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*Sue Mills, Sustaining Advisor*

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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.*



Labor Day signals the beginning of fall and our calendars fill quickly with many activities, meetings and luncheons. I hope you all have made your reservation for the Fall Sustainer Luncheon at the Country Club of Lansing on Tuesday, September 28. Many thanks to **Jan Moore** for taking in the reservations, **Amy Crites** and **Caryn Edwards** for manning the check-in table, **Debby Harrison** for serving as our greeter and **Kathy Lazar** for handling all luncheon details with the Club. A special thank you also goes out to Active Member **Dawn Hall**, co-owner of Petal and Forrest for assisting us with the table decorations. Many hands certainly do make light work.

In addition, mark your calendars for the "Shop 'til You Drop" bus trip to Chicago on Friday, December 3rd and the Holiday Open House on Tuesday, December 7th. Active members of League will be joining us at these two events. They will be FUN!

Congratulations to Past President **Jo Hacker** and her family, husband Ted, son Tom and his wife Marsha, for being honored by Highfields as the recipients of the Robert L. Drake Citizenship Award. This award, named after the husband of Past President **Jane Drake**, recognizes individuals who exemplify the philosophy of bringing many people together to create or improve a significant service for children and families, thereby, enriching their community. Jo was a founding board member of Highfields and collectively, members of the Hacker family have served Highfields for 57 years. The Junior League was instrumental in the development of Camp Highfields and has committed many dollars and volunteers to various projects through the years.

The Junior League is embarking on a new fund development plan this year working with Fund Development Consultant, Past President **Donna Gardner**. It includes the securing of Corporate Partners, a Celebrity Luncheon and a mega raffle, "It's All About the Sparkle" with wonderful prizes donated by Sustainer Becky Beauchine-Kulka Fine Jewelry and teeth whitening services by "Smiles by Stone", Scott Stone, D.D.S. I hope you will help make this a success through the purchase and/or selling of raffle tickets. If you purchase or sell 5 tickets you will be invited to a fun-filled Celebration Party with actives and community partners later this year.

## JLL Email Addresses

Just a reminder to use these emails:

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**FOCUS** is the newsletter of the Junior League of Lansing, published 9 times each year for the use of its members. Any inquiries regarding **FOCUS** may be directed to the office staff or the following address:

#### Junior League of Lansing

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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, Shelly Bugg.

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

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

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Betsy Svanda, President*



Inspiring, exciting, enthusiastic and optimistic, are all words that describe our first GMM. It was wonderful to see one another after the summer vacation and talk about the great impact JLL has made over the past few months and will continue to make over the course of the coming year.

Having Care Free Dental present at the GMM reminded us all why we do what we do. We give back to the community so lives can be changed. It is truly remarkable what Care Free Dental is doing for people in the Lansing area and it's awesome that the Junior League can support such a great cause. As **Lynna Walta** has stated "we are literally giving people back their smiles".

Speaking of smiles, how can we not smile about the \$5000 grant we received from the Michigan Dental Association? MDA was not only impressed with the financial support the JLL provides for Care Free Dental, but also with the efforts of our trained volunteers and the difference we are making for patients of the clinic.

As our Signature Project, Care Free Dental will receive \$10,000 this year, but it is important to remember that the JLL will give a total of over \$25,000 back to the community this year. That kind of giving is only made possible by the combined fundraising efforts of our dedicated members. With the help of our fund development consultant, we have a "sparkling" plan, and are so excited that more money will be raised this year, while spending less on fundraising expenditures. The incentive prizes for the raffle are amazing and I would so love to win the 5 day stay at the Lake Michigan Beach House!!

The power of our numbers is substantial. The fundraising goal for this raffle is to raise over \$20,000! This can be accomplished if each member sells only 9 tickets a piece. Who does not have a friend or family member who would love to select some diamond jewelry with a gift certificate from BBK or to pamper themselves with teeth whitening donated by Smiles by Stone? While selling raffle tickets to friends and family members, please also spread the word that we are recruiting New Members and will have a New Member recruitment event on Oct 19th at Independent Bank.

