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Junior League of Lansing, Michigan is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

President's Message

Becky Myers, President



“How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.”

—Carol Sobieski and Thomas Meehan, *Annie*

The closing of anything comes with a certain amount of emotion. It is no different here. As our Junior League year draws to a close we can't help but reflect on all we have accomplished together. Last month's article focused on a number of this year's highlights, and with the passage of time I have a few more to add.

Our annual financial review was completed successfully and with glowing compliments from the accountant. Our monthly General Membership Meeting featured Sue Carter sharing her experiences at the top of the world. I was so impressed by her ability to center her message on our mission. The Executive Director from the City Rescue Mission, Mark Criss, joined us to say “thank you” and express his gratitude for our Community Impact Grant. Our mission in motion enables us to help the most vulnerable in our community, homeless women and children. What a wonderful partnership for us to share. We also spent our time together at the GMM discussing and voting in our 2008–2009 annual budget. It was yet another step to the inevitable transition which we will all share in over the next month. Our leadership teams from this year and next will come together for our transitional meeting and celebration on April 29th. Headed by our Training Committee, this is an integral part of assuring success for the next year. It also allows us to spend some time reflecting on our successes, the training that was provided, and the skills that were gained. Once again, our mission in motion, it's a beautiful thing.

It is with much gratitude that I thank the amazing ladies with whom I have had the pleasure of serving on our Board this year. When we came together at our retreat last June some of these ladies were friends, some I only knew by reputation, now they are all sisters. It was through their leadership, commitment and vision that our year went the direction that it did. The strong relationships they established with their councils were an indispensable part of making this year the huge success that it has been. As Vicki Clark reminded us in the fall, “it's more about the peoplework than the paperwork.” I could praise each of them all day long, but I need to save some surprises for the May meeting. Thank you all for giving so much and asking for so little. You truly inspire me!

I do want to extend a pre-celebration congratulations to Amy Suhrheinrich. It has been such a pleasure working closely with Amy over these many months. I have been fortunate enough to work with her a number of times over our JLL years and as I said to her when she stepped up in September to our President Elect role, “you never fail to impress me.” We are really in for a treat with her leading the way next year.

Thank you all for this opportunity, I will be forever grateful.

Many blessings to you,

Becky

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Sharing A CAB...

By Amy Suhrheinrich, President Elect



We have more room...
on the Community Advisory Board that is.

The Community Advisory Board has now been back in action for the second year. We are gaining tremendous input and support from our community leaders. Those serving on the Board represent a variety of areas within the community, have diverse perspectives and have been a resource of contacts for the Junior League. The Board will have three members whose two year term is almost ready to expire. We have two individuals committed to the open positions and have room for one more volunteer. If you know anyone who you feel would be a good fit, please contact Amy Suhrheinrich. For more information about the Board responsibilities, refer to the Administrative section (page 16) and the Policy section (page 45) in the JL red book.

The Community Advisory Board is chaired by the President Elect and is made up of the following Junior League members:

- CRPD Chair — **Nicki Proulx**
- Community Vice President — **Betsy Svanda**
- Immediate Past President — **Katie Strong**
- President — **Becky Myers**
- Public Affairs Chair — **Amanda Lake**
- Sustainer Representative — **Jane Bitsicas**

The Community Members are as follows:

- Mark Criss — Executive Director, City Rescue Mission of Lansing
- Scott Dzurka — President and CEO, Michigan Association of United Ways
- Michael Gadola — Michigan Supreme Court Counsel and State Court Administrative Office General Counsel Michigan Supreme Court Historical Society
- Sam Singh — President and CEO, Michigan Nonprofit Association
- Beany Tomber — Ready to Learn Coordinator, WKAR
- Lynne VanDeventer — Coldwell Banker Hubbell Real Estate Company
- Annie Topie — Manager, Associate & Community Relations Jackson National Life Insurance Company

Some of the topics that we are exploring are the future of the FEAST program, user friendly non-profit websites, and the exploration of our next Signature Project. We will have our wrap up meeting on May 13, 2008. The new term will begin in early fall. Please feel free to forward any topics that you would like to be put on our agenda. The community members provide an excellent voice and are a great resource for outside consultation.



Spring 2008

A publication of The Association of Junior Leagues International Inc.

The Spring issue of **Connected**, The Association of Junior Leagues International Inc.'s quarterly newsletter, is now available online. This newsletter is a valuable communications tool for our members. It lets them know what their sister Leagues are doing and also provides news about AJLI initiative and member benefits. AJLI regularly receives inquiries from members asking why they have not received the newsletter. Following is the access on the web for the latest issue of **Connected**:
http://www.ajli.org/ama/orig/Spring_Connected_08.pdf

Membership Member Relations

Darcy Pace, Member Relations Chair



Happy Spring Everyone!!

