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As busy women, most of us don't have the luxury of just being still and pondering the meaning of life. Typically, my day is filled with work, laundry, homework, and dirty dishes. So recently I decided to drop everything and head to the park with my nine year old son Fletcher. It was a beautiful spring day, a perfect time to skip all my mundane chores. While Fletcher and I were strolling through the park, he asked me one of life's most difficult questions, "Why are we here?"

Fortunately, I had an answer. Being the mother of four, this certainly wasn't the first time I had been asked this question. I was fully prepared! I have to admit I became very caught up in the moment. I told him we are here to laugh and to love and to experience all of life's possibilities. However, I said we are not only here to enjoy life because it is a gift but, that we have a responsibility to help others enjoy it as well. I spoke about how we should be stewards of the environment, good citizens, and generous to our neighbors.

He thought about what I said for a few minutes and asked me another question. "Mom, what did you want to be when you grew up?" That question was a little harder for me to answer. I shared that I didn't remember ever having a strong desire to be in a particular profession. I told him that I had dreamed of changing the world. "Well, it looks like your dream came true," he said. His response puzzled me so I asked him what he meant. He looked up at me and said, "You're President of the Junior League, aren't you?"

As members of the Junior League of the Palm Beaches, we all have the opportunity to be catalysts for true and lasting change. We are able to promote volunteerism, develop the potential of women and improve our community through effective action. Being a part of the League allows us to do all of these things while creating lasting friendships that are built upon shared values.

This is the year for you to promote volunteerism. Tell your coworkers about the incredible things our organization has accomplished. Invite your friends to our events; more importantly explain to them that 100% of the money we raise is invested in our children's wellness and welfare. Reach out to like-minded women and ask them to become a member of the Junior League.

It is the perfect season for you to develop your potential. Attend an education and training class and learn something totally new. Ask a fellow leaguer that you admire to be your mentor. Take a Lead Active role on a project that will enhance your skill set. Become a mentor to a young lady at the Nelle Smith house and develop her potential!

Now is the time for you to improve our community through effective action. Share your thoughts, opinions, and ideas in order to create real community impact. Give your talents, gifts, and most importantly time to those in need. Be an active participant in our League and commit to volunteering.

I challenge you to take time to think about why you are in the Junior League. Have you laughed, loved and experienced all the possibilities that the League has to offer? If not, what are you waiting for?



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What I have learned during this past year and honestly throughout my Junior League life is truly immeasurable. Leadership. Diplomacy. Delegation. Conflict resolution. Rejection. Discipline. Effective communication. Teamwork. Balance. Public speaking. Confidence. Time management.

Because I listed these things, it certainly doesn't mean I have perfected these skills – not by any means. By being a member of the Junior League of the Palm Beaches, I have been given the extraordinary opportunity to strengthen my skill set in these areas. Additionally, these are skills which make me more proficient in other areas of my life – both personally and professionally.

As I reflected on this past year, I took a moment and asked some questions, "What if all I learned was never shared? What would happen to this knowledge? Would all the lessons learned be lost? Would future generations recreate the wheel? How can I share what I have learned with others?" Honestly, how could anyone not want to share an amazing, life changing experience which made them a stronger, more confident person with someone else or future generations?

According to the Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc., a leadership transition is not simply the replacement of one able body with another, but more importantly, the transfer of the organizational mission and vision from leader to leader. The key to a smooth leadership transition calls upon current leaders to focus on the preparation of the next generation of leaders by reflecting on their own tenure.

Effective and meaningful leadership transitions are vital to the success of any organization. These valuable lessons are learned and shared for the benefit of the organization. For current leaders everywhere please take a moment to think of how beneficial our lessons learned will assist our future leaders. Quality and useful leadership transitions are one of the most unique and valuable trainings which the JLPB offers.

Additionally, and just as important, are the life lessons we share with our future generations. Every time we share a lesson learned, train another person, educate the future generation, or even volunteer to help one of our starfish, we are planting the seed of the tree so others can bask in the shade. From parents to children, bosses to employees, teachers to students, and so on, by sharing our experiences, we allow future generations to be more aware, more prepared and more effective.

For everyone on the receiving end of all this valuable information and humble lessons learned, I challenge you to be open and fully receptive to all that is being shared with you. You may have bright ideas and

concrete plans of your own, but I highly recommend reaching out, spending quality time and attentively listening to those who have blazed the trails before us.

When I think back, this past year was almost the year that never was. I almost did not accept this position as I was filled with self doubt and horrified of speaking in public. I would easily prefer to sit faced in a corner, rock back and forth, and gnaw on my own arm rather than speak in public.

However, when the opportunity to be President of the Junior League of the Palm Beaches presented itself, I reached out to solicit input from my mentor, Junior League sponsor and someone who I am privileged to call a friend, Mary Persky. I shared my concerns about accepting the position and literally thought of every reason why I shouldn't accept. Mary humbly reminded me what an honor it would be to serve our community in this capacity. She then challenged me to think of all the reasons I could make a difference. After I heard Mary's words, I could not accept the position fast enough.

There is no question that this past year was full of challenges and demands. However, being President of the Junior League of the Palm Beaches has been without question, the most rewarding position I have ever held and a forever life changing experience. The accomplishments, rewards, memories and lessons learned have far exceeded any challenge. The valuable learning experiences that this position and organization has afforded me are immeasurable. I will be forever grateful and I am confident they will be shared with future generations in order to train, grow and develop leaders in our fantastic organization.

Thank you for this amazing opportunity to serve you, our community and our starfish. There is no question that by all of our countless hours volunteered, all of the funds we raised, and all of the lessons that we have shared, we have sent numerous starfish spinning back into the ocean. You have and will continue to make a difference, every day.

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We have played many different roles as members of the Junior League of the Palm Beaches. From chairing GAP and Nelle Smith to chairing PR and serving as Community VP, our experiences have touched every aspect of the League. We have raised funds and championed our causes many times over, and now we find ourselves at the helm of Undercurrents.

We are embarking on a new out-of-our-comfort-zone endeavor to promote the League and help tell our story, not only to ourselves, but to our community. We are not trained editors or publishers, but we have compiled a great group of committee members who we think can make this publication sing the song that needs to be sung.

As we read through the accomplishments of our members and laid out the stories we as a League create every day, we are humbled. We all make a difference no matter our role in the League. We are all part of solution to make our community a better place.

So enjoy this Fall 2012 issue of Undercurrents and please do not hesitate to email us with any suggestions.

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Missed the last Undercurrents? Go to JLPB.org and click on "About us" tab. Select Undercurrents online and click on the thumbnails to read the past "Undercurrents". You may "turn" the pages by moving your cursor to the top right corner of the page and click on it. We hope that you enjoy reading!

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OUR FALL CONTRIBUTORS



CHRISTINE KIRSCH graduated from the University of Florida with her B.A. in English and her M. Ed. in Secondary English Education. She has taught writing at both the high school and college level, and has assisted as a Subject Matter Expert on curriculum that is used nationwide through her company. She is currently enrolled in graduate level English classes. Christine loves writing, working out, and playing fetch with her rescue pup, Monkey!

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EMILY RENEE SAWYER is from Jupiter and this is her first year as an Active member of JLPB. She enjoyed interviewing Sustainer Samantha Schosberg-Feuer for this issue's article. Being a member of the Undercurrents committee is helping her become more involved in the League. In her spare time, Emily likes to write for her blog, *Searching for June Cleaver*. She also loves taking her dog Blue to the beach and spending time with her family and friends.

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A native of the Palm Beaches, **KRISTI MARQUEZ** begins her sixth year in JLPB as a placement advisor. When she's not serving the League, she's training for her next triathlon or chasing down the season's latest styles at CityPlace. You'll also find Kristi along Antique Row in West Palm Beach searching for coveted vintage finds to blog about for *prêt-à-porter palm beach*. She admits being addicted to Pinterest and Instagram, which come in handy with her job as an account manager and social media strategist at the O'Donnell Agency.



LYNNE LOWRY WELLS is a native Floridian born in Gainesville and where she graduated from the University of Florida. After marrying her husband Pete, they lived in numerous states and had their children. They relocated back to Florida five years ago and live in Palm Beach Gardens. She and Pete have 2 children. Their daughter, Lindsay is a CPA working for Pricewaterhouse Coopers in Atlanta and son James attends graduate school at Georgia Tech. Lynne served as the JLPB Sustainer Co-chair for 2 years and the Chair for 1 year. Along with organizing Sustainer events, Lynne is the Chair of the Loggerhead Marinelife Center Blue Friends Society and serves on the LMC Board of Directors.

KATE MERRELL MORRIS has been in JLPB for seven years and has had the joy of being Member At Large and Community VP. This year she is thrilled to serve on the Nominating Committee and Undercurrents.

Kate is the proprietor of Katydid Designs - a preppy line of grosgrain ribbon bags, shoes, belts and accessories. She is very active in her church and is taking her sixth mission trip to Peru in September. Kate and her wonderful husband, Jeremy with their dog Abby live near downtown West Palm Beach.



JERRI ENGELBRECHT, of North Palm Beach, has been a member of Junior Leagues of Milwaukee, Phoenix/Scottsdale, Boston, Boca Raton and the Palm Beaches. Being an active sustaining member of JLPB has proven a fantastic opportunity to connect with friends and contribute to the community outside her career demands. She began with teaching upper school French and math, segued to NASA engineering R&D, to currently Financial Advising, specializing in Special Needs Financial Planning. Of course, her family has always been her first love and top priority - husband Michael, son Chris and daughter, Courtney is active with the Junior League of Chicago.

ASHLEY SCHUTZ, this year's Strategic Planning Chair, is currently in her tenth year of JLPB. Ashley has previously served on the Board of Directors as the Fund Development Chair, Placement Chair, and Recording Secretary. In addition to chairing Undercurrents for two years, she has served on community projects such as 4U2Discover and Million in a Month. She puts her background in advertising and marketing to use as the Managing Editor of JustAskBoo Palm Beach, and is chairing the Arthur's Jam fund raiser for Cystic Fibrosis in October. She hopes to one day discover the secret to successfully balancing being an at-home mother to three children with her philanthropic and career commitments.



MARGARET SCHUEMAN is a Christian woman who is a wife, mother of five children, and the data processor at Bak Middle School of the Arts. As a working woman and also a Sustainer member, I enjoy the evening or weekend fellowship activities that the JLPB provides. One of her favorite hobbies is photo scrapbooking; telling the history of her family through words and pictures.

The Junior League Says 'Happy 50th Birthday'

to Leagues in Eugene, Oregon, Long Island, New York,
the Palm Beaches, and Riverside, California

Creating lasting community impact through volunteer-driven solutions to society's problems

The Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc., one of the largest, most effective women's volunteer organizations in the world, noted that four Junior Leagues – in Eugene, OR, Long Island, NY, the Palm Beaches, FL and Riverside, CA – each celebrated their 50th anniversaries in 2011.

AJLI President Delly Beekman said, "These four Leagues have improved the landscapes of their communities through diverse and innovative projects. In the spirit of our founder, Mary Harriman, these Leagues found value in voluntarism and a commitment to creating lasting community impact. That spirit lives on today in 292 independent Leagues in four countries."

