunity—

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# Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 2, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lynn Fielder, Dawn Kroeger, Tracy Jelneck, Renee Knake, Kate Quinn, Alex Wiesner, Nicole Shumway, Amy Suhrheinrich, Becky Paalman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Molly Chan

- I. Amy Suhrheinrich called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.
- II. VIb. Communication approvals to 5 minutes. VIc. Janet VanGorder scholarship by Lynn Fielder to 5 minutes. V. Action item added for policy 8.5
- III. Amy Suhrheinrich, President will contact Molly Chan, Secretary regarding changes to the November Board Meeting minutes. Renee, Membership VP moved to adopt November Board meeting as amended. Alex Wiesner, Treasurer seconded. Motion carried.
- IV. Announcements
  - a. Nicole Maison, Fund Development VP presented a Signature Fundraiser (SF) update to the Board. Discussion ensued.
  - b. Alex Wiesner, Treasurer presented the treasurer's report.
  - c. Amy Suhrheinrich, President, discussed the calendar of dates.
- V. Action Items
  - a. Kimberly Garrison, Community Research and Project Development moved to have Deep Water Transitional Program, WKAR Ready to Learn Program and Care Free Dental Program to the ballot for the Signature Project. Renee Knake, Membership VP seconded the motion. Amy Suhrheinrich, President opened the floor for discussion. Discussion ensued. Tracy Jelneck, President Elect moved to extend time by 5 minutes. Dawn Kroeger, Community VP seconded the motion. Amy Suhrheinrich, President called the motion for a hand vote. The Board unanimously approved to have Deep Water Transitional Program, WKAR Ready to Learn Program and Care Free Dental to the ballot for the Signature Project.
  - b. Kaleidoscope—Dawn Kroeger, Community VP explained that Junior League of Lansing has been contacted regarding sponsorship for the event again this year. The Board unanimously voted to allocate up \$1500.00 to Kaleidoscope from Community Sponsorship.
  - c. New Member Advisor Approval—Renee Knake, Membership VP presented Lydia Millbrook on behalf of NP. Renee Knake, Membership VP moved to place Lydia Millbrook as a New Member Advisor. The Board unanimously approved Lydia Millbrook as a New Member Advisor.
  - d. Nicole Maison, Fund Development VP moved to change the language of Policy 8.5 Membership Placement points to delete Spring Fundraiser (if any) from the Current Point Values. The Board unanimously approved to delete Spring Fundraiser (if any) from Policy 8.5 Membership Placement points.
- VI. Delegate, Decide, Discard
  - a. Renee Knake, Membership VP informed the Board on past procedures for New Member Training. Discussion ensued regarding approval of public relations announcements.
  - b. Lynn Fielder, Sustaining Advisor presented to the board on

behalf of Ginny Brooks, Sustainer the idea of creating a \$2500.00 scholarship in honor of her mother, Janet Stadle VanGorder. Deb Robinson will work with Ginny Brooks regarding the scholarship.

V. New Business

a. None at this time

VI. Meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.



Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Paalman  
Acting Secretary

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Amanda Lake, Training Chair discussed the MSC Training Opportunity on Saturday, February 21, 2009 from 8:30–1:30. You get a free lunch. Betsy Svanda, Arrangements Chair was thanked for her help with the arrangements. Training is mandatory for incoming Board members. RSVP by Monday, February 16, 2009 to Amanda Lake.

B. AJLI Vision video & table discussions—Tracy Jelneck, President Elect read to the membership what a vision statement and scenario process are, and the reason AJLI is suggesting a change. Current vision statement was made in 1995 and reflected where they wanted to go then. A new vision statement is needed at this time as it is not reflective of where our members want to go now. Discussion ensued in round tables regarding the proposed vision statement.

C. DIAM results—The DIAM/DIAD results were: 40 people participated. \$149.00 was raised. 8 toothbrushes, 8 toothpastes, and 3 dental floss were collected.