It is your last chance to participate in a Member Relations Event for 2008 and we've saved the best for last!! May 1st we will be hangin' in Old Town. We will start at Pace Howe Design and visit some of the great local shops in this quaint corner of Lansing. Be ready to spend the evening with wine, food, clothing, jewelry, candles, scents, and lots of other things we girls love! What better way to discover Old Town than with your JLL friends!

The Kudos winners for April were **Nancy Nyquist, Kay Donahue, Lori Noyer, Betsy Svanda, and Jessica Schaub.**

Jessica and Betsy for their amazing contribution to the Lansing Symphony's Tables of Note. They worked overtime creating a beautiful table to assist with the symphony's fundraiser but also to showcase the Junior League of Lansing and our Signature Project FEAST.

Lori and Kay have both been working diligently to get our Focus newsletter transferred to a new printer. They spent time getting a number of bids, talking and negotiating with our new printer and extra hours working to make the transition as smooth and interruption free as possible. Clearly their time has paid off, because our newsletter looks wonderful and has received an amazing amount of praise from membership. A huge thank you to both of you!!!!

Also Kudos to Nancy Nyquist who has served tirelessly in her **double** placement this year as both Nominating/Placement Advisor and the State Public Affairs Committee (SPAC) chair for Michigan State Council of Junior Leagues. Nancy stepped up into this leadership role due to a vacancy and has provided leadership and expertise in facilitating monthly SPAC meetings with the nine Junior Leagues in the state of Michigan as well as an overwhelmingly effective Day at the Capitol this March, where a record number of legislators and staff members attended to learn of Junior League's service and interest in advocating for Early Childhood issues. Nancy's professional knowledge of the legislature and passion for Junior League has brought back a vibrant outlook to SPAC and has made it a "placement to be!" We are fortunate to have her as a leader in this capacity.

Thanks ladies for demonstrating how great the JLL members are!

And thank you to all of you for all of the Kudos nominations throughout this year. They will be considered along with other nominees for the Recognize Excellence Awards at our May meeting. See you all then!!



Sustaining Sustaining Notes

Jane Bitsicas, Sustaining Advisor



It is hard to believe that a year has passed, and this is my final Sustainer column. What a fun and busy year it has been! You all have turned out in large numbers for events from the October luncheon, to the Signature Fundraiser, the Chicago bus trip, the Holiday Open House, and MSU Auction Pre-Party. It has been wonderful catching up with all of you this year. Thank you Sustainer Committee, for your help in making these events happen. Your ongoing support of this organization is appreciated very much.

It has also been a joy and a privilege working with, and getting to know, your 2007/2008 Board of Directors. These remarkable, talented women are dedicated in their service to the JLL. And they have fun! I look forward to reading about their new responsibilities and accomplishments in future issues of Focus.

There are a couple more Sustaining members to recognize:

Amy Uecker will be awarded the East Lansing Educational Foundation Award recognizing her service to the East Lansing Public Schools at their annual recognition dinner on May 8, at the Eagle Eye Golf and Athletic Center. Thank you Amy for all you do for this community!

Sarah Knapp has served the Nominating/Placement committee Sustaining Advisor this year, and they have benefited so much from her wisdom and expertise. Thank you so much Sarah, for giving of yourself to work with this committee.

The Kentucky Derby party on May 3 will be history by the time you read this, and I want to thank **Kathy Colby** and **Ginny Brooks** for organizing and hosting this wonderful tradition. Kathy and Ginny, we are all so grateful for all you have done this year. You two make a great team!

Lynn Fiedler will serve as Sustaining Advisor to the board next year, and I know they will benefit from her experience and thoughtfulness. I hope you will all join us at the May celebration meeting to wrap up a great year and welcome Lynn to her new role!

Upcoming events:

May 14, 2008—Celebration Dinner/Meeting

May 2009—25th Anniversary of our Endowment Fund

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New Member Recruitment Update

Renee Knake, New Member Recruitment Chair



We have had a fantastic time this spring wrapping up training for our New Members. In March, we again met at the Foster, Swift, Collins and Smith office where New Members learned more about League structure and the placement process.

(Thank you to Foster, Swift for providing their conference room to us at no charge!) At our April meeting we enjoyed dinner together at Beggar's Banquet. Special thanks to Sustainer Jane Bitsicas who joined us and shared about her League career. She also offered the New Members some wonderful advice and wisdom as they begin their League careers. We are looking forward to celebrating our New Members' transition to Active members at the May meeting.

It is not too early to begin thinking about next year's New Member class! If you have family, friends or work colleagues who might be interested in joining Junior League of Lansing, please pass contact information on to Shelley Mielock at membership@jllansing.org

Placement Night

Kim Watters, Nominating/Placement Advisor



Thank you for filling out your placement card for next year. We look forward to giving each member their placement at the May Celebration.

As a committee, we try our best to give everyone their first choice. However, sometimes we do have to give you your second or third choice. There are so many wonderful opportunities in League.