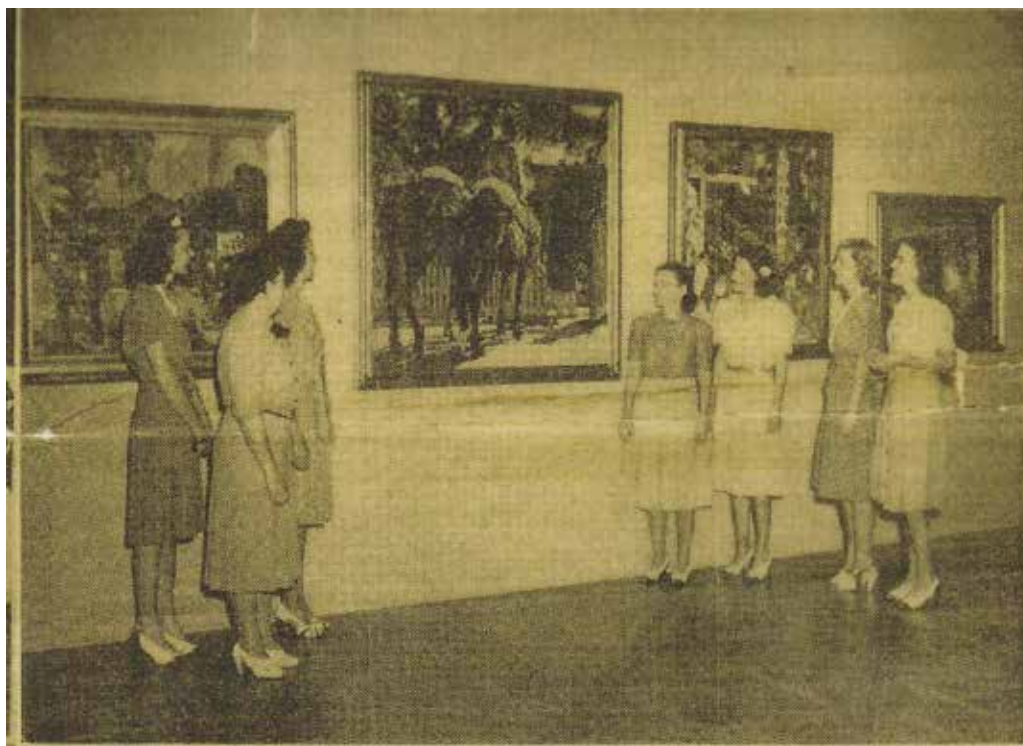
The Junior League of Eugene's more than 200 members are committed to improving the lives of women and children. Since its founding, JLE has accomplished that goal through a variety of programs, collaborations, and Done-in-a-Day projects and drives. One notable partnership between JLE and the Oregon Children's Services Division is the Relief Nursery, which is now a nationally recognized model for child abuse prevention. The League's efforts on assisting victims of domestic violence include Transitions, which helps provide support to women establishing a new households. A recent collaboration with the Department of Human Services

and the First Congregational Church resulted in A Caring Place, which serves foster children from ages 6 weeks to 5-years old and their foster parents in Lane County. JLE also addresses the financial and social aspects of caring for foster children by providing filled back-to-school backpacks, Thanksgiving dinner food baskets, diapers and infant formula, and parties for the children and their families.

The Junior League of Long Island is an innovative, dynamic women's organization of trained volunteers dedicated to improving their ever-changing community, promoting voluntarism and developing leadership.



Mrs. Charles Wilson, John Leach, Mrs. Edward Savitz and Mrs. Tom Reynolds take part in sealing the JLPB charter in Mr. Leach's office.



Guiding visitors through the Norton Museum of Art was another duty of the League. In this photo from left to right: Miss Adelaide Goodell, Miss Helen Burgess, Mrs. Iris Montgomery, Mrs. Jonathan Williams, Mrs. Ray Sparks, Mrs. John Leach and Mrs. Joseph Biggers.

JLLI continues to make significant contributions to the community through diverse fund raising and volunteer efforts. Previous efforts have included work in child abuse prevention, advocating against violence on children's TV, crisis intervention counseling for youth, literacy projects, and parenting workshops for under-served populations on Long Island. JLLI's current signature project is Community Build Project Playground, which has planned and constructed four playgrounds, including one for infants and toddlers between the ages of 6 months to 2 years old for Long Island Head Start in Patchogue. Another current project is Compute the Future, which provides a functional Computer Center for nonprofit organizations on Long Island. JLLI's The First Step program provides professional clothing for women as they prepare to re-enter the workforce and gain independence.

The Junior League of the Palm Beaches currently has more than 750 members committed to improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Since its inception, JLPB has contributed nearly \$3 million and 325,000 volunteer hours to community projects in the last ten years. Current projects include "4 U 2 Discover," a comprehensive educational experience provided for children attending existing childcare programs during the school year; Eye and Ear Alert which has provided free vision and hearing

screenings for over 44 years preschoolers; and the Girls Advocacy Project (GEMS), which teaches skills, instills hope, and empowers girls in the juvenile justice system to change their lives to reduce their risk for adult detention.

JLPB volunteers also provide mentoring to girls ages 12-18 at the Nelle Smith Residence foster home for young victims of physical abuse. JLPB also assists recent graduates of foster care in the Vita Nova residential program learn important life skills, employability skills and cultural awareness.

The Junior League of

Riverside is an organization of women serving the communities of the Greater Inland Empire of Southern California, encompassing Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. Each year, they donate hundreds of hours through hands-on work, and offer financial support to other non profits in their region. JLR's current theme is "Women Empowering our Community through Health and Fitness" and its current project, "fitRiverside," is a dynamic program that addresses the impact of childhood obesity by teaching children the importance of a healthy lifestyle through active living, healthy food choices and family education. The fitRiverside project also includes fitDays, a free family boot camp fitness program; a fitForward program with local schools to encourage daily exercise; the annual health and nutrition fitFair; and an activity registration and search engine on the fitRiverside website.

Founded in 1901 by New Yorker and social activism pioneer, Mary Harriman, The Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc., is a charitable nonprofit organization of women, developed as civic leaders, creating demonstrable community impact. Today, The Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. (AJLI) is comprised of more than 155,000 women in 292 Junior Leagues throughout Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom and the United States. Together, they constitute one of the largest, most effective volunteer organizations in the world.

Meet the Board

Shelly Albright **President**

If anyone in our organization has the credentials to be our fearless leader, it is Shelly. During her eight years with the League, she has served as Recording Secretary, Co-chair of the Membership Council, Chair of the Planning Council, Chair of the Provisional Committee and President-Elect.

Shelly has been on the Executive Board and Board of Directors the last three years. She also sat on the Women of the Year committee for four years. When not serving as the President of JLPB, Shelly is the mother to four boys and the Director of Children's Ministry at St. Peter's United Methodist Church. As for her dream job, she is happy to be a mother first. "I am so very blessed to be living my dream. Being a mother may not be everyone's choice of a "dream job" but for me it fulfills me like no other."



Pam Schanel **President Elect**

Pam has been a member of the Junior League of the Palm Beaches for nine years. In that time, she has served as Recording Secretary and Membership VP along with chairing Transfers and Placement. Pam also served on the Provisional and Done in a Day committees. When not serving in her current role as President-Elect, Pam splits her time between being a mom and wife and working for an environmental consulting company in Washington, DC. She works with private aerospace companies that are developing commercial applications of space i.e., sending tourists to space and developing and operating satellites - totally different from driving carpool to her son's soccer games! As for her dream job, Pam thinks is already working in it..."I love what I do and (most of the time) the flexibility that my company gives me. I love the feeling I get watching a rocket blast off and knowing that I had a small (well, very, very small) part in getting it off the ground without destroying the environment."

Christine Walter **Administrative Vice President**

This year marks the eleventh year Christine has been a member of the JLPB. Over those eleven years she has chaired Done in a Day, Web/Data, Education/Training, Nominating, Placement, Strategic Planning and Fund Development, while sitting on Done in a Day and Million in Month committee. Christine has also served as the Membership VP and is currently the Administrative VP. When not working on Junior League items, Christine is an Associate at Architectural Studio, Inc. in Palm Beach Gardens. Her dream job would be traveling around our country and Europe writing travel reviews.



Meet the Board



Courtney Stafford-Hickey
Community Vice President

The recently married Courtney Stafford-Hickey has been part of JLPB for six years. In that time, she has co-chaired Sip n' Shop and Arrangements (twice!). She has also served on Nelle Smith, Women Volunteer of the Year and Provisional Committees. While Courtney is a practicing attorney with The Stafford Firm, P.A., her dream job would be to be a retiree (wouldn't we all!)



Laura Wissa
Fundraising Vice President

Laura has served JLPB for the last six years. Prior to being named as the inaugural fundraising VP, she had plenty of experience Chairing Cookbook and Worth Tasting on Worth Avenue twice. She has also sat on the Provisional Committee. Though Laura considers herself a professional volunteer, Laura would really like to be a backup singer someday!



Ann Lee Gray
Membership Vice President

Ann is beginning her seventh year with our Junior League. She stepped into leadership roles early after one year of sitting on the GAP (now GEMS) committee by chairing the Woman Volunteer of the Year fundraiser. She followed as an Advisor to WVOY and chaired Undercurrents her third year. Since then, Ann has chaired BBQ (two years), Fund Development, Community Research and Undercurrents once again. Outside of her busy League life, she is an Office Manager at a local law firm, wife and mom to her two children. Feeling very lucky, she had her dream job for nine years already. She was a stay at home mom raising her two children while 'working' as a volunteer at her children's schools and Junior League.

Meet the Board

Amanda Ries **Recording Secretary**

Amanda has been part of the JLPB for four years. In that short time period, she has served on Cookbook, Worth Tasting on Worth Aveune and Provisional Committees. When not busy working on the minutes of our General Meetings and co-chairing the Membership Council, Amanda is a Speech-Language Pathologist. She loves her job –“I’m living the dream.”



Shani Core **Treasurer**

Shani has been a Junior League member for ten years during which she chaired the Thrift Boutique and Provisional committee. She has also served on Undercurrents as the advertising manager. She recently was Treasurer-Elect. During her time away from the League office, Shani is a financial planning consultant and a TRX instructor at Centered Studios. Shani’s dream job is to host a cooking show on the Food Network!

Heather Moe **Treasurer-Elect**

This is will be Heather’s third year in the Junior League and in that short time she has already made a mark serving as the chair of Vita Nova and now Treasure-Elect. When she is not crunching numbers for JLPB, she is a CPA crunching numbers for others while she hasn’t really thought about her dream job yet, she knows it would involve travel.



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Why Eye & Ear Alert is so important to the community



Story by Kate Morris
Photography by Nathan Hamler

On any given Tuesday morning, the sounds of little feet and laughter ring through the Eye & Ear alert testing center. The dedicated Junior League volunteers usher in 20-40 young students during their weekday testing so preschoolers have their eye sight and hearing tests conducted. For over 44 years, the Junior League of the Palm Beaches has provided local private schools with these essential tests. It has been the continued dedication of the Eye and Ear Alert committee that has ensured the health and welfare of thousands of children by testing for early signs of hearing and eye sight abnormalities. The Junior League of the Palm Beaches has continued this legacy program for over four decades because it continues to align with our mission statement of improving our community. The Eye and Ear program also fulfills our 2011-2013 focus of children's wellness and welfare.

The Junior League's Eye and Ear Alert is the only program of its kind in Pam Beach County. Children attending private day care centers and preschools do not receive vision and hearing testing as their counterparts in public school do. Although state law requires that private school students have the same access to health screenings as public school students, there is no program currently in place to perform these screenings in private schools. Some of these private schools pay optometrists and audiologists up to \$50.00 per child for similar screenings that we perform for free. These tests conducted by the Eye and Ear Alert program are also essential because there is a common misconception that pediatricians screen at annual physicals for vision and hearing defects. The truth is many doctors do not.

The Junior League established the Eye and Ear Alert program over 44 years ago to ensure each child in Palm Beach County receives the proper tests to prevent future hearing and vision problems. It is estimated 1 in 20 preschoolers has a vision problem and ten percent of children entering kindergarten have a hearing deficit. It is common for both the child and parent to overlook poor vision in one eye or poor hearing in one ear. Often young children do not know how well they should be able to hear or see, especially if their issues have existed since birth. These key facts prove there is need for such tests. The Junior League screens 3, 4 and 5 year olds because that is the age where many health problems occur and are still treatable. The effectiveness of treatment may be diminished if discovered at a later date.

Each child attending the Eye & Ear Alert Program is tested in seven different areas - 5 tests for vision and 2 tests for hearing. DP Fly or 3-D Stereo Test provides an easily administered vision check of stereoscopic depth

perception at any age level. Its purpose is to measure how minutely the two eyes can discern differences in the distance of objects from the observer. The Hirshberg Test accesses eye alignment. We screen for the presence or absence of a strabismus, which is a turn in the eye. The Cover/Uncover Near and Cover/Uncover Distance Tests checks for muscle imbalance. It indicates if the eye turns or stays in or out or up or down. The final vision test is the Visual Acuity Test also called Long Vision. This test is performed to measure the child's vision. It can detect amblyopia or "Lazy Eye" which is a common occurrence among the 4 and 5 year old age group. The last two combined tests are for hearing. The Impedance/Tympanometer test checks for middle ear problems that may interfere with optimal hearing ability. We use an automatic instrument called a tympanometer that measures the middle ear mobility (compliance) and the pressure within the middle ear itself. A child who fails this test may have a problem within the middle ear. Some of these problems include fluid build-up, impacted wax causing blockage, or perhaps a perforated eardrum. The Audiometer test verifies hearing at several volumes and frequencies.

