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# The Starfish in Our Community

An old man walked up a shore littered with thousands of starfish, beached and dying after a storm. A young man was picking them up and flinging them back into the ocean. “Why do you bother?” the old man scoffed. “You’re not saving enough to make a difference.” The young man picked up another starfish and sent it spinning back into the water. “Made a difference to that one,” he said.

You make a difference every day.

The starfish that the Junior League of the Palm Beaches serves in our community are the girls at the Nelle Smith Residence, girls in the Girls Advocacy Project, and residents at Vita Nova Villages. The starfish in our community, are every child we serve through our Eye and Ear Alert and every recipient of a basket from the Pink Palm Brigade.

When the little boy threw the starfish back into the water, he sent it spinning. He did it in his own unique and special way. As your mother, father or mentor most likely told you growing up, there is no one in the world like you. There is only one you. There is one unique special way each of us can have an impact on the lives of our starfish.

Even our own Junior League members can be starfish. Actually, never in a million years did I ever imagine myself being the President of the Junior League of the Palm Beaches. This is especially true since about eight years ago, I considered myself an extremely happy—unofficial inactive—active member of the League. I participated as little as possible. I didn’t think I belonged. I didn’t feel welcome at the meetings or volunteer events. I didn’t think there was any way I could make a difference. To our Junior League members and friends, if you have ever felt this way about the League or any other organization to which you may belong, you are not alone. Please don’t give up and find that one special, unique way how only you can contribute.

My feelings about the Junior League and ultimately, my life, changed one day when I was driving home from work and my cell phone rang. I didn’t recognize the number and when I picked up the call, I was immediately met with, “Hi Ann Marie this is Hope D’Alessandro from the Junior League”. At that exact moment, I was thinking to myself as I rolled my eyes, “Why don’t you screen your calls?” Hope and I chatted for a while and she mentioned that she hadn’t seen me at any Junior League meetings or events. She also shared she had an opening for a Placement Advisor and would like me to consider filling it. Hope then went on to say that she understood that I have a demanding job and a long commute but she believed that I would really like this role as it would meet my schedule and get me back involved with the Junior League. She explained the details and expectations of the Placement Advisor role and I reluctantly accepted. As it turned out, I loved being a Placement Advisor and the newfound love I discovered for being a Junior League member and how I could give back to our community.

This brings me back to the little boy. After he threw the starfish back into the ocean, he never knew what happened. Just like the starfish that was returned to the ocean, many times we never see the full effect of how our time, efforts, energy, financial contributions, etc., positively impact the starfish in our community. However, we do know the life of that particular starfish was changed forever. When Hope reached out to me and made one, simple phone call, it set off a chain of events in my life that neither one of us expected. Her phone call changed my life—and not just my League life. I am forever one of Hope’s starfish.

In closing, whenever you see a starfish, whether it be a pendant on someone’s necklace or a decoration hanging on the wall in someone’s home, let it be a humble reminder that the kindest of gestures or even the simplest of actions can have the power to change someone’s life. League members and friends, you have an amazing opportunity to make a difference in the life of someone else and ultimately, our community. You make a difference, every day.

*Ann Marie Pilling*

Ann Marie Pilling



# Start Now.

Not that long ago, I read a great quote. Of course in the rush of life I can't remember where, but it was in my opinion, profound. I had to look it up to get it right but even at another glance, it resonated. Earl Nightingale said, "Don't let the fear of the time it will take to accomplish something stand in the way of your doing it. The time will pass anyway; we might just as well put that passing time to the best possible use." I couldn't help but think, 'so true!' The fleeting time is rarely best spent by waiting for the perfect moment. It's doing something. Making the effort. Starting now.

And so it was with the making of this issue. As in every league year, we had to put something together for Undercurrents in order to communicate all the fantastic workings of our league and its members, but it would take immense effort and time to overhaul the design. Given this is part of what I do for a living, I had many a grand plan. Daunting as it was, I kept going back to Earl's quote. The time would pass, it was true, so why not make the effort. Why not make it great.

Throughout this issue there are remarkable stories about how the Junior League *makes a difference*. From our commitment to Vita Nova, the watchful care spent at Eye & Ear Alert, to helping children start the school year right, there are so many reasons the Junior League makes a difference every day.

We've also included many stories highlighting why it's not only rewarding, but fun, to be a member of the Palm Beach League. Check out 'Spotted' on page 36 to see pictures of our members out and about on the *scene*. And find out some things you may not have known about one of our own in the Member Spotlight on page 64. Going forward, we hope to bring you a fun and informative read with Undercurrents. From food to fashion, and of course our commitment to volunteerism, we hope you find it enjoyable.

So remember that time will pass regardless, so spend it in the best ways possible. With family, friends, and by helping others.

Do something...make the effort...start now.

*Karen Carley White*  
Karen Carley White

It is a pleasure to be part of this wonderful committee that is Undercurrents. It is very exciting to see all the wonderful talent that the League has to offer. I am so impressed and grateful to all the contributors for this issue. It is my hope that everyone will enjoy the new format of Undercurrents.

*Ann Lee Gray*  
Ann Lee Gray







**KATE MERRELL MORRIS** - contributing writer for our ONE AT A TIME - JLPB in the community article describing all the amazing things our members do in the community and MIMOSAS and MAKEOVERS - a day of fun and bonding for our Executive Team on pages 12 and 29. When asked, Kate is "most thankful for a God that loves me and saved me."



**MARIA XENICK** - contributing writer for the LILLY AFTER LABOR DAY - Fashions for a Florida Winter. Check out her advice and amazing picks that say yes to winter whites on page 19. Maria says she is "most thankful for our three healthy children and the many blessings they bring us every day of our lives."



**PAM SCHANEL** - contributing writer for our Annual Conference article, JOURNEY TOWARDS TRANSFORMATION. Read up on the Junior Leagues big plans on page 52. One lucky lady! Pam says she is "most thankful for my family. My wonderful husband encourages me to be involved in the Junior League even when it means he has to leave work early to stay with the kids so I can get to a meeting!"



**GIBBIE NAUMAN** - contributing writer for the outstanding BACK TO SCHOOL BASH article on pages 21 and 22. Find out how the events provides much needed supplies to needy students in Palm Beach County. Gibbie says she is "thankful for good friends and family."



**SUE GIBSON** - contributed the Historian's Article JLPB PAST TO PRESENT on pages 34 and 35 looking back at JLPB's rich history of dedication and service. Sue is "Thankful that I have many things to be thankful for and that we haven't had any hurricanes this year.Yet!"



**REBECCA SEELIG** - this issue's contributing photographer with images for then LEARN AND LEAD seminar and the JLPB KICK-OFF. Check out great pics on pages 25-26 and page 37! "I am most thankful for the love my family gives me and the love I get to give back.



**SUSAN C. LEE** - contributing writer for THE VIEW. The Sustainer Book Club review article on pages 48 and 49. Enticing details and insight into "The Paris Wife" will have you running to Barnes & Noble in a heartbeat. Susan is "Thankful for all my furry children, and my non-furry child."



**NATALIE DUNN** - contributing writer for the Learn and Lead event on page 25 and the exciting news updates in Life, League, and Pursuit of Happiness on page 41. Check out all the amazing news from within our league—Babies, I-Do's, Missions...Oh My!.



# THE GIVING TREE CAMPAIGN

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# one at a time

**BY KATE MERRELL MORRIS**

Palm trees sway in the light breeze, the sun glistens in the sky, and a multitude of colors stretch out over the ocean as far as the eye can see. Palm Beach County embodies this picturesque scene. Many people refer to Palm Beach and the surrounding areas as their winter home, the season's hot spot, a quick getaway and the perfect resort destination. To those who call this paradise home, it is not just a leisure lifestyle location; it's a place to leave our mark. It is the collectiveness of the residents that transform an area into a community. And, it is the effective actions of a group that can truly make a lasting impact on the community.

The Association of Junior League International is one of

the largest and most effective volunteer organizations in the world. By empowering women, it creates a catalyst for social change. Within the League, women are equipped with the knowledge and power to make lasting impacts on their families, communities and workplaces. The Junior League of the Palm Beaches has established the initiative to reach the community of Palm Beach County by focusing efforts on the welfare and education of women and children. These initiatives and institutions allow the JLPB to make its community a healthier, more vital place to live. Often times, the JLPB has recognized specific needs in the community and has been the first organization to tackle those issues.



The Junior League continued this tradition of building community projects with the creation of Quantum House. Quantum House allows families to stay together in times of medical crisis by providing nurturing accommodations. Through the JLPB's generous contributions and strategic planning, Quantum House opened in May of 2001. Over the years, Quantum House and its residents have benefitted greatly from League members remodeling rooms, preparing holiday meals, or just having a cup of tea and listening. Once again, JLPB formulated a successful outreach and allowed this organization to flourish. This year, The Junior League is proud to partner with the Quantum House as they celebrate the 10th anniversary of impacting families in need.

## Now this little girl has perfect hearing and no permanent damage.

Not only does JLPB assist developing organizations, but JLPB also creates and maintains programs that are beneficial to the community. Over the past 42 years, dedicated volunteers have ensured that every young child in Palm Beach County is tested for the early signs of sight and hearing abnormalities. These vital tests are needed because many pediatricians do not routinely check for hearing or vision issues unless specifically requested to do so. Once again, JLPB recognized and met a need in the community. Through the Eye & Ear Alert program, JLPB has screened thousands of children. These tests save children from possible impairments. For example, a Junior Leaguer's thorough testing discovered a young girl was not hearing properly. This problem was detected early, allowing the family to resolve the causing issues through proper medical care.

In June of 1960, the Junior League of the Palm Beaches determined that the community needed a children's museum. They kicked off a fundraising campaign and soon broke ground on the Junior Museum. The JLPB worked relentlessly on expanding and improving the museum, eventually renaming it The South Florida Science Museum. Throughout the years, the museum has developed into a learning haven for young children and school groups.

Once the museum became a self-sufficient entity, the Junior League stepped away from the daily operations. One of the JLPB's shining attributes is that it successfully partners with organizations to build them up, help them to expand and aid them in becoming a thriving program. As an organization, JLPB not only works to fulfill needs, but it also creates sustainable programs for the community. Over the years, Junior League volunteers have dedicated their time to assisting organizations like The South Florida Science Museum and Quantum House to become assets in the community.





Now this little girl has perfect hearing and no permanent damage. Stories like this are common throughout the League because the volunteers are able to spend enough time with the children to ensure bright and healthy futures.