Points are collected from April until Placement night the following April. The total point score is then used to prioritize members during the placement process for the following year.

Current Point Values:

General Membership Meetings	
Per meeting attended	2 points
Per meeting not attended but advance notice given	1 point
Signature Fundraiser	2 points
Spring Fundraiser (if any)	2 points
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Winter interview	
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If roundtable held	1 point
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General Membership Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2008 • 7:00 PM • Walnut Hills Country Club

- I. **Placement Card Distribution and Collection**
- II. **Welcome**—**Becky Myers**, President, welcomed members.
- III. **Call Meeting to Order**—**Becky Myers**, President called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.
- IV. **Community Impact Grant**—**Betsy Svanda**, Community Vice President updated membership on our awarding our Community Impact Grant of \$10,000 to the City Rescue Mission. Mark Criss, Executive Director of the City Rescue Mission explained in detail how our Junior League dollars will be utilized and thanked membership for partnering with the Mission.
- V. **Featured Speaker: *Ordinary Women An Arctic Adventure***—**Sue Carter** shared with membership her experiences leading an all women's team to the North Pole. Sue highlighted on the leadership qualities necessary for such an experience.
- V. **Approval of Minutes for March**—**Becky Myers**, President requested a motion to approve the minutes of the March General Membership Meeting as printed in the April issue of Focus. Motion came from Mary Boyer with a second from Kate Powers. Motion carried.
- VI. **Improving the Community**
- a. **FEAST Video**—**Marcia Gresens**, Signature Project Chair shared with membership a two minute video done by WKAR on one of our FEAST volunteer teams in a second grade classroom. This video will run periodically on WKAR and highlight our Signature Project.
- b. **Community Response Grant**—**Betsy Svanda**, Community Vice President informed membership that two Community Response Grants were awarded. One grant was awarded to Fairview Elementary School for a CD library where the children will be able to sit with headphones and listen to our FEAST books. The other grant was awarded to the Haslett Family Learning Center to assist with child care scholarships for their students.
- c. **Community Service Impact**—**Beth Ann Whitaker**, Community Service Chairs updated membership on the Komen Race for the Cure. Sign up and join Team Junior League the race is Sunday, April 27. Membership was also updated on the clothing drive.
- VI. **Developing Our Potential**
- a. **Treasurer's Report**—**Alex Wiesner**, Treasurer commended membership on staying within our annual budget. Membership was also informed that our annual review has been completed and our league received high standards. Our endowment fund is at \$500,000 and financially we are strong.
- b. **2008–2009 Budget Proposal Vote**—**Alex Wiesner**, Treasurer made a motion to approve the budget for the 2008–2009 league year that was presented at the April General Membership Meeting. Discussion ensued. Motion carried.
- c. **Leadership Transition Meeting**—**Veronica McNally**, Training Chair reminded members that our leadership transition meeting is Tuesday, April 29. Please come prepared with your 12 month snapshot complete.
- d. **Placement Cards**—**Kim Watters**, Nominating Placement Advisor reminded members to turn in their placement cards before they leave tonight. Placement cards will be returned to members at the May Celebration meeting on May 14th with your assignment for next year.
- e. **Membership Recruitment**—**Shelley Mielock**, Membership Recruitment Vice Chair reminded members to submit names for next year's new member class.
- f. **Kaleidoscope Raffle**—**Betsy Svanda**, Community Vice President lead the raffle for membership of four event tickets we were given as sponsors of Kaleidoscope. Winners were Marcia Gresens, Tiana Houver, Amanda Lake, and Alex Wiesner,
- g. **AJLI Profile Data Information**—**Amy Suhrheinrich**, President Elect shared with membership the information she received from her recent AJLI training. All slides can be found on the AJLI website.
- VII. **Promoting Voluntarism**
- a. **Celebrity Luncheon**—**Tracy Jelneck**, Fund Development VP undated membership on our Celebrity Luncheon.
- b. **DIAD Mother's Day Gift Bags**—**Suzanne Johnson**, Done In A Day Committee lead membership in putting together 108 gift bags for mothers in need throughout the community.
- c. **DIAM**—**Suzanne Johnson**, Done In A Day Committee held raffle for those members who participated in the our DIAM donations for the evening.
- d. **Member Relations and Kudos**—**Darcy Pace**, Member Relations Chair updated membership on our progressive dinner in Old Town to be held on May 1. Kudos for the evening were awarded to Nancy Nyquist, Jessica Schaub, Betsy Svanda, Kay Donahue and Lori Noyer.
- VII. **Adjourned at 9:00PM.**



Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly Garrison,
Membership Vice President

Planning Board Meeting Highlights

March

- The Board welcomed the new Treasurer, Alex Wiesner. She will hold the Treasurer position for the remainder of the 2007–2008 term.
- The following Motions were carried by the Board:
 - The Motion to grant the City Rescue Mission \$10,000 from the Community Impact Grant for the Year 2007–2008.
 - The Motion to put the Community Sponsorship Policy in the Red Book.
 - The Motion to grant \$500 to Reach Out and Read and \$1,050 to Haven House.
 - The Motion for the Community Sponsorship Line item to be distributed as follows: Sparrow Working Wonders \$1,500, Kaleidoscope 2008 \$1,000, Ronald McDonald Bowl-a-Thon \$250, and Expectant parents Organization \$500.