"The Eye & Ear Alert Program has proven to be such a help to our preschool students at The King's Academy. Many sight and hearing problems have been detected early by this program. We are so appreciative of the opportunity for our students. Thanks to your volunteers who so freely give of their time and energy to make this program so successful."

- Deborah Stromberg, Elementary
Coordinator
The King's Academy

Last year, the Eye & Ear Alert committee screened 422 preschoolers from 10 private schools. Some of those schools include, Trinity United Methodist, Good Shepherd, Kings Academy, First Baptist Child Development Center, Summit Christian and Flagler Montessori. Of those children tested, 36 were referred to an eye doctor or audiologist for further testing. Once a child is referred to a specialist for further testing, it is the parents and physician's responsibility to ensure the child receives the proper care and treatment.

In recent years, the Eye & Ear Alert committee has been conducting these screenings with antiquated and inefficient machines. Most of the hearing and vision testing machines were purchased over 20 years ago. The committee takes great care to have the machines tested and calibrated each year. But even with maintenance and service, these machines have become outdated. The committee this past year cut costs and saved a majority of their budget to purchase a new machine. This past spring when it was evident that the committee did not reach their financial goal to cover the purchase of a new tympanometer, the Eye & Ear Alert committee turned to the Junior League general membership. The generosity and overwhelming support from our members was displayed during the April GM meeting where \$1,126 was raised to buy a new machine. In May, the League made the exciting purchase of a new tympanometer. Through the connection of a League member, we were able to find a new company, Acousti-cal, who was willing to reduce the price of the machine and give us better pricing on our yearly calibrations.

The new tympanometer is a state of the art handheld and portable tester. It gives a fast and accurate middle ear measurement. It has an easy to read graphics

Eye & Ear Alert Quick Facts

- Eye & Ear Alert is approved by the Palm Beach Medical Society.
- Nearly 40,000 children have been screened.
- Eye & Ear Alert volunteers are trained under the supervision of a Medical Advisory Board.
- The screening takes approximately 20 minutes per child.



display which allows our volunteers to confidently interpret the test results.

The Junior League and the Eye & Ear Alert program are dedicated to providing accurate and successful hearing and vision screens. We are thrilled to have the new tympanometer to help us continue to test preschoolers throughout Palm Beach County. Even though this new machine will better equip our volunteers and committee, there are still several other machines that need to be replaced. Almost all the Eye & Ear Alert equipment needs to be upgraded to ensure accurate testing. There are five audiometers and three additional tympanometers that need to be replaced. A new Audiometer runs about \$1,000 and the tympanometers range from \$2,500-\$3,000. In addition to the machines, the committee needs to update their screening props and supplies such as puppets, stickers and eye glasses. In order to completely update all of the Eye & Ear Alert equipment, the Junior League needs to raise an additional \$13,000.

Please consider donating to the Eye & Ear Alert equipment fund to ensure our League can continue to provide valuable screenings to the children of Palm Beach County. It is through your generosity and the League's trained volunteers that each child tested through the Eye and Ear Alert program will have a bright and healthy future.

TODAY'S TRENDS

By Kristi Marquez

WHILE ENHANCING TOMORROW'S FUTURE

When it comes to **pink pants**, *Lilly Pulitzer shift dresses* and **JACK ROGERS** sandals, the Junior League ladies of the Palm Beaches are in Florida's fashion capital.

But as we prep for the upcoming season, here's a look at some of the latest trends to keep us stepping out in style at some of JLPB's top events and volunteer opportunities this season:

General Membership Meetings:

Head-to-Toe White No white after Labor Day...says who? One of the perks of living in Palm Beach County is that we can disregard this drastically outdated rule. And quite the contrary, we recommend not just wearing white, but trying out the all-white look sometime this year. When done right, it creates a classy, polished look that we can own here in the Sunshine State.



GEMS: Pretty in Prints

It was a sea of neon and pastel denim this past spring, and while we won't be getting rid of our mint jeans any time soon, a new trend (or should we say pattern?) has arrived. Floral designs and other boldly printed pants are popping up in stores, which we love for keeping us casually cute.

Leaguer Look: A pair of the polka dot ankle jeans by AG Stevie or Citizens of Humanity paisley skinny cords at Anthropologie with a simple tee and pair of Toms. Coming from work? Top them with a black blazer and a switch up the shoes with some heels and your boss may never even realize you wore jeans to the office.



Leaguer Look: A pair of crisp white pants with a matching peplum top, or a white blazer over a lace dress to meet up with all your friends at the JLPB's general membership meetings this year. Add some white Tory Burch flats to go white all the way, or color-block it with nude or neon heels, a complementary belt and a chic snowy polish. We have a feeling this outfit would also be great for bringing back those post-meeting socials.

Leaguer Look: Pick up some flat booties or give yourself a touch of height with a chunky low heel, and pair them with a JLPB T-shirt and some scalloped shorts from J.Crew for a comfortable yet feminine outfit for getting volunteer hours at Mounts Botanical Gardens' Family Fall Festival.



Family Fall Festival: Ankle Booties

With the season of summer seemingly year-round in South Florida, the ladies of the Palm Beaches can get a little jealous of our northern counterparts and their boots-wearing weather. Luckily, from Nine West to Nordstrom, ankle boots are back in stores everywhere and hotter than ever...and we're not talking about the temperature.

JLPB's Stylish Social Events: Going Global. There's a lot of global influence in this season's designs, which is a perfect match for Junior League's global reach. Think tribal prints and worldly accessories that can be worn to the office or an evening event.



Leaguer Look: Our pick? A dress in Slavic stripes like BCBG Max Azria's version will stand out at our next fashion or social event our Leaguers get a VIP invite to, like the Neiman Marcus Fall Preview that was held in August. Add on a fringed waist belt and a beaded necklace from the ecologically and socially conscious lines at Fresh Produce for an all-around worldly ensemble.

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By Ashley Schutz

I'll admit: I was nervous to attend the 90th AJLI Annual Meeting in San Francisco. Not for the conference itself; who wouldn't want to travel to San Francisco and join over 650 other women from 243 Leagues around the world? But I was anxious to leave behind a busy job and three young children for five days. And just how would I navigate sharing a hotel room for that long?

Arriving in San Francisco with Incoming President Shelly Albright and Incoming President-Elect Pam Schanel, we had a few hours to spare before checking into the hotel. We promptly headed to iconic Fisherman's Wharf to watch the seals, eat crab, and cross "souvenirs for children" off our checklist, and in doing so most of my worries quickly faded away. When we returned to our hotel, we unpacked and prepared to head out for an early dinner. It was then that the last of my anxious thoughts disappeared: as I sheepishly admitted to Pam that I had an itemized schedule of clothing for each day of our trip, she

proudly pulled out her own outfit list. I was relieved to know we had a match made in Type-A roommate heaven.

Thanks to a three-hour time change, we were up around 4:00 am the next morning and ready to embark on our first full day of conference activities. The highlight of the day was when Pam and I watched in admiration as Shelly took part in the Opening Session. I had heard stories from past conference attendees about the energy and excitement as the Incoming Presidents from each League paraded through the ballroom. There is no doubt that we are doing great things here in Palm Beach County, but seeing that we were part of something so much larger, 292 Leagues larger to be exact, was a humbling experience.

That afternoon, we screened the documentary film, *Miss Representation*, which explores how the distortion of females in the media has led to women's under representation in positions of power and influence. The film's writer, director and producer, Jennifer Siebel Newsom, would be our conference keynote speaker the next day. After a brief wardrobe change (make fun of our outfit lists all you want, but they do serve a purpose!), we enjoyed an opening reception at the hotel before heading off to dinner at one of San Francisco's many incredible restaurants.

Day Two of the conference included more informative workshops and exciting news from AJLI. One of the things they kept emphasizing was that of the three components of our mission statement, the most important one is to develop the potential of our members. Without a strong membership, our League cannot effectively make an impact in our community.

"Seeing that we were part of something so much larger, 292 Leagues larger to be exact, was a humbling experience."

I'm excited to report back that AJLI is making a significant investment to ensure that our members have the training and tools needed to become successful leaders and volunteers. Unveiled at this year's annual conference was the Community & Civic Leadership Institute (CCLI), a comprehensive training, learning, and credentialing system. It will include:

- Formal learning such as online courses, workshops, conferences
- Experiential learning such as project work in the community and in our League
- Access to coaches and communities of practice An online knowledge base consisting of governance, operations, and leadership skills
- Opportunities to become AJLI-certified in concentrations such as leadership development, community impact, governance, organizational management, fund development, and marketing/communications

This is an amazing opportunity for us! Content development is underway now, and we can look for the CCLI to be rolled out over the next several years.

The official Annual Meeting was a fascinating part of the conference. I was familiar with the basic principles of parliamentary procedure, but had never been present at a meeting that followed Robert's Rules of Order. I was captivated by the formality and efficiency of the motions, discussions, and votes. While some of the general session topics dealt with more mundane AJLI by-law changes,

one issue in particular had everyone captivated. Several Leagues in attendance presented an advisory resolution on the prevention of child sex trafficking, which requested that AJLI strive to use travel companies that have signed a code of conduct against sex trafficking in hotels. It was an eye-opening introduction to a very distressing problem in our society.

The theme of this year's conference was "Leadership Re imagined," and I can't imagine a more fitting concept for the immediate future of our own League. Under the helm of Shelly and Pam, we are about to undertake some innovative and forward-thinking changes that will propel our League to the next level of greatness. Throughout the weekend, we felt such a sense of validation as AJLI made recommendations for organizational changes that we had already begun to implement. Being ahead of the curve is a testament to the insightful vision shared by Shelly and Pam, and I felt honored to have the opportunity to absorb it during the conference.



L-R President-Elect Pam Schanel, President Shelly Albright & Strategic Planning Chair Ashley Schutz



“Let Her Works Praise Her in the Gates”

*Samantha
Schosberg Feuer*

**2012
Woman
of
Valor**

BY EMILY SAWYER

Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.

She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
She looks well to the ways of her household
and does not eat the bread of idleness.

Her children rise up and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her:

“Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all.”

Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be
praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the gates.

Proverbs 31:25-31, excerpt from Eshet Chayil.

A quivering handheld camera focuses on a crowd of teenage girls whose faces are streaked by the sunlight streaming through the floor-to-ceiling windows of the Palm Beach County Convention Center. Matching purple tote bags nestle in the crooks of their elbows and hang on confident shoulders as they smile at the camera, waiting for the cue to speak. These girls have been nominated by their families, churches, and schools to attend the Girls Leadership Institute, a day-long annual leadership training program designed by the Women’s Foundation of Palm Beach County to assist girls in middle and high school in acquiring the tools and skills necessary to uncover their leadership potential, build relationships, and excel in school and community service. From behind the camera, a voice rings out. “What do you like out the Leadership Institute so far?”

The girls look around at each other, waiting for a brave soul to speak up. Finally, barely audible over the din of more than 100 young women milling about the convention center, a girl dressed professionally in a button-down shirt, hair coiffed around her small face, pipes up.

"I like the collaboration between the girls; how everyone can have their own opinion."

"Excellent," chimes the voice from behind the camera. "What do you think leadership is?"

A tall girl standing in the back of the crowd offers her answer. "Being strong and independent."

"Excellent." Once again the voice behind the camera affirms the girl's words. It belongs to Samantha Schosberg Feuer, sustaining member of the Junior League of the Palm Beaches, current Assistant Attorney General and South Florida Bureau Chief of the Economic Crimes Unit, founder of the highly successful Women's Foundation of Palm Beach County, and dedicated wife and mother of two. This fall, Samantha will add the 2012 American Jewish Committee of Palm Beach County's Woman of Valor Award, an honor bestowed upon a Jewish woman for extensive service to her community, to her long list of accolades.