Although the Eye & Ear Alert program focuses on young children, the Junior League of the Palm Beaches aids children of all ages. It is entering its third year of a partnership with Vita Nova. Vita Nova Village is a co-ed residential home for children who have aged out of foster care and for older children who find themselves orphaned or homeless. There is a critical need in Palm Beach County to assist these children. The State deems them legal adults, but they are still children in so many ways. Unfortunately, it is not rare for a foster child to celebrate his or her 18th birthday by packing his or her few belongings and moving out onto the streets. The Vita Nova organization saw this sad scenario too many times. They decided to create a safe haven that provides housing, guidance and structure for these young adults who often suffer from a lack of parental influence and did not experience a loving upbringing.

The Junior League partners with Vita Nova by connecting with the residents and preparing them for adulthood. Life skill sessions allow the Junior League ladies to teach them how to write resumes, balance a checkbook, and even develop cooking skills. This interaction develops bonds and friendships that lead to positively shaping the future of these young adults. Recently, a resident received a basket from the Junior League, and responded, "I Love the Junior League!" She continued to say that she wants to have a successful job, become a Junior League member, and give back to the community. The Junior League has been influential in this young adult's life, resulting in her desire to better herself and those around her. Making these impressions on a life reminds us that the Junior League creates lasting change in our community.

**It's not rare for a foster child to celebrate his or her 18th birthday by packing their few belongings and moving out onto the streets.**

The rich history of the Junior League of the Palm Beaches has made this organization a vital part of the community. The volunteers recognize that every interaction with every person matters, even the small, simple ones. It's the little boy with his first school bag strapped to his back, overwhelmed with excitement, who runs up and hugs a volunteer's leg. It's an adolescent girl's tough exterior that begins to crack as her lips slowly curl into a smile because she knows that someone cares about her in a way she has never experienced. It's these instances that we know a life has been touched and changed. As the Junior League embarks on another year of service, may we remember our abundant history of impact and move forward to touch the lives of this community, one person at a time.





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# Lilly after Labor Day?

BY MARIA XENICK

Labor Day has come and gone and the temperatures have started to cool. At this time of year, the question arises: Can I wear white after Labor Day? Because we live in Florida, do these rules not apply? Should my Lilly wardrobe be stored away with those summer bathing suits and floppy hats? Luckily for us, in the age of Lady Gaga (think "meat dress"), fashion rules have had a major overhaul. Case in point, our very own first lady, Michelle Obama, donned a gorgeous white floor-length gown at the inaugural ball in 2009. But even as far back as the 1920's, long before Gaga, Coco Chanel made white a year-round staple. So the bottom line is: It's not what you wear; it's how you wear it. Snowy shades are popping up everywhere from faux furs to nail lacquer. Want to wear your favorite white jeans? Winterize your look with boots instead of sandals. What is important is how you feel and buying pieces that are timeless and that can be worn year round. Now on to the 10 must have pieces for a light and bright Florida winter!



1. Rachel Zoe's faux fur white vest, \$225 2. Lilly Pulitzer Bowen Dress, \$168 3. OPI Funny Bunny Nail Color 4. Adi Slouchy High Boots, \$34.99 5. Luxury Divas Winter White Thin Knit Scarf, \$16.99 6. Crystal Cluster Ring, \$24 7. MICHAEL Michael Kors E/W Satchel in Vanilla, \$298 8. GAP Leather Patch Pocket Jacket, \$298 9. MARC by Marc Jacobs 'Pelly' Two Tone Bracelet Watch, \$200 10. Shu Uemura's ME White 906 Pressed Eye Shadow, \$20





# BACK TO SCHOOL BASH!

BY GIBBIE NAUMAN

The Community Back to School Bash (BTSB) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization collaborating with other nonprofit agencies throughout Palm Beach County serving economically disadvantaged students pre-K through 12. BTSB provides supplies, backpacks, information, and resources so that the children of its collaborating agencies can begin the school

year with confidence.

In our second year as a JLPB community project committee, the Back to School Bash Committee collected school supplies and school uniforms for Community Back to School Bash (BTSB). Plus, along with participating in BTSB's annual Bash event as volunteers on August 13, this year the committee took on a





bigger role and coordinated the volunteers for the West Palm Beach event at the Convention Center.

Taking place every year in August just before the school year starts, the Community Back to School Bash began in 1995 as a small school supply drive helping 120 children. The event now occurs simultaneously in three places, Belle Glade, Delray Beach, and West Palm Beach and has grown to include 52 nonprofit agencies. Children participating with one of the collaborating agency programs are able to attend the event. Approximately 11,000 children in need were assisted this year. More than 4,500 children alone were invited to attend the Bash at the West Palm Beach Convention Center. These children are underprivileged, homeless, at risk of homelessness or in foster care.

## More than 500 people came out to volunteer for the Bash event on August 13<sup>th</sup>



JLPB Active and Bash volunteer, Camryn Del Rio Linton wrote an email to tell me about meeting a woman who had come out to volunteer for the event.

“Inspiring story, on my way out a couple of leaguers and I notice a young lady who also came out to volunteer. She is a student at Palm Beach State College, and found out about the drive through volunteer match. We complimented her for taking the initiative and coming out by herself. Long story, short, we found out the she was formerly a Nelle Smith resident and the women of Junior League were a large part in helping her turn her life around. She said, having us come around showed her that she could make a difference,





and now she is an education major. Seeing first hand the impact of the League was the highlight of our day.”

According to the National Retail Federation the average family needed to spend \$549 per child to prepare them for school last year. For many children this is out of reach. The Bash event includes a personal shopping experience for these children to pick out their own backpacks and school supplies for their specific grade. There were also tables of kid’s clothing, school uniforms, and an arts and crafts area. Hair cuts were provided by Changes Hair Studio and the Talented Teen Club. Plenty of fun was on hand as well, such as face painting, a visit from the Chick-fil-A Cow, and various animals to meet from Bush Wildlife. JLPB committee 4U2 Discover, amazingly set up a mobile planetarium from the South Florida Science Museum for the children to explore.. There was also a resource area available for school physicals and representatives from 211 Palm Beach, Drowning Prevention of Palm Beach County, and other organizations.

The Junior League Back to School Bash Committee members Elizabeth Sheehan, Joanne O’Connor, Joella Gilmond, Lisa Williams, Sarah Collins, and Tricia Green as well as chairs, Elizabeth Bockmeyer and Gibbie Nauman, helped to make the event an outstanding success. True to form, many other JLPB members came and pitched in where needed. All in all, more than 500 people came out to volunteer for the Bash event on August 13th in West Palm Beach.



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# LEARN & LEAD

**BY NATALIE DUNN**

The incoming Junior League of Palm Beaches Board members, committee chairs and leaders met August 27th for the annual Leadership Retreat. This year the Leadership Retreat was renamed to the Learn and Lead. At the mid-year Leadership Retreat back in January, we explored the definition of the word “retreat”. According to the American Heritage Dictionary, the word “retreat” is

defined as the act or process of withdrawing, especially from something hazardous, formidable, or unpleasant or the process of going backward or receding from a position or condition gained. This is something we do not want our leaders or our organization to do.

Not only was the Learn and Lead an intense but enjoyable and entertaining day of planning and leadership development, but our day together provided an opportunity to connect with one another as the year of leading our membership together begins. The events were held at the beautiful Hilton Garden Inn in Palm Beach Gardens.

Since the committee chairs and Board members of the JLPB transition leadership duties annually, the Learn and Lead is a “crash course” in leadership for our new leaders, a refresher for returning leaders and the kick-off to the 2011 – 2012 Junior League year. Our Executive Committee opened the Learn and Lead by each taking an active role in explaining JLPB processes and procedures. It was truly a genuine team effort. Ralph M. Parilla, Jr. from Parilla & Associates led the second part of our day together.



During this time, we learned about our different leadership styles with the assistance of the DiSC personality profile, how to most effectively work with one another, and also developed activity plans for the coming year.

Since 1941, the Junior League of the Palm Beaches has been serving Palm Beach County by passionately living our mission, “The Junior League of Palm Beaches is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and to improving the community through effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.” As one may already know, a mission statement is a statement of the purpose of the organization. The mission statement should guide the actions of the organization, spell out its overall goal, and guide decision-making. The mission statement also defines the fundamental purpose of an organization, concisely describing why it exists and what it does to achieve its vision. If the mission is the organization’s reason for existence, the vision is what the organization wants to be. A vision statement is a vivid idealized description of a desired outcome that inspires, energizes and helps create a well-defined picture of what we are going to accomplish.

This year, President Ann Marie Pilling introduced a vision for us: The Junior League of the Palm Beaches is committed to improving and enriching the lives of deserving children in Palm Beach County. Each one of our members sees the limitless potential and endless possibilities in every child we serve. Our goal is to increase

the quality of life for these children until there is no longer a need. Our amazing organization of women is committed to seeing our vision become a reality.

At the Learn and Lead, we discussed the importance of collaboration. Individually we can only do so much but when we pool our talents, the sum is much greater than the parts. That is what I love most about the Junior League – we are an organization of diverse women that work together to make our community a better place.

The Leadership Team was energized by the work completed at the Learn and Lead and we all look forward to ensuring that every member knows she matters as we carry out our role in making a difference in our community during this coming year!





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# Mimosas and Makeovers

BY KATE MERRELL MORRIS

As the summer heat lingered in the air, the executive committee descended on Palm Beach for a girl's night. President, Ann Marie Pilling, organized Mimosas and Makeovers for the executive committee members as a way to kickoff the year as league leaders. The eight women included: **President: Ann Marie Pilling, President Elect: Shelly Albright, Admin VP: Debbie Knox, Community VP: Kate Merrell Morris, Membership VP: Pam Schanel, Recording Secretary: Cindy Crawford, Treasurer: Beth Stevens, and Treasurer Elect: Shani Core.**

The evening began with the ladies receiving mini makeovers from Saks Fifth Avenue on Worth Avenue. While sipping mimosas and nibbling snacks, the executive committee was pampered by the Chanel and NARS makeup artists. With a fresh look, beautiful makeup, and adorn in all white, the eight ladies set off for a photo shoot. Photographer Nathan Hamler captured the committee in various locations in and around Worth Avenue. There was plenty of bonding and laughter as the executive committee got to act like models. After the photo shoot wrapped up, the evening continued with dinner and drinks. The ladies headed to Buccan, the new hot spot on Palm Beach which is known for its tapas style menu, extensive wine list and cozy atmosphere. The ladies spent the remainder of the evening chatting, catching up on summer adventures and getting to know one another.