Because of our individual efforts and the power of our membership numbers, we are impacting the community in great ways. Each one of our placements is vital to our organization. From the welcoming smile offered by the "arrangements" Members, to the hands filling hundreds of backpacks, we are women building better communities. That makes me smile and proud to be your president.

## SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY RESPONSE GRANTS

*Ann Vogelsang, Community Vice President*



The Community Grants Committee is delighted to announce our first Community Response Grant recipients for 2010-2011. The Downtown YMCA Wellness Center will be receiving \$450 to help support their Wellness Exercise Program with the residential treatment facility Footprints.

Footprints serves girls between the ages of 12 and 17 who have been involved with the 30th Judicial Court Family Division and who have a non-violent history and the motivation to refrain from future court involvement. The program aims to help the girls improve their self worth and create healthy lifestyle habits. The physical activity portion of the program is supported through a variety of weekly fitness classes taught by a YMCA instructor. Classes rotate depending on the interest of the girls and have included Zumba, yoga, Latin hip hop dance, and aerobic workouts. JLL will also be supporting Operation Good Cheer (OGC) a program of Child and Family Services of Michigan, Inc. OGC is a volunteer driven Christmas gift giving program for children in out-of-home placements. It relies on sponsorships from individuals and organizations to fulfill each child's wish list. This year there are 306 Lansing area enrollees, a majority of whom were placed in care due to abuse or neglect. The \$300 JLL has granted to OGC will be used to purchase gifts for these children.

If you know an organization doing work consistent with our mission which could benefit from our Community Response Grant, please encourage them to apply. Our next deadline is November 1, and at that time we will have another \$750 available to be distributed. Applications can be found on our website.

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## 2010/2011 DONE IN A MEETING PARTNERSHIPS

*Diane Sloan, DIAM Chair*



Here we are beginning a new 2010/2011 Junior League of Lansing year, and we have much to look forward to. The Done in a Meeting Committee is back this year, and we are bringing new life into this wonderful program. We have retained some of our strong partnerships, and welcomed

some new organizations into our DIAM program. We are looking to reach new milestones this year in DIAM, and we need your help. There is so much to be excited about, not the least of which is the 2010/2011 JLL DIAM line-up. Please consider donating to the following Done in a Meetings, and thanks in advance for making this a great year!

October: Every Little Bottom - Diapers

November: Random Acts of Kindness

January: St. Vincent's - Toilet Paper and Toiletries

February: City Rescue Mission - Cans of Fruit and Vegetables

March: Ele's Place - 9" Paper Plates, Napkins, and 9 oz. Plastic Cups

April: Haven House - Shampoo and Conditioner

May: End Violent Encounters (EVE) - Toilet Paper and Sanitary Items



# JLL VOLUNTEERS FOR WOMEN WORKING WONDERS

*Katie Gallagher, Done in a Day Committee*

Sparrow Foundation's 7th Annual Women Working Wonders 5K/0K drew its largest number of participants to date and several Junior League women were there to volunteer at this inspiring event that supports women's health. The sun shined at Hawk Island Park and the setting was one of excitement, passion and support for the "ongoing advancement of medical treatment and care for women in Mid-Michigan, as well as the educational outreach initiatives of W3 volunteers and committee members (Sparrow Foundation)." With the helpful direction of Sustainer **Barb Hagan**, JLL volunteers arrived early to set up and made it through the busy registration, which went off smoothly thanks to the girls' hard work and teamwork. JLL volunteers at this event included **Amanda Campbell, Tiffany Dowling, Katie Gallagher, Kristin Hicks, Samantha Hughes, Katie Lynwood, Pattie McNeil, Lydia Millbrook, Thuy Pham**, President Elect **Kate Powers**, **Diane Sloan**, President **Betsy Svanda**, **Jill Tuley**, and **Alex Wiesner**.