Special Note: Marilyn Culpepper, a JLL Sustainers, has written a book *Never Will We Forget: Oral Histories of World War II*.

Education

AJLI Organizational Development Institutes: A Great Training Opportunity

By Veronica Valentine McNally, Training Chair



The AJLI ODI Conference was held in Fort Worth, Texas, March 28–30, 2008.

I had the pleasure of attending and I must say, I really enjoyed the fact that the sidewalks were not covered in snow!

The Conference offered four training tracks: Achieving Community Impact, Membership Development, Diversified Fund Development, and Electing Leaders for Tomorrow's League. I attended the Fund Development track. The speaker, Carol Scott, is a Junior League member and also the President and CEO of the Greenville Children's Museum. She was tremendously knowledgeable and approachable, but more importantly, she was entertaining.

Ms. Scott talked about several aspects of fund development, but rather than monopolize your time, I will focus on just one aspect in this article: the M&M factor. M&M stands for the Mission and the Money and they are completely interrelated. In the words of Carol Scott, "to accomplish your mission, you need money."

Though many of you probably have it memorized, it never hurts to repeat it; JLL's Mission has three components: (1) promoting voluntarism, (2) developing the potential of women, and (3) improving communities. Our fund development efforts must focus on all three components, including the training aspect. Organizations and individuals give to the Junior League of Lansing instead of giving directly to a cause because we back our voluntarism with trained volunteers. Ms. Scott reminded all of us that "at the end of the day, people give to the Junior League [of Lansing] because we are worthy, not needy."

ODI was a great training opportunity and a truly enlightening experience. Incidentally, I have a 50-slide PowerPoint presentation that I am more than happy to share with you if you are interested.

March 24, 2008

Dear Friends of Haven House:



Your recent grant award of \$1050 will help Haven House continue to serve homeless families with children. We appreciate your generous gift.

Each year we provide a temporary home to more than one hundred families, including more than two hundred children.

Your generosity enables us to offer job search, housing search, budgeting, goal setting, activities for children, help with parenting skills, and referrals for medical and legal assistance.

Families leave Haven House with hope for a fresh start. Your gift means a lot to these troubled families.

You can be sure that every dollar will be used with care. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Angie Maveaux

Angie Maveaux, Executive Director

City Rescue Mission
of Lansing

March 17, 2008

Dear Junior League of Lansing,

The purpose of this letter is to simply say "THANK YOU" for your support of the City Rescue Mission of Lansing. I am excited to partner with the Junior League to provide an educational kitchen for our guests at Maplewood School. With your assistance, we will be able to address domestic needs such as meal preparation, nutrition, and cleanliness. Thanks for all you do to assist women and children at risk.

To God be the Glory,

Mark Criss

Mark Criss
Executive Director

Matt. 25:40

Dear Betsy,

Thank you so much for the Junior League of Lansing's generous support of the Jump Start Family Outreach program. The funds now available as a result of the Community Response Grant will allow us to provide additional services and support to the high risk women and families that we serve. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Lisa Chambers

Program Coordinator

Inquiring Minds Want to Know!

2008 Winter Interview Results

Mary Boyer, Nominating Chair



I can hardly believe that the League year is almost complete. Time flies when you are having fun! As a parting gift for the summer, results from the 2008 Winter Interviews have been compiled. And a gift they are! Information and feedback from our members is one of the most valuable tools that JLL possesses. The

Nominating/Placement committee appreciates the time that each of you took to let us know what your thoughts were on a variety of topics. Here we go; drum roll please!

The vast majority of you felt that your current placements were going very well. Satisfaction is high, with a dash of "slightly stressful," and "busier than I thought" thrown into the mix. In addition, many of you commented that you are gaining valuable experience from your current placement.

Regarding communication with chairs and advisors, the vast majority of membership felt satisfied with both the quantity and quality of communications. However, a few members did express frustration that communication with their chairs has been sparse this year.

In true Junior League fashion, many members have stepped up to support the Signature Fundraiser. Many on this year's committee are eager to do it all over again and make next year's fundraiser even more exciting and fun than this year's event. In addition, numerous non-committee members said that they would help out before/during/after the event and/or help with soliciting auction items/sponsors/etc.