Mimosas and Makeovers was a splendid way for the executive committee to be pampered and bond before embarking on a successful year leading the League.

INTRODUCING

# *Peri Diamond*

THE 2011 JLPB  
ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP  
AWARD RECIPIENT



**BY MARI WHITTELEY  
PHOTOS COURTESY OF JASON MYERS**

Each year the Junior League of the Palm Beaches reaches out to the guidance counselors at both public and private schools in Palm Beach County and asks them to identify a graduating senior that exemplifies volunteerism and have that student apply for our scholarship.

This year we are pleased to award our annual scholarship in the amount of \$2,500.00 to Peri Diamond from Palm Beach Central High School in Wellington.

She will attend The University of Miami in the fall double majoring in Public Relations and Business.

While her accomplishments are many, what we recognized is that her volunteering activities come from her heart and are an integral part of who she is. She has a genuine heart for making her community a better place and we believe will rise to do great things in the future.

At our annual dinner held on May 16, 2011 at Verdea Restaurant in Palm Beach Gardens, she shared with us that she most admires Oprah Winfrey for all that she does to help people and their communities. Peri aspires to be that kind of person who can bring about a big change in the world. We wish her much success as she moves forward





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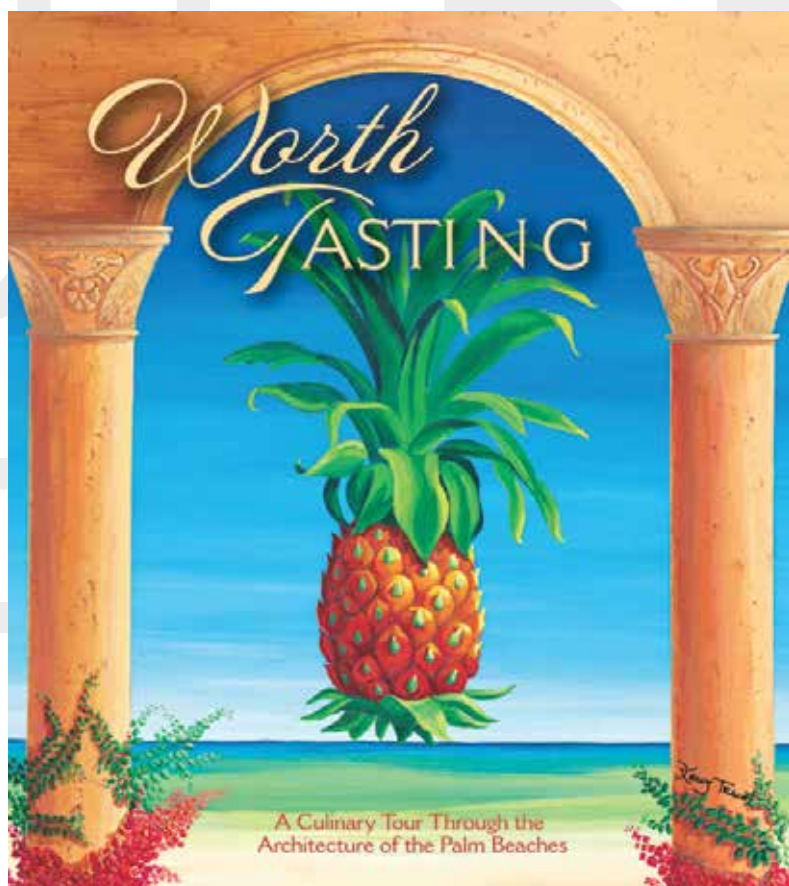
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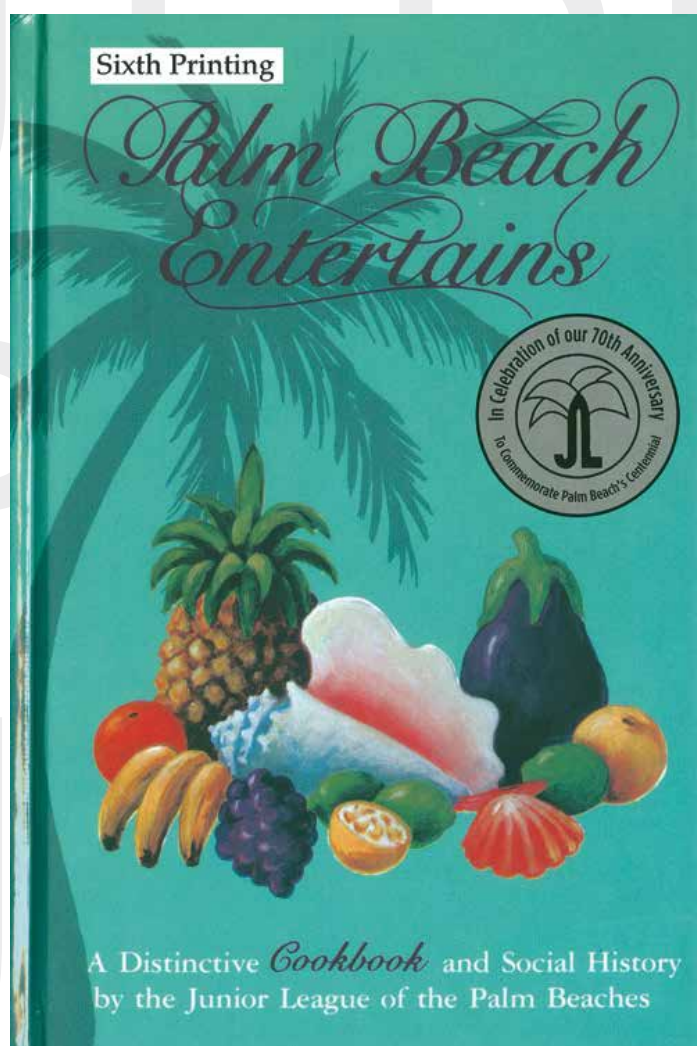
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# JLPB PAST... TO PRESENT

**JLPB HAS A RICH HISTORY OF DEVOTION AND SERVICE AS IT ENTERS ITS 8TH DECADE OF SERVICE TO THE PALM BEACH COUNTY COMMUNITY. A NEW INITIATIVE TO PRESERVE AND REFLECT THAT HISTORY OF COMMITMENT COMES TO THE JLPB MISSION THIS YEAR.**

**BY SUE GIBSON**

The South Florida Science Museum. The G.A.T.E. (Gaining Awareness Through Education) South Program. The Fun Zone Playground at Gaines Park. Ask yourself what the common denominator to these civic place names and community programs are, and you might scratch your head for a second. If you thought for a moment, then guessed The Junior League of the Palm Beaches, you're on the right track. JLPB celebrated its 70th anniversary last year, and with the passing of such a milestone, League President Ann Marie Pilling recognized there was a distinct need for our League to dive into our past and preserve the history of service projects that our member volunteers have worked so tirelessly on over the decades.

I was thrilled to be asked this summer to be a part of this new area of focus at JLPB, as the first League Historian. Our League has an extensive history of accomplishments and contributions to our community that is lost to us, as we just don't revisit those achievements. We have enriched so many lives, spearheaded essential programs, provided needed services and woman power to immediate causes; so it's my honor to begin this initiative to insure that everyone within our League, and also our community partners, are aware of our legacy.

I'll be working as an independent contributor with the Communications Council, on efforts that will share our JLPB past and honor our League's impact and growth through our 70 years, as well as establish a protocol and pathway to preserve our resources like old photos. My goal is to facilitate our appreciation of decades of community involvement and member contributions, and insure that our collective history is preserved for future League members so that they in turn can draw inspiration. Specifically, I'll be assisting the Web Data and Undercurrents committees to provide content for our web site and newsletter, and to start a JLPB Blog.

By launching a blog, JLPB will continue to harness the impact of social media by increasing our presence on the web and providing additional content to our Facebook presence as well. Other Leagues around the country have started blogs, so we want to make use of this new forum. Lob's goal will be to create a blog for our League that is informative, bright, and light. We'll be updating you on upcoming Junior League of the Palm Beaches events and



and developments, member birthdays, looking back at our past accomplishments, celebrating our current accomplishments, or maybe we'll have a post to discuss topical items both serious and amusing--issues like October Breast Cancer Awareness Month, or that October is also National Pizza Month. The Blog will be linked to our Facebook page, and you'll be free to comment there on posts as well.

So just how did JLPB get here, 70 years later? In 1940, two forward seeking women moved to The Palm Beaches

to open a second wing in 1964, built with JLPB funding, which today houses a planetarium named in his honor.

Mrs. Nancy Myers, JLPB president at the museum's inception and a past president of SFSM board and The Junior League itself, were among the "Founding Mothers" of the museum honored April 1st at the museum's annual gala. Resurging a few years ago, the annual 'Fete de Soleil' fundraiser and fashion show ushered a return to the original fundraiser format of the museum, organized by League



from other cities where Junior Leagues were established, and remarked that there was no such organization here. Together with 13 other women, they banded together to establish The Junior Welfare League. The usual procedure to become a Junior League called for a women's volunteer group to be formed within a community, with the opportunity to apply and be accepted into the AJLI (then called AJLA) umbrella of service leagues. In 1959, The Junior Welfare League launched its first signature project, to start The Junior Museum of Palm Beach County, now known as the South Florida Science Museum. The building opened on October 21 1961, and the Welfare League's twenty two years of dedication and steady growth were rewarded with acceptance as a full AJLA Junior League in 1962. NASA Astronaut Buzz Aldrin attended a ribbon cutting

members. Many JLPBers attended a beautiful and sparkling celebration of the museum's Golden Anniversary, yet were unaware of just how essential our organization was to the creation of the museum.

That's where I hope to make a difference this year. Whether it's the Science Museum, G.A.T.E. South drug awareness program, (kicked off for us by the White House Senior Drug Policy Adviser in 1982), or the Fun Zone Playground (built completely with JLPB funds) in Gaines Park, we need to learn more about the scope of our cause and its effect in Palm Beach County. If we are to fully recognize the vital strengths of JLPB, and grow our outreach to the community, we must be aware of our past, and the astounding legacy of projects and community agencies we've worked with over the years.