*JLL Members Kate Powers (left) and Kristin Hicks (right) are all smiles as they volunteer at the Sparrow Foundation W3 5k/0k as part of one of this year's DIAD projects.*

*Thuy Pham (left) and Diane Sloan (right) formed team JLL and ran 5k in the Sparrow Foundation W3 5k as part of JLL's sponsorship of the race.*



In keeping with President **Betsy's Svanda** theme, "Sharing the Junior League Story" I thought it would be fun "tell the story" of our Lansing League through the years. So let's start with our Beginnings.....The 30's. In 1931 the Junior Service League was organized by 18 young women. The Association of Junior Leagues cooperated by providing the framework for our by-laws and by giving us permission to use the name, Junior Service League. One of the League's earliest projects was sponsored in conjunction with the YWCA working with underprivileged girls. Classes were held in sewing, hygiene, health and grooming with a hot lunch served at each session. In 1935 the League founded the Child Guidance Clinic. Money for these and other projects was earned through style shows, dances and bake sales. In addition, two garden carnivals and three Jerome Cargill Follies were produced. 1939 initiated a permanent money raiser that provided funds for many projects through the years. The Resale Shop was opened in two rooms in a downtown building and merchandise was obtained through a Bundle Tea. The following year the shop moved to the ground floor of the Wentworth Hotel. The shop was open 1½ days a week, staffed by the League's 50 Active Members and showed a profit of \$870 in 1942. It brings back many great memories when we tell the Junior League story. Next month we will focus on the 1940's.

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## UPCOMING MEMBER RELATIONS EVENTS

*Michelle Lange, Member Relations Chair*



It's time to rally! Road rally, that is! The Member Relations Committee is revving up for a new event in October and we hope to see you there! Clues will wind you through the greater Lansing area to a surprise location where the top three teams to arrive will win prizes. At only \$30 a car- it's a steal of a deal! So, load up your friends, invite others to participate and get ready for a great night out chasing clues and solving puzzles. The details: Friday, October 22nd, 6:30 P.M. at the Mayfair in Haslett. To sign up, contact **Michelle Lange** at [LangeM77@aol.com](mailto:LangeM77@aol.com) or (517) 256-2606 no later than October 17th.

Also in October Member Relations will be hosting the After GMM Social at Copper and an End of the Month Happy Hour at Troppo- 5:30P.M. on the 21st. Hope to see you at one of our upcoming events!



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### *Condolences...*



*The Junior League of Lansing extends our sincere sympathies to Sustainer and Past President **Nancy Berger** and her family. Her son Steve died September 12, 2010. He was 55 living in California. He was a marvelous, bright young man and leaves a wife and two young sons.*

Do you like to shop? Have lunch with girlfriends?

GRAB THE GIRLS AND RESERVE YOUR SEATS,

The Sustainer/Active Bus Trip can't be beat!

**"SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP"**

## **JLL ANNUAL CHICAGO BUS TRIP**

Friday, December 3, 2010

Depart-Okemos Commuter Lot @ 6:30a.m

Value City Lot @ 7:00am

Return-Lansing@approximately 11:00 p.m.

Continental breakfast, Light dinner and drinks

Plus entertainment provided on the bus!

*Your hosts: Ginny Brooks and Kathy Colby*

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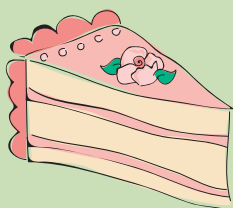


Lansing Junior League:  
 I would like to thank you for  
 the donation of all the masks left over  
 from your 2009 masquerade ball. They were used  
 to enhance the decorations at our prom, for the  
 Kent Vocational Options Students. (2010)  
 They were enjoyed by all that attended.  
 Thanks again for your  
 generous gift.  
 Carol Paalman  
 (KVO. prom committee)

## OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

### ACTIVES

|                     |       |
|---------------------|-------|
| Garrett, Lynn       | 10/08 |
| Hughes, Samantha    | 10/08 |
| Rabideau, Charlene  | 10/08 |
| Henderson, Hillary  | 10/13 |
| Schnelker, Courtney | 10/18 |
| Sutton, Jordan      | 10/20 |
| Sifuentes, Meg      | 10/23 |
| Carr, Chrissy       | 10/24 |
| Moore, Liza         | 10/25 |
| Rizzi, Rochelle     | 11/04 |
| Proulx, Nicki       | 11/09 |
| Gibson, Ginnie      | 11/12 |
| Vlahakis, Angela    | 11/14 |
| Martinez, Mercedes  | 11/15 |
| Lupo, Susan         | 11/21 |
| Latchana, Beth      | 11/28 |
| Marchyok, Kate      | 11/29 |