The question regarding other means JLL could pursue to raise funds elicited many, many responses. Some members felt that more fundraising by JLL would take away the focus from our volunteer activities and that we already were doing well financially, so there was no need for more fundraising. However, with other members, this question got the creative juices flowing. A sample of responses: cookbook; more grant writing; selling JLL logowear; 50/50 raffle in the spring; event geared toward children; JLL shopping night at area store(s) where a percentage of the sales go to JLL; every member should get one sponsor for one of our current fundraisers; more numerous, but smaller, fundraising events; consistent donations from the community; better overall Fund Development plan; find a company to sponsor JLL continually vs. one or two big events; raffle a basket of thousands of dollars worth of gift certificates obtained from area businesses; and bachelor/bachelorette auction.

Responses regarding the JLL website question brought out passionate responses, both pro and con. It was about evenly split between "yes, we need to improve the website" to "no, the website is fine as is." However, almost to a person, everyone wanted more information, including would members be able to RSVP to GMMs and events, could tickets to events be purchased on the website, and how many people utilize the current website. The "pro" members strongly felt that the website needed to be updated to attract new members and donors (PR/marketing) to further the JLL mission. The "con" members strongly felt that the amount

of money that may be invested seemed too large and that the money could be better spent helping the community through JLL grants, projects and committees, and/or helping to seed the FEAST program into a separate entity that could continue after the 3-year Signature Project commitment ends.

Members gave a variety of responses regarding what JLL experiences they felt were most beneficial. However, several recurring themes kept coming up for the majority of members: the ability to work with a diverse group of women towards a common goal, i.e. teamwork within a committee structure; the excellent training that members received both through Leadership Training and speakers at GMMs, as well as committee work; the great feeling of being connected to the community in a real way and feeling that you are giving back; personal growth and empowerment; as well as making strong personal connections with other members and building lasting friendships.

When asked how JLL could better meet their needs, members suggested increased flexibility with GMMs (meeting time/location/length) and more willingness to try new things and embrace new ways of doing things. More social time at the GMMs and more DIAD options were also suggested. Members also voiced a need for more icebreakers and better ways of integrating New Members and transfers into JLL.

The questions regarding FEAST, our current Signature Project, elicited numerous responses. As with the website question, members were split down the middle. Many members love the project and have fully embraced it. They believe that it fills a definite community need and they are excited by the response from the children. However, other members have had difficulty connecting with it, especially due to the daytime hours required to volunteer. These members wish to move on to another Signature Project after the three-year commitment to FEAST ends.

Last, but not least, most members were receptive to the idea of JLL logo-wear, but would have to see the items first. Items that generated the most interest included shirts, hoodies, hats and tote bags.

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Dear Members of the Junior League of Lansing,
I'm writing to you to thank yo again for select-
ing me as one of your scholarship recipients last
year. Attending Alma College has been a wonderful,
rewarding experience thus far. Between classes,
band, staff writer on the Almanian newspaper, two
radio DJ spots, a boyfriend and fulfilling my reign
as the 2007 Clinton County Mint Queen, I have kept
very busy. Your generosity has helped contribute
towards my working for a
broadcasting career. Thank you
so much for believing in me.

Sincerely,
Kaitlyn Love



Ronald
McDonald
House of
Mid-Michigan

Thanks to you and all the members of the Junior League of Lansing for
your donation of \$250. Your gift will help to provide the warm and caring
Home-away-from Home that means so much to our families.

Thank you for the sharing and caring.

Sincerely,

Betty Frances

Ronald McDonald House of Mid-Michigan
Board of Directors, Staff and Volunteers

Dear Friend of R.J. Scheffel Memorial Toy Project:

Thank you for your recent donation of \$250.00.

The toymakers are busy filling their orders for the 2008 year. You are
invited to stop in any Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning and visit.
Perhaps you or someone you know, would be interested in helping to make
the toys. If so please contact Larry Koster, the group leader. He can be
reached at the toy shop Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:00 to 11:30 am
(517) 882-4988 or by e-mail koster21@yahoo.com. We want to continue
carrying on R.J. Scheffel's dream of giving each and every year.

Again thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

D. Dennis Dudley
D. Dennis Dudley, President

3-19-08

Junior League Members--

Thank you so much for your generous dona-
tion of DVDs and detergent. They certainly will be
put to good use by our guests.

Please feel free to stop by the House - we would
be more than happy to give you a tour!