# ANNUAL MAY DINNER

**VERDEA WINE BAR, PGA  
MAY 16, 2011**

Clockwise From Top Right: Our 2011 Award Recipients—Ann Lee Gray, Debra Knox and Debbie Lomax; Leah Michaud and Charles Andrews. Bottom Left: Ellen Vaughn, Amy Quattlebaum, Rosey Vassilatos-Gekas and Christina Monacelli







# JLPB KICK-OFF PARTY

**CABO FLATS CANTINA, PGA  
AUGUST 20, 2011**

Clockwise From Top Left: Ashley Stafford and Natalie Dunn, Ellen Vaughan; Jen Brown, Colleen Howard, and Shanna Stark; Megan Bloomqvist and Ann Marie Pilling; Laura Herlong, Pam Schanel and Jennifer Kypreos; Kimberly Lyon, Esther LaBovick, Sean Domnick and Brian LaBovick





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# Welcome to a new League Year!

It's the start of another exciting season and I am so happy to act as your new Member at Large for the upcoming year. Born and raised in Palm Beach County, I currently live in Jupiter with my fiancée. I joined Junior League when I returned home from college in 2007 and have loved the women involved and the community projects we serve ever since. I've been on the committees for Nelle Smith and Vita Nova and look forward to getting involved in even more activities this year alongside each of you.

Our Junior League is an organization of women that work together to make some pretty magical things happen locally and nationwide – and it's the combined teamwork from its members that make them happen. So in order to continue to advance the organization and impact the community we live in and its children, we need you to continue to share your ideas.

As your direct link to the board this year, I am honored to voice those ideas, opinions, praises, concerns and questions on anything related to the League. Please feel free to call or e-mail me any time, or drop a note in the new suggestion box at any general membership meeting beginning our first on Sept. 20. Your voice counts and I'll make sure it is heard and all thoughts will be kept confidential unless otherwise specified.

Thank you and I am privileged to represent the membership for the 2011-2012 season. I look forward to volunteering with you this year and hearing from all of you!

Make a difference, every day.



Kristi Peacock



# MEMBERSHIP VP REPORT

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY PAM SCHANEL  
MEMBERSHIP VICE PRESIDENT**

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Leslie Correderia  
Christine Ferguson  
Sherry Gibson  
Lisa Huertas  
Laura Krielow  
Sara LeRoy  
Rebecca Malek  
Aimee Spencer  
Kristin Weaver

## CHANGE IN STATUS

Lisa Bagocius – Active on Leave to Active  
Laura Herlong – Resigned to Active  
Aime Dunstan – Resigned to Active  
Alyson Seligman – Resigned

## TRANSFER OUT

Mary Clark – Active to Boca Raton, FL  
Meredith Lilly – Active to Houston, TX  
Leai Michaud – Active to Cleveland, OH  
Lisa “Kipper” Lance – Sustainer to Chicago, IL  
Kelly Ringold – Active to Birmingham, MI

## TRANSFER IN

Diana Goetz – Active from Boca Raton, FL  
Meredith Johnson – Active from Denver, CO  
Janet Beach – Active from Boca Raton, FL  
Tawney Schwarz – Active from Boston, MA

## DECEASED

Barbara Cooper  
Margaret Reynolds

## MEMBER COUNT

195 - Actives  
26 - Actives on Leave  
2 - Non-Resident Actives  
85 - Provisionals  
341 - Sustainers  
6 - Non-Resident Sustainers  
8 - Sustainer Inter-League  
7 - Sustainer Inter League Palm Beach Home  
73 - Sustainer Emeritus  
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5 - Emeritus Inter League Palm Beach Home  
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# Life, League, and the Pursuit of Happiness

MEMBERS

While we have been away for the summer, our members haven't slowed down! Here are a few members who have had some exciting moments occur over the last few months:



**ELIZABETH SHEEHAN** Over the summer Elizabeth Sheehan had the privilege to travel to Uganda with Visiting Orphans, an organization that helps orphans around the world. Sheehan states, "I learned so much about the beauty of Uganda's people, and met a little girl, Maria, who absolutely captured my heart. I am hoping to go back again this summer, as my group leaders from this year will lead a group back to Uganda, as well as introduce us to the needy in Ethiopia."



**AIME DUNSTAN** After taking two years off from Junior League to found her wedding and event production company, It! Weddings & Events, Aime Dunstan has returned to active status with the League this season on the Spring Marketplace Committee. Now entering its third season in Palm Beach, It! Weddings & Events is a preferred wedding and event producer at the Mar-a-Lago Club and the Henry M. Flagler Museum. For more information, log on to [www.itweddingsandevents.com](http://www.itweddingsandevents.com) or call (561) 801-0767.



**KATE MERRILL MORRIS** This past June, Junior League Member Kate Merrell Morris and her husband, Jeremy Morris, led a team of 11 people from Christ Fellowship CityPlace to the jungles of Peru. This was the couple's fifth consecutive summer in Pucallpa, Peru doing mission work. The team, including fellow Junior League member Amanda Reis, spent twelve days working with a local Bible institute and the indigenous Indian students. During their time in Pucallpa, the team built a wall for the institute's soccer field. In addition to construction, the trip focused on equipping the local women by teaching the sustainable skill of sewing. Kate lead the sewing classes and taught the women how to make pillow case style dresses, drawstring bags and baby blankets. Kate and Jeremy are so thankful they are able to minister to the people of Peru and they are already looking forward to their next trip in June 2012.

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By the time you read this, Kristi Peacock will have become a Mrs., marrying Alex Marquez Oct. 1 at House of Refuge on Hutchinson Island. They took a mini honeymoon weekend to Little Palm Island.

Colleen Howard is now Mrs. Colleen Nalven! She married her husband Jeff Sept. 10 at St. Patrick's Cathedral before a reception at Admiral's Cove in Jupiter and taking a weeklong honeymoon in Mexico.

Ashley Stafford combined two of her passions to launch a new website called CollegeCoutureOnline.com, a fashion website dedicated to the female sports enthusiast.



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2ND ANNUAL

# *Out of Our League Cookbook Showcase*

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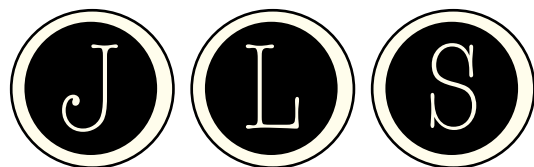
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# SUSTAINER NEWS

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## SUSTAINER BOARD

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DAYTIME BOOK CLUB—Kelly Domnick | SECRETARY—Susan Teaford  
BRIDGE—Betsy Vaughn and Janice Stearns | UNDERCURRENTS—Margaret Schuemann

## YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE SUSTAINER BREAKFAST

JOIN US TO ENJOY SEEING FRIENDS, WELCOME OUR TRANSFERS  
AND LEARN WHAT IS PLANNED FOR THE YEAR!

**When: Saturday, November 12, 2011**

**Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

**Where: Wanda Jenkins' home**

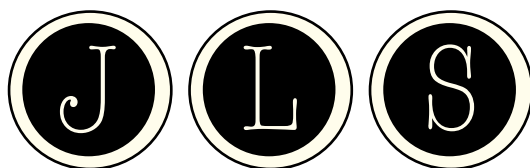
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## CAN YOU HELP US PLAN A DINE AROUND?

We're trying something new this year and asking Sustainer members to help by planning a Dine Around in order to "Dine-Around" in a variety of different locations in Palm Beach County. **DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE NEIGHBORHOOD RESTAURANT? PERHAPS YOU'VE HEARD OF A FANTASTIC NEW RESTAURANT THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO TRY?** It is very easy to plan. Just choose the restaurant, contact them to see if they will accommodate a group, and ask if they will accept separate checks as this makes it much easier for us. You may want to plan Lunch rather than Dinner. Some will offer us a special Pre-fixe menu including a glass of wine; some will allow us to order off the menu. We will include the information in our weekly E-Blast. Please contact Lynne Wells if you would like to sign up for a month or have questions; by phone 561-775-0579 or email [pwells2202@comcast.net](mailto:pwells2202@comcast.net)





# SUSTAINER NEWS

## Garden Tour

Sustainer's were treated to a private Garden tour of Casa Phippsberger in June lead by the Estate's owner Bob Eigelburger, Mounts Botanical Garden Director Allen Sistrunk and our own Sustainer Garden Club Chair Laura McLeod. It was a rare treat to be able to "peak behind the gates" of the beautiful and amazing grounds. Bob described the history of the garden and explained the design and many unusual plantings.



## 2011-2012 SUSTAINER CALENDAR!

**\*INDICATES EVENTS WITH JLPB ACTIVES**

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

### OCTOBER

- October 6—Dine Around at Buccan-Palm Beach  
Hostess: Jerri Englebrecht
- October 11—Evening Book Club, 6 pm  
"The Greater Journey: Americans in Paris" by David McCullough  
Hostess: Wendy Labbett
- October 16—Mounts Botanical Fall Festival\*
- October 18—Garden Group: Mounts Botanical  
Garden Tour & Workshop  
10:00am, Laura McLeod
- October 19—Daytime Book Club
- October 27—Sustainer Board Meeting, 10am, JL HQ
- October 29—Tea & Tastings\*
- TBD—Williams Sonoma Cooking Class  
Kelly Domnick
- TBD—Bloomingdales Charity Shopping Event\*

### NOVEMBER

- November 2—Viscaya Tour, Space for 20 confirmed  
Hostess: Wendy Labett
- November 2—Our of Our League Cookbook Swap\*
- November 3—Bridge Club Begins Again, 9:45am,  
264 The Grill, Palm Beach- Bridge  
Chairs: Betsy Vaughan & Janice Sterns
- November 5 & 6—Family Portrait Day\*
- November 8—Evening Book Club, 6pm  
"Major Pettigrew's Last Stand"  
by Helen Simonson
- November 12—Sustainer Breakfast  
Hostess: Wanda Jenkins
- Organizers: Becky Isiminger & Susan Murray
- November 16—Daytime Book Club
- November 19—Smokin' Hot BBQ
- TBD—Miami Book Fair

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## DECEMBER

December 1—Bridge Club, 9:45am at Beach Club  
Palm Beach  
December 2—Birthday Bash at Brio, 12 Noon for  
October thru December Birthdays  
December 13—Celebrity Bartender Event\*  
TBD—Evening and Daytime Book Club Holiday Party  
“The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks”  
by Rebecca Skloot  
TBD—JLPB Holiday Luncheon & Vendor Fair\*