The term "Woman of Valor," Eshet Chayil in the Hebrew language, originated in King Solomon's final poem of the book of Proverbs, which is traditionally recited or sung on Friday evenings at the beginning of Erev Shabbat, the Jewish Sabbath. Husbands sing this hymn to their wives, thanking her for her service to the family throughout the week. "Woman of Valor" was later adopted by many Jewish civic organizations, such as Hadassah, to pay tribute to women for their accomplishments.

Forever championing causes, Samantha has been a Woman of Valor all her life. Growing up as an only child in Miami, Florida, her parents instilled in her at an early age the importance of giving back to one's community. "I witnessed a lot of crime and injustice growing up in Miami," said Samantha. Exposure to the realities of poverty, corruption, and the inner-city, as well as her abundance of energy and enthusiasm, spurred young Samantha's interest in advocating for those unable to defend themselves. "I always knew I would be a lawyer," she said.

Her knack for arguing, discovered by her father, made prosecution a natural choice. "I'm very much like my dad," Samantha said. "When I was young, we used to argue and he always told me to save it for the courtroom." Samantha would do just that, earning her Juris Doctor from the University of Florida's Levin College of Law. Upon graduation, she worked in Miami for three years then relocated to West Palm Beach to serve as a civil prosecutor with the Florida Attorney General's Office. Here she was able to follow her passion: advocating for a position while at the same time giving back to her community. Samantha protected consumers by investigating unfair methods of competition and practices in trade and commerce, prosecuting white collar crimes, economic fraud, and money laundering scandals. She recently finished her first year as the South Florida Bureau Chief of the Economic

Crimes Unit where she supervised over 30 employees in Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties.

However, the most challenging aspect of Samantha's legal career is not cracking down on illegal activities. Like most women in the Junior League, she balances her profession with an active family life – a husband and two small children, a five-year-old and a two-year-old. Samantha's zeal for community service has deepened since starting a family.

"I want my daughter especially to have a positive role model," Samantha said. "My mother was a positive role model for me growing up. She worked but she was still always there for me. My parents supported me in every activity, whether it was a track meet or a student government speech. It definitely built up my self-esteem and confidence."

Samantha strives to provide this same encouragement to her children through her actions at work and in society. This led her to the Junior League. She originally joined in Miami at the suggestion of a friend as a way to meet other working women, particularly other women who were not attorneys like herself. But, Samantha also had another reason.

"I wanted to break the stereotype that there are no working women in the League," she said. A common frustration that all League members face is how to respond to those who refuse to view the Junior League as a nonprofit organization developing civic leaders impacting communities but as a selective and pretentious social club. "The perception of the League has changed greatly over the last ten years but there is still that stereotype that League members sit at home all day planning social events. That's just not true. There are all kinds of women, working and non-working, in the League," said Samantha.

During her ten active years in the Junior League, Samantha combated this stereotype. Her greatest impact to the Junior League of the Palm Beaches combined her legal experience with the League's mission to meet the needs of women and children, both locally in Palm Beach County and throughout the state of Florida. She served for two years on the board of the Junior Leagues of Florida State Public Affairs Committee, more lovingly known as "SPAC," which monitors the state legislative process and addresses issues of political importance to the members of the Junior Leagues. Recently identified priority issues are the fate of children aging out of foster care, the explosion of human trafficking, and ending family homelessness and hunger through the eradication of "food deserts." Samantha insists that the League is a force to be reckoned with in the political sphere. Even simple actions, such as each member calling her representative to ask him or her to pass legislation funding programs for women and children, are bound to cause a stir in Tallahassee.

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Woman of Valor Continued

"I enjoy advocating for what I believe in and I love that the League supports legislation that makes the lives of women and children better," Samantha said. Yet, her greatest accomplishment in serving her local community lies outside of the Junior League. In 2007, Samantha helped to establish the Women's Foundation of Palm Beach County, an organization invested in improving women's economic, political, and social status. Active in the Women's Fund of Miami Dade, upon moving to West Palm Beach, Samantha was surprised to discover the lack of a similar organization in Palm Beach County. "I helped to start the Women's Foundation because I am passionate about training young women to be leaders," she said. The Foundation has been tremendously successful, with over 100 girls attending the 4th Annual Girls Leadership Institute last May. Due to popular demand, a second Leadership Institute is in the planning stages for fall of 2012.

Recently, the Women's Foundation of Palm Beach County held a speed networking event, inviting professional women from around the county – dentists, attorneys, veterinarians – to rotate through 20 tables of underprivileged girls interested in higher education, building résumés, and pursuing careers. Young attendees were able to exchange contact information, inquire about internships, and develop casual mentor relationships. Perhaps, a girl or two even discovered a positive role model, the type of woman Samantha strives to be. "The Foundation enables the girls to have the tools they need to take control of their own lives. These girls are our future and if we don't invest in them, who will?" she said.

To new Junior League members, Samantha imparts advice: "Branch out beyond your comfort zone. Don't just join something because your friends are joining. Feel good about the work you are doing. Pick something you love." Not only is she a Woman of Valor in the eyes of the American Jewish Committee of Palm Beach County, Samantha Schosberg Feuer is an asset to our League, our state legal system, and the women and children for whom she tirelessly advocates. In the words of King Solomon, "Let her works praise her in the gates."

A reception was held to honor Samantha Schosberg Feuer, recipient of the 2012 Woman of Valor Award, on Thursday, September 13, 2012 at Cha Cha's Restaurant, Worth Avenue, Palm Beach.

The Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. Names Former JLPB Member to its Seven Member Board

The Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. announced that it has named seven new members of its Board of Directors one of them being Becker Holland as their Governance Vice Chair. Ms. Holland served as a Board Member when she was an active with the Junior League of the Palm Beaches. As a Board member, Ms. Holland will participate in the leadership of one of the largest, most effective women's volunteer organizations in the world, with more than 155,000 members.

AJLI President Toni Freeman said, "These seven women have demonstrated strong leadership skills, reflecting the training they receive as League members as well as the experience gained in their personal and professional lives. Their commitment to achieving lasting community impact, both inside and outside of their Leagues, is a hallmark of League members everywhere. We welcome them to the Board!"

Ms. Holland is a 24-year active and has held many leadership positions in the Junior League of the Palm Beaches and the Junior League of Gainesville, serving on both Boards, as president of the JLG, and as Task Force Chair for the SPACJL-FL. She served on the AJLI Nominating Committee and Board as the Area III Director (facilitating the Collaborative League Engagement Task Force). Known for forging partnerships, building consensus, and fundraising, Ms. Holland spearheaded the purchase and renovation of the Family Visitation Center of Children's Home Society where she serves on the Board, Auxiliary and recently cochaired their major fund raiser.

**Ms. Becker
Holland**



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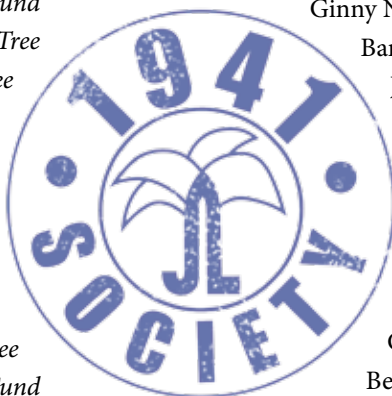
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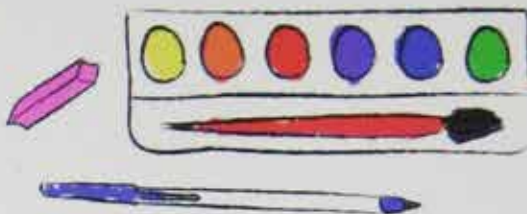
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- 1 sharpener



By
Christine Kirsch

What better way to start a new school year than with a fresh set of school supplies? The Junior League of the Palm Beaches participated in this year's Community Back to School Bash (BASH), a 501c3 not-for-profit organization which collaborates with other nonprofit organizations throughout Palm Beach County to serve disadvantaged students, pre-K through 12. Bash provides supplies, backpacks, information and resources to empower children to begin the school year with confidence. This annual event pairs children with their own personal shopper who guides them through a "store" set up at the Palm Beach County Convention Center where they can select their new school supplies. Each child has the opportunity to select grade-appropriate items



including backpacks, pens, pencils and other much-needed supplies in the style he or she prefers. The children leave mom and dad behind and head off with their personal shopper, who encourages them to make their own selections on their shopping spree. This empowerment boosts their self-esteem and ability to make choices for themselves without influence from others. The excitement was palpable, as the kids dug through brightly colored pencil sharpeners and notebooks, choosing their favorite colored backpacks and lunch boxes.

In addition to school

supplies, families came to take advantage of the various services provided by a myriad of community partners. Kids of all ages munched on PB&J's and apple juice while waiting for their turn at selecting their goodies. Guys and gals waited in line to get their summer 'dos trimmed up for the first day of class. Many kiddies also lined up, albeit warily, for their physicals, vaccinations and immunizations, all delivered free of charge by the Health Department and other organizations. Happy parents were also able to select clothes and uniforms for their kiddies in the "Clothing Closet" area, where a few little ones also got stuffed toys and other goodies. The Berenstain Bears even made an appearance, which brought additional smiles throughout the day.

This year, the event served 11,000 kids between the three events held in Boynton Beach, West Palm Beach, and Belle Glade. At the West Palm Beach event alone, over 5,000 kids were served. About 61 Junior Leaguer's were in attendance during the 3 day event, which was held from August 9-11. One incoming Provisional Member, Carissa Kranz, said she was there, "for the kids." Another Junior Leaguer mentioned that she was "interested in how she [could] help assist and empower these kids." As a teacher, she mentioned that she, "was happy to see how excited the children were about going back to school and learning." Because these children have limited experience in

making the most basic choices for themselves due to their extreme financial situation, this event was a rare treat for them. Overall, it was a very well-organized, successful event. Because of the generosity of members of the community and the Junior League, moms, dad, and kids were able to focus on what is important – getting back to school and learning rather than worrying about having the right materials to succeed in the classroom.



(L-R) Sue Gibson, Kristen Vandingenen, Mirna Winn, Beth Stevens, Pam Schanel, Megan Blomqvist, Mary Helen Johnson, and Erika Patton

Over 5,000 kids were picked to go on a shopping spree inside the convention center choosing clothes, backpacks, pencils and much more.



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Why do we volunteer? Maybe we volunteer because it looks good on our resume and it makes us feel good about ourselves? Maybe it's boredom, a desire to network, and to make new friends? Or perhaps we volunteer because it is the right thing to do? Indeed-- as provisionals, actives and sustainers in the Junior League of the Palm Beaches--we volunteer because our local community needs strong women to step up, lend a hand and lead by example. We volunteer because we want our community to be a healthier, more vital place to live. There are, however, countless reasons why volunteering is so important and beneficial.

By Lara Chapman

1 GIVING BACK

Your local community has provided you ample opportunity to succeed and now you wish to 'give back'. Whether you're ready to write a check or volunteer time, giving back to your local community continues to be an easy way to help those in need. Time and again, the women in the Junior League of the Palm Beaches donate themselves-- whether monetarily or through volunteer hours-- to make our community a better place for everyone.

2 PERSONAL GROWTH

People volunteer their time for a variety of reasons, and more often than not, personal growth is an indisputable outcome of their efforts. Personal growth, however, does vary from person to person. For example, those who volunteer can further develop talents, enhance quality of life, improve self-awareness, or build identity. And perhaps more important, personal growth occurs when we develop other people through mentoring and friendship.

3 A SENSE OF PURPOSE

The mundane routine of daily life can at times seem empty and meaningless. But rather than remaining complacent, volunteers gain a sense of purpose and belonging by helping others. People who believe that they have a reason, mission, or purpose in life are more fulfilled and more satisfied with themselves. What's more, the latest research indicates that having a sense of purpose helps promote better health and happiness.

4 TO HAVE FUN

Volunteering, especially in the Junior League of the Palm Beaches, is a blast. Having fun is a very important part of volunteering because it encourages volunteers to continue giving their time. Whether you're working at Back to School Bash, throwing a Halloween party for the girls with GEMS, or painting children's faces at Mounts Botanical Festival-- volunteering with the Junior League will always be a good time for everyone involved.