### SUSTAINERS

|                        |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| Gilkey, Heather        | 10/01 |
| Hostetler, Lori        | 10/02 |
| Korroch, Marian        | 10/05 |
| Uecker, Amy            | 10/06 |
| Sukenik, Barb          | 10/07 |
| Beauchine-Kulka, Becky | 10/09 |
| Paxton, Shirley        | 10/09 |
| Crippen, Susie         | 10/10 |
| Howe, Julie            | 10/12 |
| Forbush, Krista        | 10/15 |
| Spousta, Dottie        | 10/17 |
| Wilson, Mary Jane      | 10/20 |
| Austin, Mary Ann       | 10/22 |
| Carr, Shary            | 10/22 |
| Kregel, Suzanne        | 10/22 |
| Clark, Barb            | 10/23 |
| Dwight, Lynn           | 10/23 |
| Tabler, Janie          | 10/23 |
| Haley, Jamie           | 10/25 |
| Marazita, Ellie        | 10/25 |
| Vincent-Riemer, C      | 10/26 |
| Kositckek, Ruth        | 10/27 |
| Bullock, Marnie        | 10/28 |
| Patterson, Susan       | 10/28 |
| Knake, Renee           | 10/29 |
| Kerwin, Cathy          | 10/31 |

|                     |       |
|---------------------|-------|
| Shanker, Margie     | 10/31 |
| Carr, Janet         | 11/01 |
| Walworth, Mary Lou  | 11/05 |
| Cawood, Becky       | 11/08 |
| Galloway, Barbara   | 11/08 |
| McCoy, Sally        | 11/08 |
| Cornelius, Marilyn  | 11/09 |
| Duncan, Susan       | 11/10 |
| Nolen, Sally        | 11/10 |
| Overholt, Frances   | 11/14 |
| Peters, Van-Anh     | 11/16 |
| Gross, Jan          | 11/17 |
| Frankland, Maggie   | 11/18 |
| Harrison, Debby     | 11/18 |
| Logan, Kay          | 11/18 |
| Ballein, Michele    | 11/19 |
| Tarpoff, Diane      | 11/19 |
| Richards, Bea       | 11/20 |
| Scott, Toni         | 11/20 |
| Obsitnik, Marilyn   | 11/21 |
| Fauquher, Grace     | 11/22 |
| Fiedler, Lynn       | 11/23 |
| Chan, Molly         | 11/24 |
| Burnett, Beth       | 11/25 |
| Collins, Mary       | 11/25 |
| Brennan, Catherine  | 11/26 |
| Gallagher, Michelle | 11/30 |

# It's ALL ABOUT THE PRIZES

Gabrielle Johnson, VP Fund Development



As you know, Junior League of Lansing (JLL) is working hard to raise funds this year to support our Mission and our signature project, Care Free Dental. Instead of asking members to pay to come to a party, we are asking you to spread the Mission of JLL in other ways and reach out to your family and friends with the sale of raffle tickets.

To meet your JLL fundraising obligation you will be asked to sell at least five raffle tickets at \$20.00 a piece. But don't stop selling at five. Any member selling a minimum of six tickets will be entered to win one of the following spectacular prizes:

- \* Earrings from Becky Beauchine Kulka ("BBK")
- \* \$250 Gift Certificate from BBK
- \* A gift certificate from Douglas J
- \* Arbonne Makeup Gift Bag
- \* Free Ride on the JLL Chicago Bus Trip
- \* Six private Pilates sessions from JLL Member **Hillary Henderson**
- \* Marriott Gift Certificate
- \* Golf for four (4) at Walnut Hills and lunch at Copper
- \* Lexington Gift Certificate
- \* Ultimate Image and Esthetique - Essential Facial
- \* Gift Certificate to Redwood Studio including a photo session and portrait from JLL Member **Yvonne Fleener**
- \* Gift Certificate to Piece O'Cake from JLL Member **Kelly Kobus**
- \* Gift Certificate to I've Got U Covered! Personal concierge services from JLL Member **Lisa Callaghan-Keefer**