Again, thank you -

Sincerely,

Denice Stoecker, Manager & McRee Volunteers

Membership Changes

- (NRA) **Ferris, Dina**
Transfer to Pensacola Florida complete
- (NM) **Garrett, Lynn**
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Junior League of Lansing—General Fund

REVENUE

Account Description	2007-08 Budget	2008-09 Budget	Under/Over Budget	Responsible Council/Bd Member	Source of funding
DUES					
Active Dues JLL	\$ 8,125	\$ 9,425	\$ 1,300	Membership VP	\$65*active members
Active Dues AJLI	\$ 4,375	\$ 5,075	\$ 700	Membership VP	\$35*active members
New Member Dues JLL	\$ 696	\$ 870	\$ 174	Membership VP	\$29*new members
New Member Dues AJLI	\$ 420	\$ 525	\$ 105	Membership VP	\$17.50*new members
Sustainer Dues JLL	\$11,270	\$ 8,526	\$(2,744)	Membership VP	\$49*sustainer members
Sustainer Dues AJLI	\$ 8,400	\$ 6,090	\$(2,310)	Membership VP	\$35*sustainer members
Total Dues	\$33,286	\$30,511	\$(2,775)		
FEES & OTHER INCOME					
Interest — Checking Account	\$ —		\$ —	Treasurer	
Transfer from Reserve Account	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$ —	Treasurer	Finance Committee
Total Fees	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$ —		
FUNDRAISING					
Signature Fundraiser	\$56,629	\$57,778	\$ 1,149	Fund Development VP	for a Net Income of \$41,629
Celebrity Luncheon	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ —	Fund Development VP	
New Member Fundraiser	\$ —		\$ —	Fund Development VP	
Total Fundraising	\$64,629	\$65,778	\$ 1,149		
FEES & OTHER INCOME					
Grant Revenue	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ —	Fund Development VP	
History Fund	\$ —		\$ —	Fund Development VP	
Arrangements — Active	\$ 2,750	\$ 3,080	\$ 330	Membership VP	\$22*active members
Arrangements — New Member	\$ 504	\$ 630	\$ 126	Membership VP	\$21*new members
New Member Retreat	\$ 720	\$ 900	\$ 180	Membership VP	\$30*new members
Late Fees			\$ —	Membership VP	Generally \$0
Misc Income	\$ —		\$ —	Treasurer	
Focus Monthly Newspr	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ —	Communications VP	Focus ads
Corporate Marketing	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ —	Fund Development VP	Meeting sponsors
Total Fees	\$10,974	\$11,610	\$ 636		
ENDOWMENT INCOME					
Trnsfr from Endowment	\$23,500	\$26,650	\$ 3,150	Treasurer	5% of Endowment Balance
Trsfr from Building Acct	\$17,675	\$18,038	\$ 363	Treasurer	
Total Transfers of Funds	\$41,175	\$44,688	\$ 3,513		
TOTAL REVENUES	\$160,064	\$162,587	\$(7,478)		

EXPENSES

Account Description	2007-08 Budget	2008-09 Budget	Under/Over Budget	Responsible Council/Bd Member
INVESTMENT EXPENSES				
Bank Charges — Operating	N/A			Treasurer
Bank Charges — Payroll			\$ —	Treasurer
Total Investment Expense	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	
COMMUNITY PROJECTS				
Signature Project	\$ 8,700	\$ 8,700	\$ —	Community VP
Community Serv Projects	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ —	Community VP
Community Sponsorship	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ —	Community VP
Done in a Day Projects	\$ 3,250	\$ 5,250	\$ 2,000	Community VP
Done in a Meeting	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ —	Community VP
Matching Gift Program	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ —	Community VP
Community Response Grant	\$ 4,400	\$ 4,400	\$ —	Community VP
JLL Scholarship Fund	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ —	President
New Member Projects	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ —	Membership VP
Community Impact Grant	\$10,000		\$(10,000)	Community VP
Total Community Projects	\$35,800	\$37,800	\$ 2,000	
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES				
Signature Fundraiser Expenses	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$ —	Fund Development VP
Tracking Team	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ —	Fund Development VP
Celebrity Fundraiser Expenses	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,100	\$ —	Fund Development VP
Grant Writing Expense	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ —	Fund Development VP
New Member Fundraiser	\$ —		\$ —	Membership VP
Total Fundraising Expense	\$16,250	\$16,250	\$ —	