5 TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Every League member wants to make the world a better place to live. Fortunately, the Junior League of the Palm Beaches offers plenty of opportunities to do just that by serving the local community. Through our community programs; GEMS, Nelle Smith, Done in a Day, 4U2 Discover, Pink Palm Brigade and Eye and Ear Alert, our organization is making a difference throughout the region... and the world. To be sure, it is our mission to "promote voluntarism, develop the potential of women and improve communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers".

Welcome Provisional Class of 2012-2013

Ashley Alvarez
Allegra Asplundh-Smith
Jennifer Avakian
Amanda Bellerose
Natalie Bowe
Rosa Carreiro
Christina Casey
Sarah Cohen
Ginny Coykendall
Kathleen Dempsey
Caitlin Doherty
Lindsay Donoff
Lissen Ellington
Lauren Fallick
Andreea Fodor
Melissa Fogel
Katie Folmar
Cerissa Fraiman
Erin Frazee
Brittany Garcia

Ashley Hansen
Aimee Hilton
Shannon Hogan
Lisa Imel
Jillian Kaiser
Lauren Kassing
Kate Kilian
Lindsay Kline
Ashley Knapp
Carissa Kranz
Erica Kremer
Raiza LeGrand
Hayley Lerner
Rophe Mason
Sierra McGill
Jessica McVeigh
Lindsay Mesches
Laura Moisi
Cyndi Napoleone
Stacy Nikirk

Jennifer Norman
Mindi Paruta
Jo Perez Dubois
Jennifer Pfaff
Kelly Pigott
Jennifer Porter
Amy Reynolds
Heather Robbins
Andrea Robinson
Megan Rogers
Dana Ross
Monique Sargeant
Allison Schans
Meredith Schechter
Kendall Shapiro
Kayla Sheehan
Amanda Simon
Heidi Skov
Selena Smith
Michelle Spencer

Allison Stanton
Nicole Stanton
Tara Stephens
Heather Stover
Meredith Stringer
Marta Stypulkowski
Amanda Suraci
Linda Tate
Teresa Tucker
Brittany Tuten
Diana Valentine
Lindsey Wagner
Lynn Walsh
Kristina West
Jessica Willey
Ashley Wilson
Andrea Wittman
Amy Zborowski

GET CONNECTED WITH JUNIOR LEAGUE NOW, HERE'S YOUR CHECKLIST.....

- Check out the new face of our www.jlpb.org website!
- Use www.jlpb.org Member login with your password to:
Update or add current picture and/ or information that needs to be corrected

(To edit and add photo select member directory & click on the "ME" icon)

- Like' us on Facebook today!!!!

- Let's tweet and get the scoop! Join our new Twitter feed : JLPalmBeaches

- AJLI- Activate your account on www.ajli.org website.

(To create an account you just need your ajli number

found on your Member Profile page on our website.)

Contact Laura Burke if your AJLI number is not on your profile.

jlpbhq@bellsouth.net

Once a member, check out their Members Only sections.

It's amazing what all our Junior League's around the country are doing.

Reference section has valuable information for free.

- 'Like' AJLI on Facebook today. www.ajli.org has Quick Links to it.





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IS BETTY DRAPER A ROLE MODEL FOR TODAY'S WOMEN?

The fictional star of TV's Emmy Awarding-winning "Mad Men" is a stay-at-home mother, an active member of the Junior League of Tarrytown (now called the Junior League of Westchester-on-Hudson) and a key mover in the League's local environmental efforts.



But how typical is Betty of real Junior League members (all 160,000 of them)?

While many Junior League members take time off from work to raise families, 71% of members work full or part time outside of the home. Many members do some combination of both: work, stay at home, and go back to work again. And most like Betty, are actively involved in civic leadership in their own communities.

Here are just a few of the Junior League's change agents around the country:

- Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY), member of the Junior League of New York and the proud sponsor of a House bill to establish a National Women's History Museum on the Mall in Washington.
- Jan Langbein, the Senior Policy Advisor at the Office on Violence Against Women at the U.S. Department of Justice and a 27 year member of the Junior League of Dallas.
- Betty Simms, U.S. Senate, Missouri, has made significant contributions to improving the health, economic, and social well-being of women and children.
- Rose Hudson, President and CEO of the Louisiana Lottery Corporation.
- Kay Hagan, U.S. Senate, North Carolina, "one of the smartest, hardest working, most effective senators in North Carolina" according to Governor Mike Easley. She credits her experience with Junior League tht helped her start her civic leadership.
- Gena Lovett, COO Alexandra Investment Management, a New York hedge fund.
- Glenda E. Hood, former Florida Secretary of State and Mayor of Orlando.
- Pat Evans, former three-term Mayor of Plano, TX and was Plano's "Citizen of the Year" in 2004.
- Dee Dickinson, one of the world's foremost experts on learning and human development.
- The Honorable Sandra Day O'Connor, the first female Justice on the US Supreme Court.

THE GIVING TREE CAMPAIGN

golden leaves, preserving the past, ensuring the future



WHAT IS THE GIVING TREE CAMPAIGN?

A wonderful opportunity for members to make a tax-deductible contribution to the League to support the maintenance and upkeep of our Junior League Headquarters home.

Since the renovation of Headquarters completed in 2008, maintaining its appearance through time is important. The Giving Tree fund is used for repairs and upkeep of Headquarters in hopes of avoiding another full renovation in the future. A beautiful donor tree is located in the main conference room for all to enjoy. Named leaves adorning the tree represent members who are helping to extend the longevity of our Junior League home.

WHAT IS UNIQUE ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY?

When you make a donation, you will also have the opportunity to name a leaf on this beautiful tree. You may personalize this leaf for you or someone special that has made a difference. What better way to recognize someone special in your life, than to make a donation on their behalf?

DONATION OPTIONS:

- A one time donation is accepted in the amount specified
- A payment plan is available for 12 monthly payments (*only available with a \$1000 minimum donation*)
- American Express, Master Card and Visa accepted

LEVEL OF GIVING:

- ☐ Diamond Giving and Leaf Placement **\$2,500**
- ☐ Platinum Giving and Leaf Placement **\$1,500**
- ☐ Gold Giving and Leaf Placement **\$1,200**
- ☐ Silver Giving and Leaf Placement **\$1,000**
- ☐ Pearl Giving and Leaf Placement **\$500**
- ☐ Bronze Giving and Leaf Placement **\$250**

PAYMENT TYPE

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(*In Memory, In Recognition, Family & Children Names, Member Since, etc.*)

JL Scholarship Awarded to Jupiter Community High School Senior

By Darby Collins



Last year's Nominating Committee had the daunting task of choosing JLPB's Scholarship recipient from the many applications submitted. After narrowing down the field to our top choices, the group voted to award the Scholarship to Gabriella Grangard, Valedictorian of her senior class at Jupiter Community High School. Gabriella is not only a bright student who was early accepted at Dartmouth College, but also an avid community volunteer. She has completed over 1,050 community service hours since starting high school.

Gabriella has been volunteering since the age of 7 by performing during the holidays for Alzheimer and nursing home patients. She has worked with various organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, The Lord's

Place and Autism. When volunteering with The Lord's Place, she helped coordinate "Warm Tidings", a project that included making over 50 hand tied blankets for the homeless. She was also involved in the Boater Bucket Program which raised funds, purchased and then distributed over 400 recycling buckets to boaters.

In the spring of 2011, she approached the after school programming director at Beacon Cove Intermediate School about working with a small group of fourth graders. She wanted to teach the group about earth science, specifically about recycling and the impact it has. Once approved by the director, she put together a 9 week lesson plan for 90 fourth grade students.

When asked about her thoughts on volunteering, she stated, "Volunteers are the substance that brings people together into a community, through not only service, but through compassion and understanding, as well as the building of friendships among people with mutual goals."

Gabriella is truly very deserving of this \$2,500 award for her academic efforts and volunteer work. At Dartmouth, she plans to major in Biomedical Engineering/Biology/Neuroscience. Her goal is to become a biomedical engineer leading her own lab toward finding a cure for Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease.

Congratulations

to the following JLPB members for their dedication to the 2011-2012 league year.

Above and Beyond Award winner - Mirna Winn

President's Award winner – Crissy Hawkins

Leadership Award winner – Christine Walter

Fundraising Award winner - Susanna Barasch

Provisional of the Year winner - Catherine Anido



Clockwise from top L-R Mirna Winn, Robbyn Ackner & Laura Wissa; Michelle Lese & Christina Monacelli; Christine Walter & Pam Schanel



Looking Ahead



I have told this story many times over the past five years. Stop me if you have heard it!

I moved to Palm Beach County from Alabama for a new adventure and for a job with Palm Beach Illustrated magazine. I did not know anyone, but I was determined to make my way. I established business connections quickly. What I did not find as easily were the things that I knew would make this place feel like home – a volunteer outlet and like-minded female friends.

One day, I was at a business lunch where it was suggested to me, “You should join the Junior League.” My mother had been a president of Junior League back home. I recalled her experiences and friendships all those years before, and I thought, “I should join the Junior League!”

It was a decision that would change everything. (Thank you Beth Beattie and Rena Toppe Uletschi!) Joining Junior League was a turning point in my life in Palm Beach County; it set me on a new course in my new hometown.

Our president Shelly Albright has made rebranding Junior League of the Palm Beaches a top priority for the 2012-2013 League year. This new directive will help to increase awareness of our JLPB mission and increase participation in our community projects improving the positive impact JLPB has on the community. We can come up with all sorts of creative ways to do that, but it really starts with each member.

I am proud to say I am a member of The Junior League of the Palm Beaches. Are you?

Every member has a story. And no two are alike. As Member At Large, I would love to hear your story – good, bad or indifferent.

Was Junior League a positive step for you? What motivated you to join? Was there someone who has helped to shape your League experience? Are there things that could be done to make you feel more connected and engaged?

Email me your story at JLPBMemberAtLarge@gmail.com. I'll share our stories at GMs throughout the year.

Katie Gamble
Katie Gamble
Member At Large

LIFE, LEAGUE, AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

CHEERS TO OUR MEMBERS



Education & Training committee member **KAMI BARRETT** co-wrote the "Speed Mentoring" article in the June 2012 edition of Academic Leader with Dr. Jeffrey Buller, Dean of the Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College. The article focuses on speed mentoring that can become part of an institutions retention strategy, both for students and employees.



Community VP **COURTNEY STAFFORD** got married on June 30, 2012 to Brian Christopher Hickey at the Omphoy Ocean Resort in Palm Beach.



Heart of the League Social Networker **MEAGHAN FLENNER** received her Masters in Counseling Psychology in May, 2012. Concentration areas: Marriage and Family therapy, Codependency and Addiction. She is available for individual or group psychotherapy as well as personal & budget coaching. She is now a registered state intern working on licensure.



ALISON SHINGARY had a baby girl February 6, 2012, and we can't wait to see photos!



One of our newest active members **NICOLE DALY** became the proud mother of a sweet baby boy on February 7, 2012. Hudson Paul Daly weighed a perfect 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20 inches long at birth. She just can't get enough of him!



Sustainer **MARGARET KAYWELL** of West Palm Beach based Kaywell Interiors, was featured in the May edition of Palm Beach Illustrated Magazine. This Palm Beach living room illustrates the classic combination of blue and white-- perfect in any setting. Kaywell created visual interest by varying the shades of blue--lavender-hued walls, periwinkle blue chairs and navy blue porcelains and toss pillows and combined them with the crispness of white for a fresh, serene and casually elegant space.

Eye & Ear Alert Chair, **LORI MAXWELL** is back from a trip to Siberia with her son, Giles. The little cutie turned two years old in March and has been with Lori since November, when she adopted him from Krasnoyarsk, Russia.



The former **BETH PATTERSON** became Mrs. Crews when she married Dan Crews on April 29, 2012 at a gorgeous wedding at Villa Tarka on Paradise Island in Nassau, Bahamas. The bride, groom and guests arrived to the island via Royal Caribbean cruise lines, and if rain on your wedding day is good luck...these newlyweds will have the best luck for the rest of their lives!