## JANUARY

January 5—Bridge Club, 9:45 am  
Quail Ridge, Boynton Beach  
January 10—Evening Book Club, 6 pm  
“The Great Gatsby”  
by F. Scott Fitzgerald  
January 18—Daytime Book Club  
January 27—Lunch & Learn Dine Around  
Sailfish Club, Margaret Kaywell  
TBD—Sustainer Cocktail Party, Hostess: Phillis Jones

## FEBRUARY

February 2—Bridge Club at Top of the Point, WPB  
February 12—Sundy House Brunch, Delray Beach  
Organizer: Esther LaBovick  
February 13—Evening Book Club, 6pm  
“The Piano Teacher” by Janice Y.K. Lee  
(Date change because of Valentine's Day)  
February 15—Daytime Book Club  
February 25—Worth Tasting on Worth Avenue\*  
TBD—Sustainer Board Meeting  
TBD—Birthday Bash at Brio, 12 Noon  
for January thru March Birthdays

## MARCH

March 1—Bridge Club, 9:45am at Top of the Point  
West Palm Beach  
March 13—Evening Book Club, 6pm  
“Unbroken” by Laura Hillenbrand  
March 21—Daytime Book Club  
March 31—Spring Marketplace\*  
(formerly the Fall Marketplace  
Fair in October)  
TBD—New Member Mingle-Provisional  
Candidate Night  
TBD—Garden Club Tour—Tropical Ranch

## APRIL

April 5—Bridge Club, 9:45am at Delray Beach Club  
Delray Beach  
April 10—Evening Book Club, 6pm,  
“Dreams of Joy” by Lisa See  
April 18—Daytime Book Club  
TBD—MacArthur State Park Kayaking\*  
TBD—Croquet

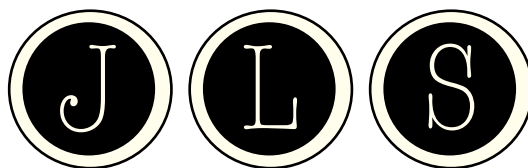
## MAY

May 3—Bridge Club, 9:45am at Beach Club  
Palm Beach  
May 8—Evening Book Club, 6pm  
May 16—Daytime Book Club  
TBD—JLPB May General Meeting and Dinner\*  
TBD—Sustainer Board Annual Planning Meeting

## Dinner and A MOVIE

What a fun evening! Couldn't do it without you all. Thanks for hanging in there over the summer. Enjoyed the movie too (The Help); a pretty decent adaptation that I would recommend. A big thank you to Laura McLeod for hosting our July 12 meeting. She welcomed us with a delicious Sangria and cheesy quesadillas. Others provided festive salads, chicken skewers and we topped it all off with a decadent cheesecake! We discussed "The Lacuna" by Barbara Kingsolver and agreed that it was a bit difficult because of the writing style, format and length. Our favorite amongst her work remains "The Poisonwood Bible."





# SUSTAINER NEWS

## Sustainer Book Club

### HERE'S A LIST OF SELECTIONS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR FOR THE EVENING BOOK CLUB

October 11 - The Greater Journey: Americans in Paris by David McCullough

Hosted by Wendy Labbett

November 8 - Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simonson

December 6 - The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot

January 10 - The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

February 13 - The Piano Teacher by Janice Y. K. Lee

Note: changed because 2nd Tuesday is Valentine's Day

March 13 - Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand

April 10 - Dreams of Joy by Lisa See

May 8 - TBD

**Hostesses needed for November and all months in 2012.**

**Contact Debra Cannava, [dcannava@gmail.com](mailto:dcannava@gmail.com) or 719-7843 or Lynda Pepper, Book Club Chair Elect**

## Daytime Book Club

September: Still Alice, by Lisa Genova

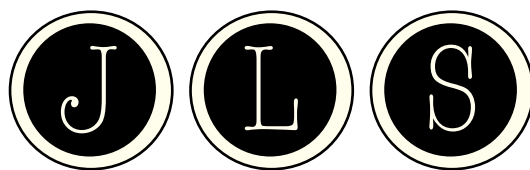
October: Black Dahlia, by James Ellroy

RSVP: to Kelly Domnick

[domnick2007@bellsouth.net](mailto:domnick2007@bellsouth.net) or (561)630-0242



A fun, Paris-themed June book club soiree was hosted by Barbara Weltner in her lovely, antique-filled maison in PGA National. With a glass of French wine in hand and the aroma of her simmering coq au vin, she transported us to Paris while we dined and discussed "The Paris Wife" about Ernest Hemingway's first wife and first years of his career spent in Paris amongst other luminaries such as F. Scott and Zelda, Ezra Pound and Gertrude Stein. A very revealing picture of the "gay" life in the Paris of the 1920's. Thank you Barbara for being such a gracious hostess.



# SUSTAINER NEWS

## BONNET HOUSE MUSEUM & GARDENS

The morning of Thursday June 23rd saw several group of curious and excited sustainers depart via car pools from parts north to parts south, Fort Lauderdale to be exact, to visit the famed Bonnet House Museum & Gardens. We arrived on this already sweltering day to be welcomed effusively by Linda Schaller, Director of Education for the Museum and were introduced to Joanne, our well-informed and engaging guide. Joanne has been

doing her once weekly volunteer tour guiding for many years, commuting from Miami – an indication of the charm that Bonnet House holds for not only those devoted to sharing its myster-



ies with the “outside world” but also for its many visitors who fall prey to its spell.

Bonnet House is indeed a world apart. To quote from its brochure, “(it) was designed by Frederic Clay Bartlett, an American artist from Chicago, Illinois and the land was given to Frederic and his wife Helen by her father, Hugh Taylor Birch as a wedding gift.” Six years following the death of his wife Helen, Mr. Bartlett married Evelyn Fortune Lilly, and the two embarked upon the decoration of the house by way of “unique art and whimsy” at every turn. Many years later, in 1983, “Evelyn Bartlett made a gift of the estate to the

Florida Trust to ensure that a piece of Florida history would be enjoyed by future generations....the Bonnet House estate and Hugh Taylor Birch State Park are the only significant remnant of this coastal wilderness in Broward County.”

Our tour encompassed the entire ground floor of the house, including the artist’s studio, and a tram tour of the grounds, noting the varied unique structures, plantings, and natural land formations.



Following this delightful experience, we collectively motored on to the historic Riverside Hotel on Las Olas where we enjoyed lunch and liquid refreshment for twelve ladies, the waiter hardly shudder-

ing at all when we asked (ahead of time!) for separate bills! A great day trip for our Sustainers – for anyone!

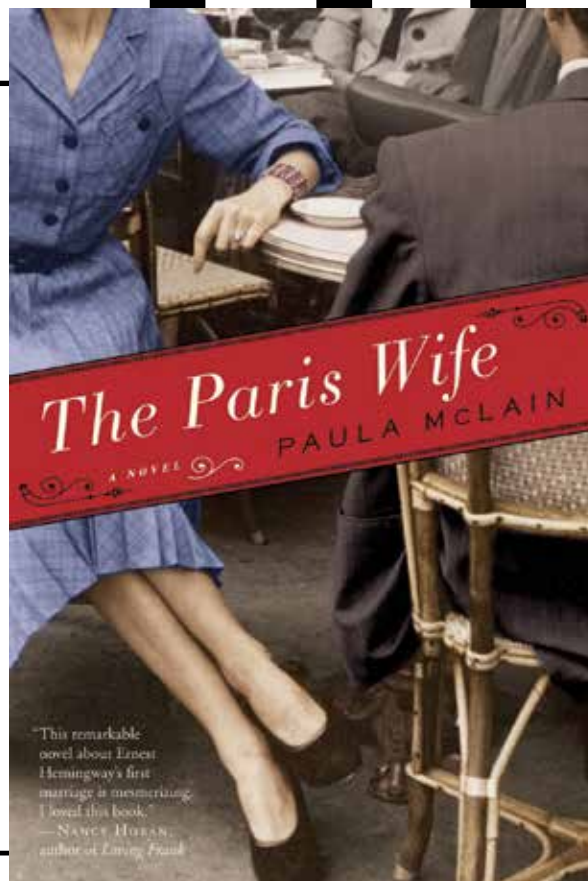
For photos and more information about Bonnet House see [www.bonnethouse.org](http://www.bonnethouse.org)

Oh – by the way, the name of the house comes from the Bonnet lily, abundantly growing in the two sloughs at the front of the house. Apparently there used to be alligators in the sloughs, and they’d surface from under the lilies, wearing them like “bonnets”!

Our next jaunt, in early November, will be to Vizcaya in Miami. Stay tuned for more information!



THE



VIEW

BY SUSAN C. LEE

The Junior League Sustainers Book Club has recently been whetting our literary appetites with some exotically set new releases. One of them was Paula McLain's novel, *The Paris Wife*, published two years (2011) after the "restored" edition of Ernest Hemingway's memoir, *A Moveable Feast*, (2009). The original was released in 1964, posthumously. In *A Moveable Feast*, Hemingway nostalgically recalls his youth in post WWI, Jazz Age, Par-

is, shared with the first of his four wives, Hadley Richardson. *The Paris Wife* retells, in the form of a novel, much of the memoir's content using her feminine voice and point of view.

Hemingway's grandson, Sean Hemingway, through second wife Pauline, his father, Patrick Hemingway, and Muriel Hemingway, granddaughter through Hadley, collaborated with Scribners to re-release the memoir

from Hemingway's original, uncompleted manuscript. They included materials flattering to their grandmothers that Mary Hemingway, fourth and last wife, had edited out of the first edition.

It is from the pro-Hadley/Pauline version that McLain sources much of the material for her novel. With the background story so familiar to the reading public, McLain sets her novel apart from the memoir by including more domestic detail, much foreshadowing and intriguing, teasing ambiguities.

Reviewers rarely concern themselves with a novel's cover art, but Paula McLain drapes her novel, *The Paris Wife*, with a mystery—who is the elegant femme fatale on its cover—certainly not the “Paris Wife” herself? She is shown only from the head down—inviting, almost daring us to question who she is and what her link is to the Paris Wife? Draped elegantly across a bistro chair, she is tall and willowy, sports a fashionable China blue shirt-waist dress with elegant cerise-gemmed jewelry. Hadley, the wife who lived with Hemingway in Paris, was hardly a fashionista: she observes to herself, “It wasn't easy to watch my clothes falling to threads and not feel embarrassed, particularly since women were dressed so chicly just then.” This was the mid 1920's—the high point of the Jazz Age in Paris, but Hadley describes herself as “pure Victorian.”