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PROJECT EXPENSES				
Project Development (CRPD)	\$ 50	\$ 150	\$ 100	President Elect
Community Advisory Bd	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ -	President Elect
Nominating/Placement	\$ 500	\$ 750	\$ 250	Membership VP
New Member Recruitment	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ -	Membership VP
Public Relations	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	Communications VP
Bi-Annual Community Report	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Communications VP
Signature Project Committee	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ -	Community VP
Endowment Fund Contributions	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ -	Treasurer
SPAC Dues and Organiz dues/msc	\$ 3,450	\$ 3,450	\$ -	Education VP
Public Affairs Committee	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ -	Education VP
College Scholarship Expense	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ -	President
Done in a Day Committee	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ -	Community VP
Community Serv Comm	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ -	Community VP
AJLI Dues Projects Active/Sustainer	\$ 8,943	\$ 7,816	\$(1,127)	Membership VP
AJLI Dues Projects New Member	\$ 294	\$ 368	\$ 74	Membership VP
Total Project Rel Expense	\$15,837	\$15,133	\$ (704)	
EDUCATION EXPENSES				
Leadership Retreat/Ops Team	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,200	\$ 700	Education VP
Board Training and Retreat	\$ 750	\$ 1,000	\$ 250	President/Education
New Member Training + retreat	\$ 1,325	\$ 1,500	\$ 175	Membership VP
Mmbrshp Training & Edu	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,000	\$ 500	Education VP
Focus	\$12,000	\$ 8,500	\$(3,500)	Communications VP
Historian/Librarian	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ -	President
Grant Writing Training	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -	Education VP
Conferences — Pres	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,500	\$ 500	Education VP
Conferences — Pres-Elect	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -	Education VP
Conferences — Membership/odi	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,000	Education VP
Mmbrshp Data Base Dev	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Membership VP
Sustainer History	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Sustaining Advisor
Total Education	\$27,350	\$26,975	\$ (375)	
SUPPORTING EXPENSES				
Arrangements Facility fee	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	\$ -	Education VP
Arrangements	\$ 2,640	\$ 3,190	\$ 550	Education VP
Member Relations	\$ 700	\$ 700	\$ -	Membership VP
New Sustainer Gifts	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ -	Membership VP
Sustainers	\$ 400	\$ 700	\$ 300	Sustaining Advisor
Mbrshp Scholarship	\$ 244	\$ 244	\$ -	Membership VP
President & Assistant	\$ 650	\$ 650	\$ -	President
President Elect	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ -	President Elect
Membership Directory	\$ 1,700	\$ 2,200	\$ 500	Communications VP
Office Supplies	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	Treasurer
Council Copies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Treasurer
Misc. Copies**	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ -	Treasurer
Council Postage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Treasurer
Misc. Postage	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ -	Treasurer
Endowment Expense	\$ 300	\$ 600	\$ 300	Treasurer
Telephone	\$ 735	\$ 725	\$ (10)	Treasurer
Computer Software/Training	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ -	Communications VP
Computer Expense	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ -	Communications VP
Internet and Website	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,300	\$ -	Communications VP
Equipment	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ -	Pres Elect
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Pres Elect/Treasurer
Finance Committee	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ -	
Grant Expenditure	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	Fund Development VP
Total Supporting Expenses	\$19,369	\$21,009	\$ 1,640	
OVERHEAD EXPENSES				
Office Lease Expense	\$17,675	\$18,038	\$ 363	Treasurer
Legal	\$ 500	\$ 1,000	\$ 500	President
Accounting/Audit	\$ 6,250	\$ 7,375	\$ 1,125	Treasurer
Insurance Board	\$ 1,325	\$ 1,350	\$ 25	Treasurer
Insurance PPL	\$ 2,450	\$ 2,500	\$ 50	Treasurer
Payroll Salaries	\$10,500	\$10,825	\$ 325	Treasurer
Payroll JLL Emplor FICA	\$ 800	\$ 825	\$ 25	Treasurer
Misc Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Treasurer
Total Overhead Expenses	\$39,500	\$41,913	\$ 2,413	
OTHER EXPENSES				
AJLI Dues Support Active/Sustainer	\$ 3,833	\$ 3,350	\$ (483)	Membership VP
ALJLI Dues Support Provisional	\$ 126	\$ 158	\$ 32	Membership VP
Total Other Expenses	\$ 3,959	\$ 3,507	\$ (452)	
Total Expenses	\$158,064	\$162,587	\$(5,478)	
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$(2,000)	

Grant Me Some Money!! Response Grant Responds!!

Betsy Svanda, Community Vice President



What an exciting year for the Grants Committee! Not only was the a \$10,000.00 Community Impact Grant granted to The City Rescue Mission awarded for the "Teaching Kitchen," the Grants Committee also awarded \$4,400 to various non-profit organizations in our community.

There are so many non-profit organizations that have needs in the community, but the Grant Committee's task was to discern which organizations best advanced the Junior League's Mission of helping women and children at risk. After much discussion the Grants Committee voted to recommend to the board **Fairview Elementary Second Grade Classrooms** and the **Haslett Family Learning Center** as recipients for the last quarter.

Fairview Elementary, one of the targeted schools for the FEAST program, will use the \$500.00 granted to them for a listening center to be used by over 100 students each year. Most of the students at Fairview come from single parent homes and have little access to the books appropriate to their developmental reading level. This grant will fund the listening center with cds and a library of books that parents can review with their child and then return to school.

Haslett Family Learning Center (Meridian High School) is an alternative High School encompassing 14 different school districts and has assisted more than 700 pregnant and parenting teens to attain high school diplomas at the same time increasing the chances of positive outcomes for themselves and their children. The \$500.00 will be used for financial assistance in the form of daycare scholarships and supplies needed for the children in daycare while their moms attend classes.

Total Giving for Grants & Sponsorship \$19,400.00 2007-2008

Once again, the Junior League of Lansing has reached out to the community and helped women and children at risk. Thank you to all League members, without you this would not have been possible!