SUMMER CURTISS was married to Alexander Matthews on July 14, 2012. The two met at Elon University and married at the Rancho Santa Fe Golf Club in San Diego, CA. They are now settling into their new home in Wellington.

Congratulations to Done in a Day Co-chair, **LISA RUSSO** who has started her own floral design company called "Laurel Lane Designs". This summer Lisa entered The Newport Flower Show taking home the Blue Ribbon (first place) in her class and The Newport Flower Show Novice Award Design Division for most distinctive design by a novice exhibitor in any design class (a much larger Green Ribbon)!



Recording Secretary **AMANDA RIES** had a lot going on this past spring! She performed in the Lake Worth Playhouse's rendition of Music Man in April, and before that was named as one of only 25 finalists in Palm Beach County for the William T. Dwyer Awards for Excellence in Education. The award recognizes educators for their classroom accomplishments, leadership and community involvement, and she was nominated in the area of Special Programs as a speech-language pathologist. Congratulations to Amanda – we are proud to have you as part of our League.



Sustainer **PATRICIA LEBOW** was named the 2012 Honorary Chair of the 29th Annual Women in Leadership Awards (WILA) luncheon. The annual event by the Executive Women of the Palm Beaches (EWPB) was held Thursday, May 3, 2012 at the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts in West Palm Beach.



In Memorandum



We send our condolences to the family of **NANCY SANFORD MYERS**, JLPB Past President (1958-'59) and founding member of South Florida Science Museum who passed away August 29, 2012. There will be a formal tribute in the Winter issue.

We also send our condolences to the family of active member **MARY D'AIUTO** who passed away earlier this year and to Sustainer **HOPE D'ALESSANDRO** who lost her husband **MARK ANTHONY D'ALESSANDRO**. We also pass along our thoughts and prayers to Past President **ANN MARIE PILLING** whose mom passed away this summer.

JLPB & Ann Taylor

Palm Beach
Gardens Mall
May 19, 2012

Junior League members helped celebrate the grand opening of the new Ann Taylor concept store.



Annual May Dinner

Palm Beach
Yacht Club
May 22, 2012



Clockwise From Top
L-R: Lynne Wells,
Laura Burke & Jerri
Engelbrecht; Shelly
Albright & Heather Moe;
Cathy Hennessey & Pam
Schanel; Sue Gibson &
Susan C. Lee

MEMBERSHIP VP REPORT

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Poonam Amin
Jeannine Damato
Tasha Dickinson
Chrissie Ferguson
Emily Gehring
Stephanie Hasse
Sunni Johnson
Michelle Lese
Anne Marie Pilling
Randa Reford
Sarah Templeton

CHANGE IN STATUS

Elizabeth Antunes – Active to Resigned
Amyleigh Atwater – Active to Resigned
Bethany Bremmer – Active to Resigned
Danielle Benvenuto – Active to Resigned
Carolyn Broadhead – Active on Leave to Active
Carrie Browne – Active on Leave to Active
Margot Cavelglia – Active to Resigned
Carol DeGraffenreidt – Sustainer to Resigned
Christina D'Elousa – Active to Resigned
Kristen Demmeritt – Active to Resigned
Samantha Schosberg Feuer – Active to Sustainer
Eve Fisher – Active to Resigned
Megan Fogg – Active on Leave to Active
Dana Goldberg – Active to Resigned
Jaime Gozzo – Active to Resigned
Tricia Green – Active to Resigned
Deborah Hale – Sustainer to Resigned
Deanna Herbst – Sustainer to Resigned
Erin Higginbotham – Active to Resigned
Kathleen Icabaleta – Active to Resigned
Lacey Ivancevic – Active on Leave to Resigned
Kelli Jackson – Active to Resigned
Lisa Johnson – Active on Leave to Resigned
Laura Krielow – Active on Leave to Active
Kari Kryda – Active to Resigned
Doris Lago – Active to Resigned
Kimberly Laurer- Active to Resigned
Allison Maffei – Active to Sustainer
Sally Massey – Sustainer to Resigned
Catherine Morris – Sustainer to Resigned
Joanne O'Connor – Active to Sustainer
Meghan O'Grady – Active to Resigned
Michele Pasuale – Sustainer to Resigned
Lynda Pepper – Sustainer to Resigned
Mary Peterson – Active to Resigned
Naomi Berman-Pota – Sustainer to Resigned
Leslie Priester – Active to Resigned
Jennifer Prior – Active to Resigned
Amy Quattlebaum - Active to Sustainer
Linda Reymore – Sustainer to Resigned

Joan Scott – Sustainer to Resigned
Judith Selzer – Active to Resigned
Aimee Spencer – Active to Resigned
Mary Baine Spooner – Sustainer to Resigned
Mary Sreenan – Sustainer to Resigned
Tereina Stidd – Active to Resigned
Susan Tamoney – Sustainer to Resigned
Susan Teaford – Sustainer to Resigned
Martha Lee Valentine – Sustainer to Resigned
Katherine Ward – Sustainer to Resigned
Wendy Wells – Sustainer to Resigned
Angelica Wyke – Active to Resigned

TRANSFER OUT

Jamie Brodarick – Transfer to Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Meetal Dharia- Transfer to New York, NY
Elizabeth Edmunds – Transfer to Chicago, IL
Melissa Gray – Transfer to Boca Raton, FL
Jennifer Madalena – Transfer to Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Bridget Mirande – Transfer to Denver, CO
Lisa Paladino – Transfer to Gainesville, FL
Chelsey Poole – Transfer to Atlanta, GA
Heather Rask – Transfer to Boca Raton, FL
Allison Warren Salkeld – Transfer to Atlanta, GA
Alison Shingary – Transfer to Martin County, FL
Christina Urena – Transfer to Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Karen White – Transfer to New York, NY

TRANSFER IN

Stacy Armstrong – Active from Princeton, NJ
Sarah Gatewood – Active from San Antonio, TX
Theresa Vandermolen – Active from Indian River, FL

DECEASED

Mary D'Aiuto
Nancy Myers

MEMBER COUNT

233 - Actives
14 - Actives on Leave
2 - Non-Resident Actives
71 - Provisionals
326 - Sustainers
5 - Non-Resident Sustainers
11- Sustainer Inter-League
7 - Sustainer Inter League Palm Beach Home
73 - Sustainer Emeritus
3 - Emeritus Inter-League
5 - Emeritus Inter League Palm Beach Home
TOTAL MEMBERS – 750

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY ANN LEE GRAY
MEMBERSHIP VICE PRESIDENT

J L S SUSTAINER NEWS

Fall 2012

MEMBERS

The autumn months are sure to be terrific with a variety of events and programs for the JLPB Sustainers. Exciting Sustainer Soirees, Golf Clinics and Outings, Dine-Arounds, Book Clubs, Garden Club, Bridge Club, Away for the Day, Kayaking, Polo and Lunch-and-Learn events are all in the works!

On September 18th, please come to meet and greet the new sustaining members of JLPB at the **New Sustainer Welcome Party**, hosted by Lynne Wells and Esther LaBovick. The **Sustainer FALL Kick-off Potluck**, October 12, hosted by Lynne Wells at Loggerhead Marinelife Center in Juno Beach will surely be a fun evening to get together and preview all the exciting events, activities and projects planned for this season! Of course, we all anticipate the annual **Sustainer Breakfast**, November 10, organized by the dynamic duo, Becky Isiminger and Susan Murray and beautifully hosted by Wanda Jenkins in her lovely home. Another fun evening is in store in early October at the **Sustainer Soiree at Quantum House**, hosted by Robi Journey, Amy Quattlebaum and Amy Triggs.

Many thanks to all the **Sustainer Activity Committee Chairs** for organizing events, tours, workshops, projects and get-togethers! Laura McLeod our **Garden Club Chair** is planning creative workshops in floral arranging and wreath making and tours to Fairchild Tropical Gardens, Morikami, and to charming "hidden treasure" local gardens. Both **DAY and EVENING Book Clubs** continue to bring together sustainers who love to read and discuss book selections, often resulting in lively, thought-provoking discussions about the plot line, subject or author. **Golf Group** (Lynne Wells) is quickly becoming a popular sustainer activity, including both

novice and seasoned players! Sustainer **Bridge** (Jan Stearns and Betsy Vaughan) is always terrific for the ladies who love to play and lunch! Sustainers get together to sample and enjoy the latest "hot" restaurants or new menus at the established spots at **Dine-Arounds** (Clare Goyette). **Sustainer Soirees** (Debra Cannava) promise a variety of fun evenings of wine tasting, special Palm Beach area and seasonal events, potlucks with a contemporary twist, game nights, etc. Irene Goodkind is chairing the new **Theater and Cinema Arts** for sustainers who love to get together to enjoy area stage productions and intriguing movies - from more obscure "indies" to popular new releases! In addition, **Lunch and Learns, Art after Dark at the Norton, Kayaking, Croquet and Polo events** are in the works for the coming season! Sustainers remain committed to area philanthropic programs including but not limited to: the Nelle Smith Residence for Girls, Quantum House and the South Florida Science Museum.

As we check our weekly Sustainer Eblasts for the latest activity/event news and information, browse through the latest beautiful glossy Undercurrents enjoying terrific photos of events and projects of both JLPB Actives and Sustainers, visit the JLPB Website, and welcome new Sustainers, we appreciate the Sustainer Operations Chairs who make these possible, **Eblasts/E-Communications Chair**: Lynne Wells; **Social Media Chair**: Sarah Fattori; **Undercurrents Chair**: Margaret Schuemann; **Sustainer Transfer Chair**: Jayne Barkdull and **Sustainer/Active Liaison**: Allyson Andres.

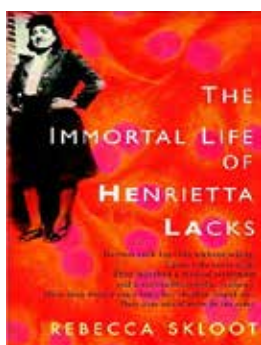
Many thanks to all and Happy Autumn!
Jerri Engelbrecht
JLPB Sustainer Chair

SUSTAINER BOARD

CHAIR—Jerri Engelbrecht | BRIDGE CO CHAIRS—Besty Vaughan & Irene Goodkind
CINEMA & THEATER ARTS CHAIR—Irene Goodkind | DAY BOOK CLUB—Joan Jones | EVENING BOOK CLUB—TBD
DINE-AROUND CHAIR—Clare Goyette | E-COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR—Lynne Wells | GARDEN CLUB CHAIR—Laura McLeod
GOLF GROUP CHAIR—Lynne Wells | TRANSFER CHAIR—Jayne Barkdull | SOCIAL EVENTS CHAIR—Debra Cannava
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JLS SUSTAINER NEWS

Sustainer Book Clubs

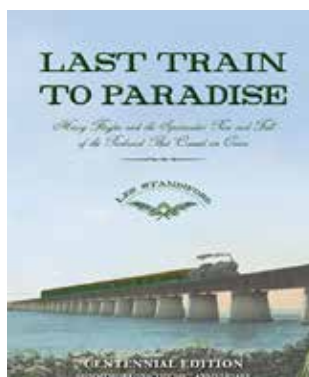


JLS DAY Book Club:
When it was completed in 1902, the New York Herald proclaimed that Whitehall, Henry Flagler's Guilded Age estate in Palm Beach, was "more wonderful than any palace in Europe, grander and more magnificent than any other

private dwelling in the world." After reading the book, *Last Train to Paradise*, what an appropriate spot for both EVENING and DAY Book Club groups to meet author Les Standiford and enjoy tea at the Café des Beaux-Arts, located in the beautiful Flagler Kenan Pavilion. In addition, Whitehall was once the home of the JLPB offices. As Chair of JLS DAY Book Club, Joan Jones will be organizing monthly fun and meaningful get-togethers this season!



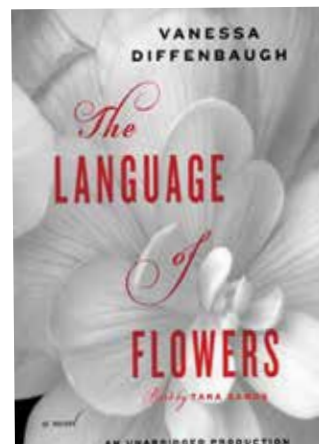
Pictured (L-R): Cindy Vogel, Joan Jones, Louise Collins, and Debra Cannava taking a break from a thought-provoking discussion of *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, at Weezy's lovely home in April.