From the onset, we know how the novel will end, for we know from many sources that Hemingway and Hadley finally divorced in 1927. He'd been having an affair with Pauline Pfeiffer of St. Louis, Missouri. (He was attracted to her sister, Jinny, until he found out she “didn't go in for boys.” The two looked like twins.) Pauline was a writer for *Vogue Magazine*, Paris, who covered fashion shows and had once interviewed Coco Chanel. From the moment Hemingway encountered the striking sisters, Pauline in her chipmunk pelt overcoat, he was smitten—asked both sisters out to dinner right in front of Hadley! Who really is more Parisian in essence, Hadley or Pauline? McLain gives us a broad clue as to who the woman on the cover is when Hadley recalls, “Paris was filled with enticing women. They sat in the cafés with their fresh faces and long lovely legs and waited for something outrageous to happen.” Immediately thereafter Pauline moves in (literally) on the Hemingway household.

One of Hadley's life choices, most puzzling to the present day emancipated professional woman/reader, concerns her failure to forge a career for herself, as other women of the time were beginning to do. Her nemesis, Pauline, segued facilely between the world of fashion journalists and the café crowd literati. Quite well educated, she graduated from the Missouri School of Journalism, tops in the country even today.

Hadley herself had attended one year of college, and was a concert quality pianist who had given performances in her early twenties. But this was the Jazz Age and she was a self described Victorian. She was shy: McLain has her planning to give a concert in Paris, then backing out with stage fright—an event the author seems to have invented. This contrived happening casts Hadley in a more passive, complacent bent than she actually deserved. The Hemingways had no piano at the time so she resorted to practicing in a basement dancehall, her hands sometimes so cold she had to wear driving gloves while playing. Not exactly like Hemingway's hotel writing garret, his “clean well lighted place.”

The Hemingways' living quarters in Paris were notoriously rustic. Shortly after arriving in December 1921, they had rented a fourth floor walk-up at 74 Rue du Cardinal Lemoine, in the working class Fifth Arrondissement. After moving their sparse belongings up the four flights of stairs, the two purchased skis, boots, and set out on a spontaneous vacation to Montreux on Lake Geneva. Both were non-skiers, but Hadley, a natural athlete in her own right, excelled rapidly and was quickly whizzing past Ernest down glacial Alps like a pro. In Bernice Kert's *The Hemingway Women*, Hadley describes the apartment as they returned to it in Paris: “The steep winding staircase had a niche on each flight for a step-on-two pedals toilet.” The living room doubled as a bedroom; there was no heat or electricity.

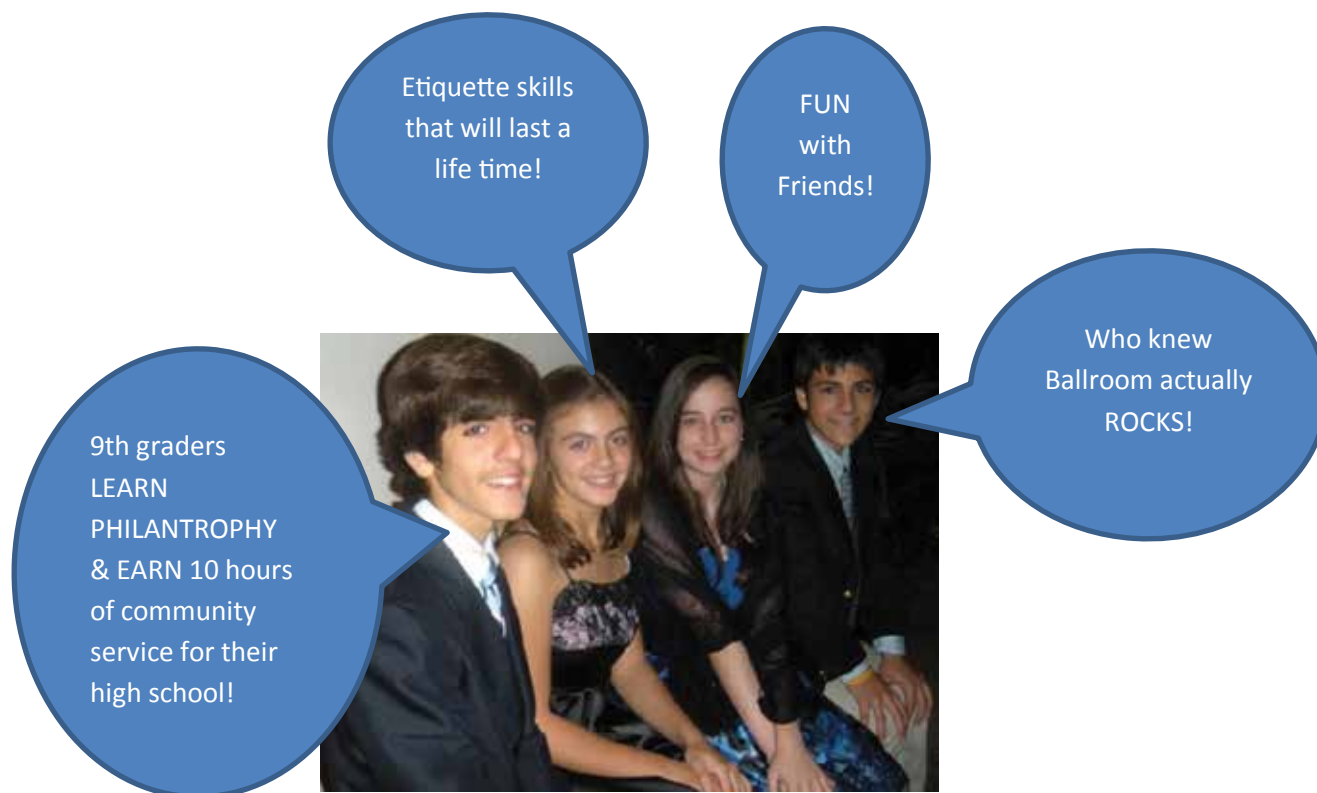
McLain shows us through Hadley's voice, Hemingway's struggles to perfect his unique style. He was at the time virtually unknown outside their small, remarkable friendship and literary circle: Gertrude Stein, Ezra Pound, Ford Maddox Ford, and F. Scott Fitzgerald.

For our next foray to Paris, the Book Club will be travelling with two-time Pulitzer Prize and two-time National Book Award winner, David McCullough in October. We'll be reading his *The Greater Journey*, *Americans in Paris*. Bon Voyage!



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Kindly contact Elizabeth Rahm 561-662-1193 or [rahmroses@yahoo.com](mailto:rahmroses@yahoo.com) for more information.

# what is ODI

BY SHELLY ALBRIGHT

I am what you would call a “leadership training junkie”. I am one of those crazy individuals who love conferences for so many reasons: the learning, the ideas, the sharing, and the inspiration. So when the opportunity arose for me to attend ODI there was no way I could turn it down. Although, I am somewhat embarrassed to admit I did have to ask, “What is an ODI?” There are so many abbreviated names out there it can get confusing. It actually sounds like a disorder: ADD, OCD...ODI. Well, ODI is actually the Organizational Development Institute. It is a regional annual retreat that is designed specifically to help develop the potential of league leaders. The Association of Junior Leagues International Inc., AJLI, provides leadership training resources and support that aids League leaders around the world to become successful and effective within the League and the community.

Ann Marie Pilling and I drove to Tampa together the night before the workshops began. We were excited to have some time to really get to know one another before all the craziness

of planning for the next year began. I have to say Ann Marie has the patience of a saint. It must have taken us an hour to finally leave my house between the interruptions from the kids, my misplaced phone, Fletcher’s toy stuck behind the bookshelf and the “just one more” kisses. By the time we arrived at the hotel and ordered room service it was around 11p.m. Once again Ann Marie showed her patience when I fell asleep in the middle of our conversation, in which she was answering my question. It really was a great evening spent together filled with lots of laughs.

We were so fortunate this year to have a group of 6 attend the ODI, which was held in Tampa. It was an eclectic group of women including Ann Marie Pilling, Debbie Knox, Ann Lee Grey, Courtney Stafford, Ashley Stafford and me. Each of us is in different stages in life, but all of us have one thing in common: our passion for the Junior League. I am happy to say that not only did I learn a great deal about moving the league forward, but also I created some new friendships while strengthening others.

Courtney Stafford and I were able

to follow the Membership Development Track: Creating Tomorrow’s Community Leaders. The workshops were powerful and thought provoking. They were designed to teach us how to develop the potential of our membership and how to better impact our community. It was a tool that provided us the opportunity to improve our practices, exchange ideas and network with other leagues. We were grouped with leagues of a similar structure and size, which allowed us to share best practices and practical solutions. The opportunity we were given to work with other leagues is truly invaluable. I have to admit I got my “fix”.

It is so important for us as a volunteer organization to remember why we are here...to improve our community. But through this workshop, I was reminded that this is not our only purpose. A major component of our organization, what really makes us unique, is that we develop the potential of women through training. The Junior League gives women volunteers the tools necessary to become great leaders in our community...to “Make a Difference Every Day”.



# journey towards transformation

BY PAM SCHANEL

They say, “what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas” (and having been there, I think that is a good idea), but I am thrilled to say, “what happens in Philly does not stay in Philly.” In fact, for those of us who attended the 89th Annual Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI) Conference in Philadelphia from May 12-14, 2011, our hope is to bring as much as possible back to the Palm Beaches to help make a positive impact on both our League and the community.

Earlier last spring I received a call from nominating chair Mari Whittelsey asking me if I would serve as our League’s Delegate C at the Annual Conference. She told me that a “Delegate C” is an active member who attends the Annual Conference with the incoming President (Ann Marie Pilling, Delegate A), the incoming President-Elect (Shelly Albright, Delegate B), and a sustainer representative (Esther LaBovick, Delegate D), and I enthusiastically agreed. Unfortunately, Esther was unable to attend the Annual Conference. I didn’t learn until later that Delegate C is also responsible for writing an article for *Undercurrents*, but that is a small price to pay for what turned out to be a wonderful experience.

The trip began with a little excitement at the airport, where Shelly somehow convinced the usually stoic TSA agents to allow her through security despite not having her driver’s license or any credit

cards, which had been stolen the day before. I learned that Shelly can be quite persuasive, so be forewarned when you get a phone call from her asking if she can count on your support for an upcoming League effort!