XI. Announcement & Adjourn the Meeting—Amy Suhrheinrich, President thanked the membership for their participation in the GMM and reminded them to ask questions at the February GMM. Annual Meeting will be in February. Mail in your absentee ballot if you can't be at the February GMM. Leadership Team needs to sign in for OPS and record any other meetings they attended. Day at the Capitol is March 11th. Kudos goes to Lisa Meny and Christina Williams for their hard work on FEAST. Kudos to Polly Synk for her hard effort for our next Signature Project. Amy Suhrheinrich, President asked for a motion to adjourn. Kate Quinn moved to adjourn, Becky Paalman seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



Respectfully submitted,  
Molly Chan  
Board Secretary



*The Ingham County Women's Commission  
meets the second Wednesday  
of the month at 7:00 p.m.  
Human Services Building  
5303 S. Cedar, Lansing*

## *Nominate an Everyday Heroine!*

The Ingham County Women's Commission (ICWC) created an award to help recognize women from the county who do extraordinary things. Women strengthen our community every day in a various ways and go unnoticed. This award creates an opportunity to shine a spotlight on those who have had a positive impact in our community.

The Everyday Heroine Award recognizes women who make someone's day brighter, neighborhood safer, or encourage those who need it most in ways great and small. These women and the amazing things they do make each of them Everyday Heroines merely by caring enough to share of themselves, their knowledge and their time, and we need your help to identify them. The Ingham County Women's Commission is soliciting nominations for the honor of being named an Ingham County Everyday Heroine.

Nominations are solicited and accepted by the Commission on an ongoing basis to honor women in Ingham County who help create change. Nominations are considered as they are received. When nominees are selected to be recognized, the honoree will be acknowledged with a certificate stating her identification as an Everyday Heroine and the Commission will issue a press release telling her story.

**For more information, visit**

**<http://www.ingham.org/BC/wom/index.htm>**

## *Everyday Heroine Submission Form*

Name of person completing form: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/School (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### *Nominee Information*

\*Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation/School: \_\_\_\_\_

Age Range:    ☐ Under 15 years    ☐ 15 to 30 years    ☐ 30 to 45 years

☐ 45 to 60 years    ☐ 60 to 75 years    ☐ Over 75 years

Race/Ethnicity (Please check all choices that apply):    ☐ Black/African American    ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native

☐ White/Caucasian    ☐ Hispanic/Latina    ☐ Asian    ☐ Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander    ☐ Other

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Work/School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Local Newspaper: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach an additional sheet describing (in 300 words or less) why this woman is an Everyday Heroine.

*\*Prior to any information release, both the woman nominated and the nominator will be contacted.*

**Submit completed forms via email to [InghamCountyWomenMI@gmail.com](mailto:InghamCountyWomenMI@gmail.com) or by mail to:**

**Attention: Ingham County Women's Commission, Everyday Heroines, P.O. Box 319, Mason, MI 48854**



# Holiday Open House



Tracy Jelneck &  
Kris Kildea

Carolyn Borger &  
Irene Hathaway

Past Presidents  
Chrissie Brogan & Becky Myers

Past Presidents  
Kris Kildea & Amy Uecker

Kimberly Garrison,  
Nicole Maison &  
Bridget Balesky

Susie Brewseter &  
MaryBeth Pirich

President Elect Tracy Jelneck,  
President Amy Suhrheinrich,  
Barb Cleland

Pat Brogan &  
Gretchen Forsyth

Helpers Jenna & Danielle  
with Hostess Past President  
Becky Myers

# Calendar of Events

## February

- 7 Endowment MSU Hospitality Event
- 10 GMM & Annual Meeting, Hannah Center
- 17 Member Relations sponsors Dream Dinners
- 23 March Board Meeting
- 28 Annual Membership Dues Deadline

## March

- 14 Kids in the Kitchen, Okemos HS

## April

- 7 Board Meeting
- 14 GMM
- 14 End of Year Membership Award Nominations deadline
- TBA Leadership Transition meeting

## May

- 5 Joint Board meeting
- 13 Celebration Meeting, Country Club of Lansing

### NEXT FOCUS DEADLINE

**Monday, February 9, 2009 • 5 pm**

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**Invites all league members to participate  
in the Spring 2009 Training**

**Incoming Board of Director's/  
General Membership Training  
February 21, 2009 9 am–1:30 pm  
Hannah Community Center, East Lansing**

#### **Topic to include:**

AJLI Strategic Vision  
Nuts and Bolts of Serving on the Board  
How to be a Confident Public Speaker  
Panel Discussion: Membership Recruitment and Retention

Morning beverages and lunch served

To RSVP contact Amanda Lake, 282-7779 or  
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