The JLS EVENING Book Club enjoyed a lovely balmy evening in July at Laura McLeod's charming home where Laura, JLS Garden Club Chair, appropriately led the discussion of Vanessa Diffenbaugh's, *The Language of Flowers*.

While sipping on a wonderful Sangria and enjoying lively conversation, the group proceeded to the dining table where Laura had decorated each place setting with banana leaves and hand-made sachets of bay leaf, laurel and rosemary. Upon leaving, Laura sent all home with clippings from her beautiful tropical gardens.

Not only does *The Language of Flowers* have a dictionary of the meanings of many types of flowers and herbs, it also touches on the serious subject of foster care and adoption, which led to discussions of JLPB involvement in the noble efforts of the Nelle Smith House and Vita Nova.



Please check Sustainer Eblasts for monthly meeting and selection updates for

both DAY and EVENING JLS Book Clubs –

Open to all sustainers

2012 SUSTAINER CALENDAR!

*INDICATES EVENTS WITH JLPB ACTIVES

PLEASE CHECK YOUR E-BLAST AND UNDERCURRENTS FOR ANY CHANGES AND UPDATES

Happy Autumn Everyone!

In addition to several combined events with JLPB Actives, please join the Sustainers for Golf, Sustainer Soirees, Potlucks, Garden Club, Social Events, Bridge, Dine-Arounds, Book Clubs (day and evening), Norton After Dark, Kayaking, Croquet, Gourmet Class - Williams Sonoma, Cocktail Parties, Lunch and Learns, Area Tours, Polo and more! Our group spans Palm Beach County from Delray Beach to Jupiter. We look forward to seeing you! Please check your weekly Eblasts and the Calendar on the JLPB Website or contact **Jerri Engelbrecht**, Sustainer Chair, at EngelJLPB@comcast.net.

OCTOBER

- 9 BOOK CLUB – Evening
- 12 Sustainer Autumn Kick-off Party Potluck, 6-8PM
Host: Lynne Wells at Loggerhead Marine Life Center, Juno Beach
- 17 BOOK CLUB- Day
- TBD Sustainer Soiree – Quantum House –
Organizers/Hosts: Robi Jurney, Amy Quattlebaum, Amy Triggs
- TBD Additional Events and Activities – please consult weekly Eblasts

SEPTEMBER

- 11 BOOK CLUB - Evening
- 19 BOOK CLUB - Day
- 18 New Sustainer Welcome Party 6-8 PM
Organizer: Esther LaBovick, Hostess: Lynne Wells
- TBD Additional Events and Activities – please consult weekly Eblasts

NOVEMBER

- 1 Sustainer Bridge –Hosts: Janice Stearns and Betsy Vaughan
- 10 Sustainer Breakfast –Hostess: Wanda Jenkins
Organizers: Becky Isiminger and Susan Murray
- 13 BOOK CLUB - Evening
- 21 BOOK CLUB- Day
- TBD Additional Events and Activities – please consult weekly Eblasts



SUSTAINER BRIDGE AND LUNCH

The Bridge group will resume in November. JLPB Sustainer members play bridge on the first Thursday morning of each month from November through May. New members are welcome to come, meet new friends and enjoy a morning of bridge and lunch.

For additional information see the weekly Sustainer Eblasts for Dates and Locations or contact Janice Stearns or Betsy Vaughan through the JLPB office at 561-689-7590.



PHONE TREE CALLERS NEEDED!

Sustainer's without email who would like to receive a phone call about our events please contact Jerri Engelbrecht through the JLPB office at 561-689-7590. We want you to be involved! Also please let us know if you are willing to be a caller. Please contact Jerri at J.Engelbrecht@comcast.net.

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SUSTAINER NEWS



The JLPB Golf Group has been having a blast sharpening our golf skills at Eastpointe Golf and Racquet in Palm Beach Gardens with Assistant Pro Will Pankey. The group is made up of Sustainers and Actives of various beginning levels. We are divided into two groups-the ***Novice*** group who have very little to no golf experience and the ***Seasoned*** who play a few times per year and know the basics of playing golf. The group was formed following a discussion among several Beginner Level Sustainer members who were interested in playing and improving their golf skills. It was decided to open the Golf Group to all JLPB members which has proven to be a wonderful opportunity for Sustainers and Actives to meet and interact. We will continue to schedule both weekday and weekend clinics along with 9 holes. Come join us and don't be intimidated by your lack of golf skills-we are all beginners! You'll experience some laughter and frustration but most importantly encouragement from your fellow JLPB members!

Please check your Eblast for the latest Golf Schedule. If you are interested in joining the Golf Group please contact Lynne Wells at pwells2202@comcast.net.



JLS SUSTAINER NEWS



*The Junior League of the Palm Beaches Sustainer's
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to a gathering of
Sustainers, Actives and Provisionals*

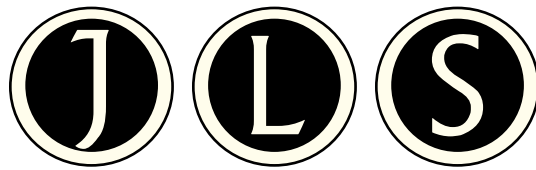
*Friday, October 12th, 2012
6:00-8:00 p.m.
for the*

Sustainer Pot-Luck Happy Hour

*at Loggerhead Marinelife Center
14200 U.S. Highway One, Juno Beach, FL 33408*

*Bring an appetizer to share
and your choice of beverage
Join us for fun, food, drinks and adorable Sea Turtles!
Please RSVP to Lynne Wells at pwells2202@comcast.net*





SUSTAINER NEWS



Debra Cannava, Social Chair (right) and (left) Barbara and Del Williamson and Susan Weltner's husband, Gary, enjoy presentations and fabulous recommendations of the sommelier.

Palm Beach Yacht Club Dinner and Wine Pairing

On a picture-perfect April evening, several Sustainers and best beau's gathered at the magnificent setting of the Palm Beach Yacht Club. Attendees enjoyed sumptuous delights paired with perfect wines, organized by JLS Social Chair, Debra Cannava. It was truly a fabulous evening to remember! Several exciting Events and Dine-Arounds for the coming season are in the works! Stay tuned to Sustainer Eblasts for the latest information.

Social Events Chair:
Debra Cannava
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COMMITTEE NEWS

NELLE SMITH RESIDENCE

The Nelle Smith Residence committee looks forward to a fun-filled year mentoring and bonding with the residents of the group foster home. The foster home is dedicated to providing a stable family environment for abused and neglected teenage girls. As a back-to-school treat, the committee hosted a "Beauty Night" in early August, where Junior League member and make-up artist Marcelle Burke shared skin care and make-up tips. Each resident received a gift bag of perfume samples, makeup, and beauty items to feel healthy and confident on their first day of school. The Nelle Smith committee has also tapped into the Junior League's vast resource of talented women – in addition to Ms. Burke, the committee also plans to have a guest speaker from our Cotillion program which will involve holding an etiquette session for the girls.

After its overwhelming success last year, both Junior League volunteers and residents will once again channel their inner Julia Child at monthly cooking nights, learning a valuable life skill the residents may not otherwise ascertain. Tutoring nights have been replaced with "Girls Night In," an opportunity to further develop the potential of the young women via guest speakers, skill demonstrations, and bonding activities. Volunteers are more than welcome at these events and are encouraged to join the committee in mentoring the Nelle Smith Residents for the 2012 -2013 League Year.



DONE IN A DAY (DIAD)

Done In A Day (DIAD) is one of the key components of our community outreach programs that is a cornerstone of the Junior League's commitment to providing trained volunteers as well as financial support to community service organizations. Unlike the other standing committees which provide support to a specific community service project throughout the year, DIAD is charged with the task of planning and organizing events that take place in one day. The goal is having a broader reach into the community by providing volunteer support for a day as well as providing various volunteer opportunities for JL members.

The year kicked off with Back to School Bash held on August 7th and 8th at the Palm Beach Convention Center. JL members were on hand to help sort and distribute school supplies. There are several other annual events that we will happily continue to support this year, namely the Fall Festival at Mounts Botanical Gardens on October 14, a Halloween Party at St. Mary's Children's Hospital on October 31, the Boys Town Basket Brigade on November 17 and the Palm Beach Symphony on February 16, 2013. We also have several new and exciting events that will be organized this year including the Norton Art Museum that took place on September 8, Dress for Success taking place on January 19, 2013 as well as possibly supporting a Special Olympics event. Also, DIAD will continue to support our past community programs, such as Vita Nova where we will be hosting four events over the course of the year and PACE where we are hoping to sponsor a trip to Tallahassee for the PACE Advocacy Day at the State Legislature on March 16, 2013.

Stay tuned for more details as the events draw near. You can visit the JL calendar to view and sign up for volunteer shifts for each event. We have a mandate this year to have our entire calendar planned and published by September so that members will have plenty of time to plan for the events that they would like to participate in and which best fit their schedules. If you would like further information on any of the DIAD events, please feel free to contact the Cochairs Lisa Russo (lisarusso24@gmail.com) or Morgan Richardson (morgan.y.richardson@gmail.com).

COMMITTEE NEWS

EYE & EAR ALERT

Did you know that the Eye & Ear Alert program was founded by the Junior League of the Palm Beaches in 1968? This program has been going strong for over 40 years now. Why? Because our community knows there is a need for this program and they are grateful to us for helping identify problems related to vision and hearing in preschoolers. Can you imagine these precious little ones struggling to see the board at school or not being able to hear clearly? It is affecting their learning, their health and their future. And the little darlings don't even know it.

The American Academy of Ophthalmology says, "Good vision is key to a child's physical development, success in school and overall well-being.... If a young child's eyes cannot send clear images to the brain, his or her vision may become limited in ways that cannot be corrected later in life. But if problems are detected early, it is usually possible to treat them effectively." (American Academy of Ophthalmology <http://www.geteyesmart.org/eyesmart/living/children-eye-screening.cfm>)

Eye and Ear Alert committee invites all interested League members to attend their annual orientation training at Memorial Presbyterian Church, located at 1300 South Olive Avenue in West Palm Beach, on Friday, September 28th at 9:30 a.m. Those who wish to volunteer with the committee will learn to operate the equipment used to provide free vision and hearing screenings to local preschool children.

Let's help the children in our community! Please join us at one of our upcoming screenings. YOU can change the life of a child! We meet Tuesday mornings at 9am at Memorial Presbyterian Church in West Palm Beach. Our shifts are from 9am to 12pm. We have a great time while doing amazing work! We would absolutely love for you to join us. You do not need to have prior experience and we have FREE childcare. Just sign up online!

SPECIAL EVENTS

SISPA BELIEVES IN BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES

For the month of November, the Give Back Program from SiSpa at the Palm Beach Marriott Singer Island Beach Resort & Spa will be donating a percentage of all proceeds garnered from three select Give Back Treatments purchased to The Junior League of the Palm Beaches, a local organization of women dedicating to building better communities. Treatments include the 80-minute Reiki Experience, 80-minute Warm Stone Massage, and 80-minute SiSpa Signature Facial.

SiSpa is located at 3800 North Ocean Drive Singer Island within the Palm Beach Marriott Singer Island Beach Resort & Spa, managed by Urgo Hotels. Treatments available include massage, facials, manicures, pedicures, Shellac, body exfoliations, spray tan, wraps and waxing services. SiSpa is open daily to the public and guests of the resort by appointment only from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. For additional information please visit www.marriott.com/pbsig or call 561.340.1755.

WHEN: November 1 through 30, 2012

WHERE: SiSpa
Palm Beach Marriott Singer
Island Beach Resort & Spa
3800 North Ocean Drive
Singer Island, FL 33404
561.340.1755

COTILLION

Junior League of the Palm Beaches 54th COTILLION Celebration!

Etiquette, Ballroom Dance and Philanthropy are taught to 6-9th grade students during our Cotillion Season. Seven Monday evening classes are held October

- February and conclude with the Presentation & Dinner Dance with Parents where over 200 attend and includes a Children's Cotillion for grades K-5th.