We eventually made it to our hotel in the heart of the Philadelphia where we were greeted by our gracious Junior League hosts and introduced to the theme for the year’s conference: “Journey Toward Transformation.” I had not yet learned that the transformation was not just for AJLI, but also for each member for-

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tunate enough to participate in the weekend’s events.

The next day the conference was in full swing, Ann Marie joined the other voting delegates and participated in the Opening Session ceremony where the Presidents from all 292 Leagues from around the world marched into the hall in the order in which their Leagues joined AJLI. Seeing all 292 Leagues represented made me realize, maybe for the first time, that our League is part of something much larger than our individual members and Leagues. We are in fact a

worldwide organization. Ann Marie, of course, represented our League with her typical grace as Shelly and I cheered her on, perhaps less gracefully, but certainly enthusiastically.

The remainder of the day was spent discussing AJLI's strategic roadmap that is being rolled out to the member Leagues, and the evening closed with a wonderful reception at Reading Terminal Market, one of America's largest and oldest public markets. There we sampled food, drinks, and music from around the world while meeting members of Leagues from across the country.

Friday started early and ended late as we moved from workshop to workshop adding to our ever-growing collection of handouts and ideas. As we would pass each other in the hallway Ann Marie, Shelly and I would say, "I cannot wait to tell you what I learned!" All three of us were collecting so many wonderful ideas from the talented presenters, the AJLI staff, and most importantly, the other conference participants.



Somewhat overwhelmed by all of this new information, we next attended a luncheon that helped provide perspective and bring everything into focus. The luncheon was in honor this year's Mary Harriman Community Leadership Award recipient, a woman in her mid 80s, with a simple message: "If you want to get something done, go do it." Her attitude and spirit were just what we needed before we headed off to our next round of workshops.

That evening, armed with our notes and hundreds of pages of handouts, the three of us discussed the day's events over a glass (or two) of wine. The conversation went on for hours as Ann Marie and Shelly shared their ideas on where they would like to see our

League go, and what their plans were to get us there. I was once again humbled by their dedication to our League and I realized that our own "Journey Toward Transformation" had begun.

## **"If you want to get something done, go do it."**

While my kids sat at home, no doubt glued to Saturday morning TV, I was glued to my seat in the conference hall where we were treated to a Key Note speech by Nicholas Kristof, a two-time Pulitzer Prize winning author who came to speak about his experiences researching and writing his book "Half

the Sky, Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide." Mr. Kristof reminded us that the women in that room had the power to change the lives of women around the world, and he gave us a glimpse of what he thought that

new, transformed world would look like. It was a powerful and emotional message, bringing many of us in the audience to tears, while at the same time empowering us to effect change.

As the conference came to a close, and we exchanged contact information with our new friends from around the world, I realized that our transformation process was complete. We had all arrived as over 900 individual women from specific Leagues, but we left with an understanding that we were part of the over 155,000 women that comprise our worldwide organization. With this group, we do have the power to *make a difference* both in our community and around the world.

## 2011 BARBEQUE

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The 2011 Barbeque Committee is proud to announce that plans are well underway for our 3rd Annual Smokin' Hot BBQ! This year's BBQ will be held on November 19th, 2011 at Land Rover Ranch, located at 7000 Okeechobee Boulevard, from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM. We would like to thank Robert Simpson and Palm Beach Motor Cars for allowing us to use this fantastic location for the event this year!



Our committee has been working hard to make this event fantastic! Our goal this year is to spread the word about our wonderful barbeque to individuals and families throughout Palm Beach County and develop a greater attendance from the general public. For the last 2 years, the barbeque has been a family-friendly event with fun for children and adults and we plan to continue that tradition. Live entertainment will be provided by the Bryan Bobo Band, providing a mix of classic rock and country music. Children will enjoy a variety of activities from bounce houses to live animals. Most importantly, you can't have a barbeque without the food! A buffet of barbeque favorites will be featured along with dessert selections from our own Worth Tasting cookbook! So, we invite you to spend the day with us on November 19th and help us make this year's Smokin' Hot Barbeque one to remember!!

## VITA NOVA

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Come Volunteer at the Vita Nova Village!  
Looking for an opportunity to impact a young individual and make a difference with just a few hours of your time? Come join us one evening at the Vita Nova Village for a "5 after 5" session and

participate in a fun, informal presentation and stay for dinner with the residents. Vita Nova is a 501(c)(3) public charity which offers young adults who were once in the foster care system and would otherwise be homeless a comprehensive transitional living facility. The Vita Nova village provides a stable environment to enable independence and a bright future for adolescent youth.

Once a month, we meet with the residents to discuss topics from money to health and provide a catered meal. The residents truly enjoy our involvement and look forward to our meetings. If you can't make week nights, we also provide the residents with a fun offsite weekend activity each month. In previous years, the Junior League has hosted events such as canoe trips, Friday night bowling and an evening at the movies. These activities are important to the residents and give many of them an opportunity to try something new. We also include a meal for these events which gives us a chance to get to know the residents on a more personal level.

If you haven't volunteered for Vita Nova sign up for an event and get to know one of the residents, you will find out how lucky you are to be a part of the Junior League and give back to the community!

## PROVISIONALS

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Can you say WOW?! An amazing group of women 100+ and the largest class to date! Our Committee's Co-Chairs are Christina Monacelli and Karen Stairs and group members Tami Mitchell, Amanda DeLucia, Wilma Rosenbaum, Amanda Brown, Alexis Burden and Amanda Reis - AKA "The Dream Team".

We have had our first Provisional Meeting and it was such a successful attendance, filled with excitement and enthusiasm. Everyone is eager to dig in and help our community. Requirements this year have been modified. In addition to meeting requirements for Provisional Meetings and General



Meetings, Snacks for Kids, Provisional Project, and Girls Night, the ladies will be responsible for their payment of an Activity Fee. The fee will cover one ticket to the Smokin Hot BBQ, Worth Tasting on Worth Avenue, and the Spring Marketplace.

During the meetings we are hoping to recognize those Provisionals who have gone above and beyond. If you see a Provisional at an event or volunteering, and feel they have WOW'd you, please forward their name and details to Wilma Rosenbaum at [bedrock1994@gmail.com](mailto:bedrock1994@gmail.com).

## PINK PALM BRIGADE

You might be asking yourself... "What is the Pink Palm Brigade?????" Think Robin Hood!!! Except no robbing, just finding really great deals!

The Pink Palm Brigade has had the pleasure of providing gift bags to underprivileged kids/families within our community for the past two years. Pink Palm works closely with the League's community projects to support a need that could otherwise not be fulfilled. This year we will deliver hundreds of Welcome Baskets, Birthday Gifts, and Holiday Baskets to projects like Nelle Smith, Vita Nova, and the emergency boy's shelter. For example, the welcome basket consisted of sheets, blankets, and toiletries presented with love in a laundry basket. Halloween is fun for big kids too! PP Brigade fills reusable shopping bags with not only candy and treats, but with spooky scented candles, creams, and fun goodies. These delights surprise the Nelle Smith and Vita Nova girls' on All Hallows Eve.

We love to make a preemie's family smile at the hospital with our gift bag full of baby necessities and a beautiful burp cloth (made from the heart by the lovely Kate Merrell). This past winter the Pink Palm Brigade was very busy! We were contacted by the Children's Home Society to provide toiletries and household items to a single mother who was trying to keep her three children. In addition, the

Pink Palm Brigade asked for donations of clothing and beds and we were able to get all of these items for this family. Goodwill donated the bed frames, Coldwell Banker donated the beds, and City Girl Consignment donated clothing. Together we were able to help a family stay together. In February, the Pink Palm Brigade was able to build valentine's baskets for Nelle Smith and Pace, baby baskets for Quantum House and household baskets for Vita Nova. So now do you have a better understanding of PP Brigade? "Robin Hood"!

Look for opportunities to participate online and receive volunteer hours. You may also earn 1 hour of volunteer hours by donating a \$25 gift card for Target or Walmart (ONLY THOSE 2 STORES PLEASE)!

Pink Palm Brigade is a wonderful committee that loves to give special gifts to individuals that don't always receive life's little pleasures. We just want these special people to know that someone is thinking of them and wants to help!

## EYE & EAR ALERT

Did you know that 10% of preschoolers have a vision problem? Or that hearing loss, in varying degrees, affects two in every 100 children under the age of 18? The most effective treatment is achieved through early intervention, especially for young children.

The Junior League Eye and Ear Committee help to make a difference by performing vision and hearing screenings for preschools in Palm Beach County. Four and five year old children are screened and when necessary, families are encouraged to seek a more comprehensive exam from an eye doctor or an audiologist. The 10 member committee begins this year with hands on training from Dr. James Comerford, an Audiologist from The Palm Beach County School District, and Dr. Norman Johnson, an Ophthalmologist, with Pediatric Ophthalmology Associates, PA.

## EYE & EAR ALERT

Most Eye & Ear screenings take place at Memorial Presbyterian Church in downtown West Palm Beach, with a few mobile screenings as well.

Junior Leaguers are encouraged to sign up online to volunteer at screenings.

No previous experience is necessary and free childcare is provided to volunteers.

## WTOWA

During our League's "off time" over the summer, I was reminded why we hold our annual fundraisers. While at GAP, we provided special marker pens to use for the fun game played with the girls and this triggered an epiphany in my thinking. Through our League's fundraising efforts, we have supported various projects such as Quantum House and the South Florida Science Museum while we continue building our legacy through projects such as Eye & Ear Alert. It's immediately apparent that funds are necessary for these large programs. What at times are not as obvious are the "smaller" needs that, through all our hard work and the funds raised, we are able to meet. The holiday party for the young girl at Nelle Smith who might otherwise be feeling forgotten, the game played with the young girl at GAP because we have the time and supplies, the Thanksgiving food basket for the household that might have "tightened their belts" if it were not for our League's capacity to provide.

It's with these needs in mind that the Worth Tasting on Worth Avenue 2011-2012 committee held their first meeting in July. How I wish we could have bottled the enthusiasm of the evening! For a meeting that was originally designed as a type of "meet & greet", you would have admired all the ideas that sprang forth under the leadership of Laura Wissa and Emily Gehring, along with all the attending committee members.

Currently, we are focused on our signature event, which is aptly named Worth Tasting on Worth Avenue, scheduled for Saturday February 25, 2012.