In addition, the top three Junior League raffle ticket sellers will win these fabulous prizes:

## 1ST PRIZE – STAY AT A HOUSE ON LAKE MICHIGAN

6 night/7day stay between March 1, 2011 and June 30, 2011 in a cottage on the shores of Lake Michigan in Northern Michigan (Cross Village, located on the northwestern tip of Michigan's Lower Peninsula). Thanks to JLL Sustainer **Mary A. Collins** for donating her 5-bedroom home.

## 2ND PRIZE – WEEKEND STAY AT BAY HARBOR

Bay Harbor Village Hotel, (3 miles from Petoskey, 12 miles from Charlevoix) Clark Construction generously donated this wonderful weekend getaway (subject to availability).

## 3RD PRIZE – DINNER FOR 6 AT TROPPO.

(Downtown Lansing) Chef Jason Keusch, a longtime supporter of JLL, has generously donated a night of dining for the winner and 5 of her closest friends. Details to follow.

The fundraising committee is still working hard to secure more prizes for our motivated membership. So sell your hearts out and contact **Kristin Clark** (kclark@petoskeyplastics.com) for extra raffle tickets.





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# FALL INTERVIEW TIME IS HERE!

*Suzanne Johnson, Nominating Placement Advisor*



Although the League year has just begun, we are approaching the time for Fall Interviews. In the near future, your Nominating/Placement Advisor will contact you to schedule your Fall Interview. This face-to-face interview is a requirement for all Active Members. The interview is a great opportunity to let leadership know how your experience in League is going, and how we can make it better. In addition to the interview, your Advisor will be going over your "Wish List" for next year. Some of you may think, "The year just started! Isn't it a little early to think about next year's placement?" Well, not really. Your Advisor needs to understand where you are headed in League, and what your goals are. This is also our opportunity to find out who may be interested in leadership positions for next year.

The Board, Nominating/Placement Advisors and New Member Advisors are all slated in November and are voted on in January. Soon thereafter, all of the Chairs/Co-Chairs/Vice Chairs are chosen. If you are at all interested in any of the above-mentioned positions, we need to know, whether it is for the upcoming year or the future. (Please note: You are required to chair a committee prior to serving on the Board.) So, please take the time to meet with your advisor and let your placement wishes for 2011-2012 be known!

## OCTOBER IS NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

*Jennifer Pace, Community Service Committee*



The Community Service Committee invites all JLL Members to join them in a month long community service project. Our goal is to raise awareness among the women in our lives about the importance of early detection for breast cancer. Whether you talk to one friend or twenty friends, each woman you reach can make a difference. According to the American Cancer Society, approximately 1 in 8 women will have invasive breast cancer during their lifetime. Successful treatment is more likely with early detection.

How can you get involved?

- **Educate yourself:** Talk to your doctor about your risk factors and what screening tests are appropriate for you. Learn how to do a breast self exam (BSE) and commit to doing it monthly. Contact your doctor if you notice changes from what is normal for you.
- **Educate the women in your life:** Talk to your mother, daughters, sisters and friends. Choose a book about breast cancer and talk about it in your book club. Post information about National Breast Cancer Awareness Month at your workplace, school, gym or church. Participate in a run/walk or other event to help raise funds for breast cancer research and programs.



These are just a few ideas. Each of us can find a time, place, and way to take part that feels comfortable to us and fits into our busy lives. We hope you will join us to help make a difference in our own personal communities.

For more ideas about ways to promote Breast Cancer Awareness Month, visit [http://www.nbcam.org/help\\_promote\\_nbcam.cfm](http://www.nbcam.org/help_promote_nbcam.cfm). For more information on breast cancer, visit [komen.org](http://komen.org), [cancer.org](http://cancer.org) (American Cancer Society), and [cancer.gov](http://cancer.gov) (National Cancer Institute).

# NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT KICKS-OFF IN OLD TOWN

Kate Marchyok, New Member Recruitment Chair



On Tuesday, August 31, 2010, over 20 Prospective Members mingled with current JLL Members and enjoyed wine and cheese in the Perspective2's "urban cool" studio space in Old Town, Lansing, at the New Member Recruitment Committee's first event. Thank you to all the Active Members, Sustainers, Board Members, and Sustainer Advisor to the New Member Recruitment Committee, **Janet Freund**, who were there to assist the New Member Recruitment Committee in greeting the Prospective Members and offer insight into JLL's volunteer and social opportunities. Special thanks as well to President **Betsy Svanda** and Sustainer Advisor to the Board, **Sue Mills** for speaking to the eager attendees.

The second event was held September 21, 2010 at the Dickinson Wright building in downtown Lansing, and the final event of the fall will be October 19, 2010, at Independent Bank in East Lansing. Interested members may join by November 1, 2010, and the New Member Retreat will be Saturday, November 13, 2010 at the Country Club of Lansing, where the New Members will embark on a bus tour of JLL partnership community organizations, including St. Vincent Home, Ele's Place, and Ronald McDonald House.

## Upcoming New Member Dates

### *Wine & Cheese Event*

October 19, 2010: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Independent Bank  
2900 West Rd, Ste 100, East Lansing

### *New Member Retreat*

November 13, 2010  
Country Club of Lansing  
2200 Moores River Drive, Lansing

### *New Member Social*

November 16, 2010  
Grace Boutique  
115 W. Grand River Ave., Lansing

### *New Member Cookie Exchange*

December 14, 2010  
1209 Windale Place, East Lansing  
(home of Jennifer Charette's parents)



Kate Marchyok, New Member Recruitment Chair and Melissa Keely of Lansing, prospective member, on the right at the Aug. 31, 2010 New Member Recruitment event at Perspective2 in Old Town.



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# GREAT TIMES WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

*Kelli Hughes, Done in a Day*

Our August DIAD projects kicked off with two opportunities to serve with Habitat for Humanity. One was assisting in rehabilitating a 104 year old home located at 226 Horton Street in Lansing. We helped put up a temporary load bearing wall, replaced most of the beams in the attic and cleared some dirt away from the basement area so that the machinery can move freely in and out of the house. There were six of us from JLL which included **Bethe Day, Kelli Hughes, Connie James, Nicole Schuppner, Jill Tuley** and **Alex Wiesner**. Along with our JLL crew we brought along Kelli Hughes' 16 year old son Scott and his friend Greg Hickox. We had a grand time hammering, using nail guns, measuring and just doing things that none of us had ever done before.

At a different location we had the opportunity to serve as bike attendants at the DeWitt Ox Roast. Habitat for Humanity piggy backed on the event offering various bike routes as a fundraising opportunity with the bike riders getting a chance to partake in lunch at the DeWitt Ox Roast. We had two JLL Members manning bikes while the riders ate lunch. **Kristin Hicks** and **Suzanne Johnson** said that they had a very fun time mingling with everyone and watching all of the happenings at the Ox Roast.



*From left, standing: Scott Hughes, Greg Hickox, Jill Tuley, Nicole Schuppner & Kelli Hughes*

*From left, kneeling: Beth Day, Connie James & Alex Wiesner*

## CARE FREE DENTAL DONE IN A MEETING

The September GMM was a great meeting, as was the participation in the first DIAM. We had an incredibly successful donation of 82 toothbrushes, 48 bottles of toothpaste, 28 containers of dental floss, and 3 toothbrush holders. We also raised \$166 which we will use to purchase additional supplies and deliver it all to Care Free Dental. Thank you so much for setting the bar so high as we continue our DIAM's to help make a difference in our wonderful community.