Cotillion is JLPB's oldest program/fund-raiser and is quite unique being both a program and fund-raiser. JLPB provides a special program to the students who participate and it is their tuition dollars that helps others in the community less fortunate. Cotillion continues to be a major fund-raiser arm of JLPB, a program with purpose, and a true community builder!!!

9th Grade Cotillion Court members each receive 10 community service hours credit for their high schools and this year 7th and 8th graders will also receive community service hours as well. Cotillion also has mutually beneficial Sponsorship opportunities available which provide multiple ways to promote your business.

Cotillion would like to extend a special Thank You to our Professional Photographers Portrait Artists - Maureen Greene & Pasqualino Ciatto of Moments in Time Photography who can be reached at 561-601-9900, moatfl@comcast.net or see www.mitgalleries.com.

COOKBOOK

As most JLPB members know, our cookbook, Worth Tasting, is one of the League's primary fundraisers. Published in 2007, it features 200 easy to follow recipes and also features wine pairings from Virginia Philip, Master Sommelier of The Breakers. This year, the Cookbook Committee has an exciting slate of events in the works, and we hope that you all can come join us! As a hint, make sure you're at the September GM meeting to see what the ladies from the Cookbook Committee have planned. Also, each quarter, we will be featuring a recipe in Undercurrents to highlight the many great recipes featured in our cookbook.

With Fall Holidays and football tailgating season right around the corner, what better way to steal the show at your many gatherings than to bring a great recipe from our cookbook! Try out the recipe below and be sure to tell everyone that it's from our wonderful cookbook, Worth Tasting! Word of mouth is our best source of advertising!

Buffalo Chicken Wing Dip (p.20)



8 oz. cream cheese, softened

4 cups shredded cooked chicken

1 (12 oz.) bottle Buffalo wing sauce (Frank's Red Hot has great flavor!)

1 (16 oz.) bottle blue cheese salad dressing (substitute Ranch if you're not a big blue cheese fan)

8 ounces mozzarella cheese, shredded Mexican cheese also works well)

Spread the cream cheese over the bottom of a shallow 2 quart baking dish. Mix the chicken and sauce in a bowl and spread the chicken mixture over the cream cheese. Drizzle with the salad dressing and sprinkle with the cheese.

Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Broil at the end of the baking process for the desired look. Serve warm with tortilla chips and celery sticks. A boneless non fried version of a favorite dish.

SERVES 24 OR MORE

GEMS

GAP (Girls Advocacy Project) is proud to announce their new name: GEMS (Girls Empowerment Mentor Sessions). We are excited about this name change as it was a collective effort from many passionate League women.

GEMS are the Junior League's diamonds in the rough. We provide caring adult interaction and mentoring to young girls, ages 9-17, who have unfortunately been placed in the juvenile detention system. We offer time, attention and resources such as bringing needed supplies, educational events, motivational speakers, and professionals to these young girls. Our goal is to teach skills, instill hope, and to empower the girls to change their lives and decrease the incidence of adult detention.

GEMS Committee continued volunteer sessions throughout the summer. Over the last few years, we have received feedback from the officers and staff at the detention center about how greatly the efforts of the Junior League have impacted the girls. The officers explained the need for volunteers increases over the summer months because there is a spike in attendance during this time. Two years ago, the League decided to extend the mentoring sessions over the summer, unsure of what the volunteer turnout would be. Offering volunteers an experience with young girls who may or may not have done something to be placed in the juvenile detention system, the commitment of JLPB volunteers was astronomical. Each summer session was a remarkable success, spurring the League to continue the program throughout the summer for a second year.

For the 2012 summer sessions, cochairs Marcelle Burke and Camryn Del Rio Linton really wanted to reintroduce GEMS (formerly known as GAP) to the League. Because the sessions are held at the detention center, some members were uncomfortable volunteering with the committee or unsure about what to expect. The GEMS Committee wanted to provide the League with a reference and keepsake of what occurs in those sessions beyond the metal detector, concrete walls, and blackened windows. Often, right before the committee's eyes in those three hour sessions, under extreme pressure, and beyond the heat, we witness

the formation of beautiful GEMS. They are smart and creative. They have hearts and voices. They are simply just young girls who want and need what we all want and need, even if it may not be apparent on the surface. The Junior League volunteers and the girls decorated quilt patches. These patches have been sewn together to form a quilt; an artifact that will hopefully be placed on the wall at Junior League Headquarters, displayed for long time Leaguers, new and future Leaguers to see.

Available GEMS Shifts for the fall:

September 13

September 29

October 11

October 27: Special Halloween Session – the GEMS committee is in need of donations such as candy, cookies, goodie bags, food and appetizers, decorations, favors and activity ideas

November 8

November 17: Special Thanksgiving Session – the GEMS committee is in need of donations such as cake, pie, cookies, food and appetizers, decorations, favors, and activity ideas.

mark your calendars...

From important membership meetings to bus tours with mimosas, the Junior League event calendar is filled with fun social gatherings, volunteer opportunities and leadership training.

September

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| 15 | JLPB Historical Bus Tour (9:30am-1:30pm) |
| 17 | ROSH HASHANAH |
| 18 | General Membership Meeting at Doubletree Hotel PBG (6pm social 6:30 meeting) |
| 18 | New Sustainer Welcome (6pm-8pm) |
| 25 | Eye & Ear Alert (Memorial Presbyterian Church 9-12pm) |
| 25 | Nelle Smith (Girls Night In 6-8:30pm) |
| 29 | Pink Palm Brigade (Halloween Basket Build 9am-2pm at HQ) |
| 29 | GEMS |

October

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| 2 | Provisional Member Meeting at JLPB Headquarters |
| 6 | 1st Year Actives Breakfast at II Bellagio CityPlace (10am) |
| 8 | Nelle Smith (Cooking Night 6-8:30pm) |
| 9 | Eye and Ear Alert (Trinity Christian School 9am-12pm) |
| 11 | GEMS |
| 12 | Annual Sustainer Fall Kick-off Party Pot luck (Loggerhead Marinelife Center 6-8pm) |
| 13 | 2nd Year Actives Breakfast at II Bellagio CityPlace (10am) |
| 14 | Mounts Botanical Garden Fall Festival |
| 16 | General Membership Meeting at Doubletree Hotel PBG (6pm social 6:30 meeting) |
| 20 | 3rd Year Actives Breakfast at II Bellagio CityPlace (10am) |
| 23 | Eye & Ear Alert (Trinity Christian School re-screen 9am-12pm) |
| 27 | GEMS |
| 30 | Nelle Smith (Pumpkin carving 6-8:30pm) |
| 31 | DIAD (St. Mary's Halloween Party at St Mary's Hospital) |

November

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| 1 - 30 | SiSpa at the Palm Beach Marriott Singer Island Beach Resort & Spa |
| 6 | Provisional Member Meeting at JLPB Headquarters |
| 10 | Annual Sustainer Breakfast |
| 12 | Nelle Smith (Cooking Night 6-8:30pm) |
| 12-23 | Cluster Meeting |
| 13 | Ear and Eye Alert (Memorial Presbyterian Church 9am-12pm) |
| 17 | DIAD (Boys Town Basket Brigade) |
| 17 | GEMS |
| 22 | HAPPY THANKSGIVING |
| 27 | Nelle Smith (Girls Night In 6-8:30pm) |

December

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| 1 | Deck the Palms Holiday Marketplace at South Florida Fairgrounds Expo Center (10am-5:30 pm) |
| 1 | Tea & Tastings at South Florida Fairgrounds Expo Center (1:30pm-4:30pm) |
| 4 | Provisional Member Meeting at JLPB Headquarters |
| 4 | Eye and Ear Alert (Memorial Presbyterian Church 9am-12pm) |
| 8 | HAPPY CHANUKAH |
| 8-9 | Pink Palm Brigade (Holiday Basket Build at HQ 8am-4 pm) |
| 10 | Nelle Smith (5:45pm-8:30pm) |
| 15 | Holiday Luncheon TBD |
| 25 | MERRY CHRISTMAS |
| 29 | GEMS |

January

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| 1 | HAPPY NEW YEAR |
| 8 | Provisional Member Meeting at JLPB Headquarters |
| 9 | DIAD (Dress for Success) |
| 14 | Nelle Smith (Cooking Night 6-8:30pm) |
| 15 | Eye and Ear Alert (Memorial Presbyterian Church 9am-12pm) |
| 15 | General Membership Meeting at Doubletree Hotel PBG (6pm social 6:30 meeting) |
| 15 | Pink Palm Brigade (Valentine's Day Goody Bags) |
| 21 | MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY |
| 26 | GEMS |
| 29 | Nelle Smith (Girls Night In 6-8:30pm) |
| 29 | Ear and Eye Alert (Memorial Presbyterian Church 9 am-12pm) |

Member

Spotlight

By Brittany Jo Miller

As a provisional in 2011-2012, one of my first impressions of what a member of the Junior League of the Palm Beaches should be was found in Karen Holloway. Whenever I'd see Karen at League events, she would warmly introduce me to others. It didn't take long for me to start noticing Karen and her smile – which not so subtly stretches from ear to ear – pop up at other civic and networking events around the community. She is consistently charming, amicable, and hospitable. If you don't know her yet, you soon will.

Karen is a native of Montego Bay, Jamaica. As the oldest of five children, Karen's parents envisioned endless opportunities for their family in America. In pursuit of the American dream, Karen moved to West Palm Beach with her aunt in 1995 leaving behind her mom, dad and four younger siblings, who later joined her in March 2009. Karen attended Palm Beach Lakes High School in West Palm Beach. She continued her education at Florida Atlantic University, earning her Bachelor of Arts in Finance.

Karen is a Financial Advisor with Northwestern Mutual and it was through her colleague, and fellow Junior League member, Brooke McKernan, where she was first introduced to the idea of joining JLPB. She joined the Junior League of the Palm Beaches in 2010. Like many of us, she wanted to be a part of something great, volunteer, meet new people, and sharpen her leadership skills. Since then, the League has provided Karen with a platform that allows her to grow personally and professionally.

She is consistently charming, amicable, hospitable. If you don't know her yet, you soon will.

Karen Holloway



In the League, Karen generously donates her time, volunteering in numerous projects such as: GEMS, Done in a Day, the Thanksgiving Basket Brigade, the Cookbook Committee, Vita Nova, and Worth Tasting on Worth Avenue. Outside of the league, she is actively involved with the Young Professionals Group of Urban League of the Palm Beaches and, most importantly, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, which holds significant meaning in her heart.

Karen's youngest brother, Ojay Nichol, was diagnosed with Lymphoma Cancer when he was only 7 year old, and had to undergo a number of chemotherapy treatments. At age 14, he underwent emergency open stomach surgery, and when his symptoms came back just days later, he went through the surgery again. Now, at 15 in his junior year of high school, Ojay consistently ranks at the top of his class and among the top youth soccer athletes both locally and nationally. He is Karen's biggest inspiration:

"I've seen him come home from a soccer tournament with his travel team in Tampa at 11 p.m., stay up until 2 a.m. to complete a class project, show up to school on time for a test at 8 a.m., and then give his all at practice for his school's soccer team after school. I just love how disciplined, committed and resilient he is. When he has every reason to fold, he stands up and he keeps

going. He's a victor and not a victim," she lovingly says.

Karen found love in 1996 when she met her would-be husband Mervin Holloway. He was friends with her cousin and had just so happened to live in the same neighborhood. You'd be most surprised to learn that Melvin eagerly proposed in 2001 while Karen was blending smoothies in the mall behind the counter of Orange Julius. Mr. Holloway had just purchased Karen's engagement ring, and was so excited, he walked straight over to her counter and proposed! The pair has been happily married ever since.

When I asked Karen what she thought the meaning of life was, she responded, "To create one's legacy." I'm fairly certain that not only is she creating a legacy of her own, but also a legacy for the Junior League of the Palm Beaches. As she guides the 2012-2013 Provisional class into finding their own places in the League through her role on the Provisional Committee, Karen will undoubtedly make her mark. With her League involvement, she puts her favorite quote to practice, "Often we set out to make a difference in the lives of others, only to discover we have made a difference in our own."

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