Community Impact Recipient 2007-2008

City Rescue Mission - \$10,000.00 - Teaching Kitchen

Community Response Grant Recipients 2007-2008

\$4,400 - Responds to the Community

- Haven House - \$1,050.00 - Mattress Covers
- Jump Start - \$500.00 - Infant Car Seats
- R.J. Scheffel Toy Project - \$250.00 - Wooden Toys & Memory Boxes for Ele's Place.
- Ballentine Stepping Stones - \$1,100.00 - Emergency Needs
- Reach Out & Read - \$500.00 - Reading Area
- Fairview Elementary - \$500.00 - Listening Center
- Haslett Family Learning Center - \$500.00 - Day Care Scholarships

Community Sponsorship Recipients 2007-2008

\$5,000 partners with the Community

- \$250.00 - Ronald McDonald House
- \$250.00 - Women's Expo
- \$500.00 - Tables of Note
- \$500.00 - Expectant Parents Organization Auction
- \$1,000 - Kaleidoscope
- \$1,000 - Komen Race
- \$1,500 - Sparrow Working Wonders Race

The next application deadline for the Community Response Grant will be August 1st. A press release will be sent out, but if you know of a non-profit organization that services women and children at risk and would like a grant application please contact our new Community VP Dawn Kroeger @ burdittd@yahoo.com Applications can be found on the website as well.

Birthdays May & June

ACTIVE & NEW MEMBERS

Noyer, Lori	05/12
Lake, Amanda	05/13
Vogelsang, Ann	05/15
Cole, Peggy	05/16
Kellom, Kristy	05/16
Moore, Kristi	05/16
Hawver, Tiana	05/20
Gretzinger, Lilly	05/22
Gregory, Kim	05/26
Puskala, Cassandra	05/29
Suhrheinrich, Amy	05/29
Charchut, Heather	05/31
Griggs, Samantha	05/31
Faber, Jennifer	06/01
Santucci, Torye	06/06
Thelen, Michelle	06/07
Soper, Susan	06/15
Johnson, Gabrielle	06/21
Burham, Cristina	06/23
Hirt, Linda	06/23
Schick, Jennifer	06/26
Lanstra, Emilie	06/27

SUSTAINERS

Olson, Mary	05/01
Krogulecki, Lisa	05/09
Loomis, Miriam	05/11
Piotter, Christine	05/11
Hubbard, Karen	05/14
Mills, Sue	05/14
Whipp, June	05/14
Ridgway, Ruth	05/20
Drolet, Kathie	05/21
Nugent, Laura	05/22
Bitsicas, Jane	05/23
Siebold, Mary Rose	05/23
Colby, Kathy	05/24
Nowak-Baker, Darlene	05/24
Campau, Julia	05/27
Pirich, Mary Beth	05/27
Smith, Linda	05/28
Brogan, Chrissie	05/30
Princinsky, Joanne	05/30
Lindquist, Barbara	05/31
Duda, Barbara	06/02
Duffield, Darrell	06/02
Frangos, Tula	06/03
Irwin, Phyllis	06/03
Joslin, Marge	06/04
Brooks, Ginny	06/05
Nichols, Christy	06/07
Hollister, Diane	06/10
Nilson, Pamela	06/10
Schwendener, Polly	06/12
Mooney, Nance	06/14
Long, Marybeth	06/16
Nugent, Marilyn	06/18
Zsigo, Kerry	06/18
Freund, Janet	06/23
Tarquini, Noreen	06/23
Brewster, Susie	06/26
Drake, Jane	06/26
Hacker, Jo	06/26
Spencer, Marcia	06/27
Dansby, Linda	06/28
Wilson, Patty	06/30

Calendar of Events

May

- May 6 Celebrity Luncheon
- May 14 GMM – Country Club of Lansing
- June 10 Leadership Training Part 1
- June 17 Leadership Training Part 2

NEXT FOCUS DEADLINE

Wednesday, May 14, 2008 • 5 pm

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

Dear Jill,

I just noticed that the May GMM/Celebration is on the second Wednesday instead of Tuesday. Why?

*Signed,
Incredibly Confused*

Dear Confused,

The May meeting has been on a Wednesday in May (sometimes the second Wednesday, sometimes even the third) for many years now. I wish I could tell you that the reasoning behind this is steeped in JLL lore and history. Alas, it is not. The reason that the May meeting is on a Wednesday has everything to do with the venue and little to do with the JLL. Traditionally (okay, so here's a little tradition for you) the meeting is hosted at the Country Club of Lansing. The CCL has a long standing meeting that is hosted there on Tuesday nights, and therefore, the space that we need is unavailable. So, we move our meeting to Wednesday, because we enjoy the CCL, and they are fantastic hosts.

I am looking forward to seeing you May 14th at the Celebration!

*Sincerely,
Jill*



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