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## Membership Changes

- (A) Marchyok, Kate  
Attorney, Kordenbrock & Associates, P.C.
- (S) Perry, Virginia  
No Mail Please

# BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Amanda Purdy LaVoie, Secretary



*All Board Minutes can be found on the JLL website.*

## **BOARD MEETING - AUGUST 3, 2010**

- The Board is actively searching for community partners.
- “It’s All About the Sparkle” raffle will be our Fall Fundraiser with celebration to follow.
- FOCUS will be printed for Aug/Sept and Dec/Jan the others will be electronic version.
- New Member events coming up include: 8/31 at Perspective2; 9/21 at Dickinson Wright; and 10/19 at Independent Bank

The Board approved the following motions:

- 2 members resigned from Junior League.
- DIAM charities were decided: Care Free Dental- September; Every Little Bottom- October; Random Acts of Kindness- November; End Violent Encounters (EVE)- December; City Rescue Mission- January; St. Vincent’s- February; Ele’s Place- March; and Haven House- April.
- Redbook 6.5 Policy Change- The Community Service Committee shall submit proposed community service projects to the Board for final approval. This will ensure projects do not overlap with DIAD/DIAM and also make sure that JLL’s focus area and annual plan/goals align with the fiscal year.
- The following people were invited to the Community Advisory Board: April Clobes, Pat Gillespie & Mary Roszel.
- Carrie Simon, CPA, will do our financial review for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

## **EMAIL VOTE – AUGUST**

- Moving ahead with Lady’s Golf Classic sponsorship.

## **BOARD MEETING - SEPTEMBER 7, 2010**

- The new website design has been approved by AJLI
- We purchased a laptop, projector, Adobe creative suite, MS Office, and a new printer from the Power of We grant monies.
- We are looking into the possibility of an electronic red book.

The Board approved the following motions:

- Monies may be reallocated from the brochure category to cover the additional website cost.
- 1 member resigned from Junior League.
- The board approved the following applicants for the Response Grant that we give out: \$450 to the YMCA Wellness Center and \$300 to Operation Good Cheer.
- 4 community service events were approved: Teddy Bear picnic; Komen Mid Michigan Race for the Cure; Pop can drive for Otto Health Center; Mittens for Michigan.
- Petty cash was increased to \$200 for office supplies.

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# NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT BIOS



## JENNIFER CHARETTE

It was just a few years ago that Kate Powers invited her to a New Member Recruitment event and from then on she was hooked on JLL! She enjoys meeting successful women who want to be involved in the community and make Mid-Michigan a better place. She is very excited to be a New Member Advisor and involved in the training and expansion of JLL. After graduating from Hope College, she began working at Gillespie Group where she currently is the Regional Manager. She and her husband Mike both grew up in Lansing and they have been married for 7 years. She is blessed to have two young daughters who keep her laughing every day!

## CONNIE JAMES

Connie is the administrator for the BEACON Center at MSU. Connie lives in East Lansing with her husband, Larry. She has three adult children, Shanae, Camille and Bradley. She also has a new grandson, Kaden, whom she adores. She enjoys taking care of her family, reading and socializing. Throughout her life, she has been involved with community organizations that help at-risk families, and remembers JLL was always there to help. She wants to be able to give back to the community, especially to those in need.



## CHRISSY CARR

Chrissy joined League in 2008 as a way to meet new people and give back to the community. As a regionally based senior Admissions Counselor for Northern Michigan University in Marquette, MI, she quickly discovered that it was difficult to meet people working out of a home office and living in a community where she had no family or other social connections. She is originally from Kendallville, IN and attended Manchester College graduating in 2002. Since then, she has been working for NMU and will be receiving her MS in Training, Development, and Human Performance this August. Last year was her first year as an Active Member and she served on the Community Service

committee. This year she is very excited to serve as a New Member Advisor and meet the amazing women who will join League this year! She is also looking forward to participating in her Done in a Day projects that she has been assigned to: Ronald McDonald House, Habitat for Humanity, and Volunteers of America Soup Kitchen! League has provided her with a great opportunity to get involved in the Lansing area and meet some great people!



## ABBIE MATTHEWS

Abbie joined the Junior League of Lansing in the fall of 2008. Abbie lives in Lansing, and works for Immanuel Community Reformed Church as their Director of Music and Dance Ministries. She is also a songwriter and independent recording artist, and she sings with the Grand Ledge/Lansing group, Singers on the Grand. After her New Member year, Abbie enjoyed a placement with the Arrangements Committee, and she is very excited for her 2010-2011 placement as a New Member Advisor. She looks forward to being a part of the recruitment team, welcoming New Members into the fold, helping them to feel comfortable and knowledgeable while they learn the ins and outs of League.



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*Celebrity Server, Mark Criss*



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*Clockwise from left: Amy Sue Melville, Beth Cook, Katie Strong & Amy Surheinrich*





*Clockwise from left: Sue Mills, Todd Svanda, Betsy Svanda & Donna Gardner*



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# CELEBRITY LUNCHEON SEPTEMBER 23, 2010





# 2010 Lady CLASSIC

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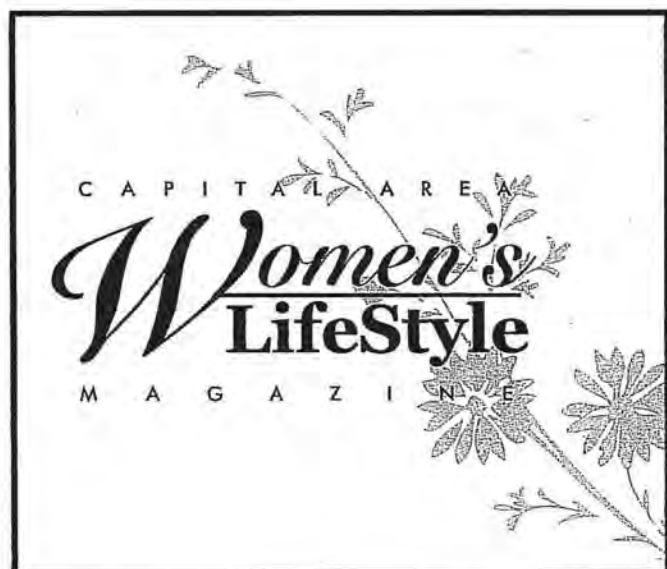


JLL Members and Sustainers participated in the 2010 CAWLM Lady Classic at Timber Ridge, September 16. JLL was the golf cart sponsor this year.

Pictured left to right: Julie Morgan, Shelley Davis Mielock, Lisa Gnass, Mark Criss (Executive Director, Lansing City Rescue Mission), Betsy Svanda, Tiffany Dowling, Cheryl Bartholic



Teams had an opportunity to bid on their own caddy. Lisa Gnass and Betsy Svanda won Patrick Dowling, husband of League member, Tiffany Dowling. All funds from the Caddy Auction went to the Family Center for Women and Children, part of the Lansing City Rescue Mission.



Ann & the JLL Team -  
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# Operation Backpack



On August 31st, five JLL Members participated in St. Vincent Catholic Charities' Operation Backpack as a DIAD project. They each spent two hours or more sorting school supplies and stuffing backpacks with new notebooks, pens, pencils, and other needed supplies. 700 backpacks were given to children served by St. Vincent Catholic Charities to help prepare them for the new school year. Several Junior League Members brought their own children to the event to help. Their enthusiasm and hard work was appreciated! Thanks to **Ann Vogelsang, Betsy Svanda, Jen Pace, Nicki Proulx, and Kristen Pricco** for participating in the event.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## OCTOBER

12th: GMM Walnut Hills – OPS 6 p.m. – Social Time after GMM - Copper  
19th: New Member Recruitment Independent Bank  
20th - 23rd: Poker Fundraiser  
21st: End of the Month Happy Hour – 5:30 p.m. Troppo  
22nd: Member Relations Road Rally  
23rd: MSC Training - Ann Arbor

## NOVEMBER

13th: New Member Retreat  
9th: GMM – Sustainers Homes – Random Acts of Kindness – After GMM Social Beggars Banquet  
16th: New Member Social – Grace Boutique  
16th: Dream Dinners 7 p.m. Frandor  
20th: Kids ornament decorating  
20th: JLL MSU Volleyball/Coach's Corner Event 6:30 p.m.  
29th: It's All About the Sparkle Raffle Drawing on the radio "In Her Shoes" 12:00 p.m.

## DECEMBER

3rd: Bus Trip to Chicago  
7th: Holiday Open House  
14th: New Member Cookie Exchange  
14th: Zing Train Training  
16th: End of the Month Happy Hour



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