That being said, we have our springboard event, which is now in its second year. We'd like to invite you to the JLPB 2nd Annual Tea and Tastings event! Join us as we partake of delectable bites from our Worth Tasting cookbook while sipping the perfect cup of tea. We are in for a treat as our pastry sponsor is Taniia Beverly of Crème de la Crème! The table hostesses will be dressing the event with their lovely tablescapes, evoking their personal favorite period in history. Competition is in the air – there will be a contest between the table hostesses and also a prize for the guest with the most original hat! With your ticket purchase, you will end up supporting the JLPB while dining on scrumptious treats, enjoying the feel of fine china, surrounded by gorgeous tables and fabulous women! The event is scheduled for Saturday, October 29, 2011 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The event will be held at The Borland Center, 4885 PGA Blvd., Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Tickets are required and are \$40 per person. Advance tickets are suggested and may be purchased at [www.jlpb.org](http://www.jlpb.org) eStore or call 561-689-7590. This event is open to the public so get your tickets while they are available. We look forward to seeing you there!

If you would like to earn hours as a table hostess, the volunteer shift has been posted on closerware. Should you have any questions about the event or being a table hostess, please feel free to contact Sarah Garcia (email [sweetmagpi@bellsouth.net](mailto:sweetmagpi@bellsouth.net)) or Mirna Winn (email [mirna.h.winn@gmail.com](mailto:mirna.h.winn@gmail.com) or 1-510-326-9977 cell).

Our WTOWA committee is committed to making our current two fundraising events meaningful, successful and enjoyable. If you have any feedback from past events that you would like to share with us, please feel free to share them with Laura Wissa via email at [ljomw@yahoo.com](mailto:ljomw@yahoo.com) and Emily Gehring at [emily.gehring@yahoo.com](mailto:emily.gehring@yahoo.com). Come and meet us at the GM's!

## 4U2 DISCOVER

Discovery is where it's at!

The 4 U 2 Discover committee is actively planning the 2011/12 calendar with hopes to have field



trips planned on nearly every teacher workday and school holiday. Last year the committee increased the reach in the community by adding the Boys and Girls Clubs and Urban Youth Impact to the Howard Park and South Olive Community Centers and provided adventure to over 300 children.

This year we're looking to expand that reach even further and to top 500 children. Trips are already being planned for the Loggerhead Marine Life Center, Busch Wildlife, Science



Museum, The Palm Beach Zoo, Diva Duck, and The Flagler Museum—in addition to lots of new surprises. For JL members who have time off during the day or can easily schedule a “long lunch,” this is a great way to engage your inner child while supporting the community. Most events are open to Little Leaguers, too. Volunteer opportunities will be posted soon and the kids look forward to discovering new places and new friends.

## HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

### SAVE THE DATE!

Junior League Holiday Luncheon  
Saturday, December 10th  
Ritz Carlton Golf Club & Spa in Jupiter

SHOPPING STARTING AT 11AM  
LUNCHEON & ENTERTAINMENT AT 12

Anyone interested in sponsoring or being a vendor please contact chairs Molly Stringer at [molly\\_stringer@hotmail.com](mailto:molly_stringer@hotmail.com) or Angela Culveyhouse at [DrAngela@palmbeachmed.com](mailto:DrAngela@palmbeachmed.com)

## QUANTUM HOUSE

Quantum House turns 10! Come celebrate our 10th Anniversary with all the families, volunteers, and community friends of Quantum House and St. Mary's Medical Center NICU.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH  
10AM TO 2PM

RSVP to [info@quantumhouse.org](mailto:info@quantumhouse.org) or call 561-494-0515 by Wednesday, November 2nd. For more information, visit [www.quantumhouse.org](http://www.quantumhouse.org).

## ADVOCACY

The doors opened early this year for the JLPB Advocacy committee at the July 9th State Public Affairs Committee (SPAC) Summer Conference. The Junior Leagues of Florida State Public Affairs Committee, the advocacy arm of the Junior Leagues of Florida for nearly forty years, consists of over twenty-four leagues across the state. The initiative of the Florida SPAC is to monitor the state legislative process, and address issues of political importance to the members of the Junior Leagues.

JLPB has an increasingly expanding role within



## ADVOCACY

the SPAC board. Samantha Feuer and Beth Patterson (former JLPB Advocacy Chairs), now serve on the SPAC board. JLPB's Advocacy committee has developed an excellent rapport with our local legislative delegation, allowing for meaningful discussion and advancement of JLPB's chosen priorities. JLPB Advocacy Chairs, Jessica Pinsky and Tereina Stidd, and seven committee members united with approximately 15 other Florida Junior Leagues at the Summer Conference, hosted by the Junior League of Boca Raton. The purpose of this conference was to cover previous initiatives of advocacy, hear from professionals in our community about existing initiatives, and come up with our list of potential issues within three categories of the mission of Junior League. Participants of the Summer Conference also heard from State Representative Joseph Abruzzo and State Senator Ellyn Bogdanoff, Dave Lawrence from the Children's Movement of Florida, and Judith Karim from the West Palm Beach Child and Family Connections.

Discussed and slated for vote is the broad list below:

### EDUCATION

1. Childhood Obesity and Nutrition
2. Educating Teachers about how to Handle Children with Autism and Use of Restraints in Schools.
3. Early Childhood Education/Pre-K Strategies
4. State funding for Programs that Provide Education to Children and Families on Healthy Food, Exercise, and Healthy Lifestyle Choices
5. Requirement of Physical Education and Exercise for all Public School Students

### CHILDREN AND FAMILY

1. Foster Care and Children Aging out of the Foster Care Program
2. Booster Seats
3. Teen Pregnancy
4. Family Homelessness and Hunger

### HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

1. Human Trafficking
2. Domestic Abuse of Women (more specifically of women trapped by wealth)
3. Tax Incentives for Food Retailers and Markets to Move into Food Desserts
4. Gas Tax Breaks for Non-Profit Food Pantries and Food Banks in the State.
5. Tax Incentives for Corporate Health and Wellness Initiatives
6. Domestic Violence
7. Cybercrimes

Florida SPAC will reconvene for the Fall Conference, hosted by the Ft. Myers League, September 9 -11 to review and vote on a narrowed list of initiatives to present to the upcoming legislative session.

The Advocacy Committee Members would like to hear from you...What is important to you as a League? We plan to barrel through the front doors of the Capitol this winter, with confidence in our step, and we need the backing of our members -- this is our collective voice. Multiple surveys and questions will be blasted to all members, and we need your response. We only have as much power as you give us; we are here to work for change. Emails are always welcome (pinsky.jessica@gmail.com or tereinastidd@yahoo.com) and thank you for your support.



## NOMINATING

### THE NOMINATING PROCESS FAQs

#### What is the Nominating Committee?

The Nominating Committee is a group of 5 active members elected by the general membership who serve a two-year term. The purpose of the Nominating Committee is to ensure that the Executive Committee and Board of Directors possess the competencies necessary for effective leadership, promoting the development of our membership and dedicated to making a difference in our community.

#### Who is on the Nominating Committee?

The current Nominating Committee consists of the following members:

- Tricia Taege - Chair (year 1)
- Kimberly Lyon (year 1)
- Meaghan Flenner (year 2)
- Tasha Dickinson (year 2)
- Darby Collins (year 1)

The President Elect also serves as an advisory member to the Nominating Committee.

#### What does the Nominating Committee do?

Nominating Committee members evaluate and select candidates for the Executive Committee and Board of Directors. The following are the current nominated positions:

- Executive Committee
- President Elect
- Administrative VP
- Community VP
- Membership VP
- Recording Secretary
- Treasurer Elect
- Board of Directors
- Community Research
- Fund Development
- Placement Chairs
- Member at Large
- Strategic Planning

- Advisory Planning
- Sustainer Advisor
- Nominating Committee Members (depending on the number of outgoing members could be 2 or 3)

This slate of candidates is then presented to the General Membership throughout the spring for ratification and/or selection. The Nominating Committee also selects representatives to attend all conferences as well as the recipient of the annual Junior League scholarship awarded at the May dinner.

#### How Can I Be Considered for One of the Nominated Positions?

There are several ways to be considered for one of the nominated positions.

- Self-Nomination Form – Complete the self-nomination form typically circulated at the beginning of the League year. Indicate which positions you'd like to be considered for and why you would be a good candidate.
- Contact a member of the Nominating Committee – Reach out to a member of the Nominating Committee at any time during the year to express an interest in being considered for any of the nominated positions. Remember to please include in your discussion why you believe you would be a good candidate for the position. The Nominating Committee will be providing additional detailed information about the qualifications needed for success in the nominated positions throughout the year in the e-blasts. Please educate yourself about the nominated position that you may be interested in. Often times the actual duties and responsibilities of a position may not come across in the title.
- Recommendation by a member of the Nominating Committee – Throughout the year the members of the Nominating Committee will be meeting and getting to know active mem-

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bers through their own assigned placements and volunteer activities. They will consider their interactions with potential nominees as well as the potential nominees past and current Junior League performance. Future potential leadership in the Junior League is also a key consideration factor.

- NOTE: The Straw Ballot that many of you may remember being distributed in the spring of the year prior is no longer being used as a way to be considered for a nominated position.

### When Does All of This Take Place?

The Nominating Committee will be meeting monthly beginning in September to review the nominated positions for the current year. The Self Nomination Forms will be provided to the Nominating Committee for their consideration. As described above the nominating process is dynamic and will be continually evolving throughout the year up until the slate is presented. You may be considered by the Nominating Committee and may contact the Nominating Committee to express your interest at any time up until the slate is presented.

THANK YOU to all of our members who are interested in leadership positions with the Junior League of the Palm Beaches. Together, we will continue to make a significant difference in our community.

## TRANSFERS

On behalf of our entire JLPB I would like to extend a warm welcome to our four new transfers: **Diana Goetz, Janet Beach, Meredith Johnson, and Tawney Schwarz.** Please look at their pictures and read their "getting to know you answers", so you may recognize them and introduce yourselves. Diana and Janet have joined the BBQ committee,

Meredith has been placed on Cookbook, and Tawney has joined Undercurrents. Thank you ladies for joining and serving the JLPB!!! We wish you a wonderful year full of new friendships and rewarding volunteer opportunities..

Meaghan Flenner, Lisa Johnson, Kristen LeFevre, and Sarah Murphy  
–Your Transfer Chair and Committee

### JANET M. BEACH

- My name is: Janet M. Beach



- I was born in : Seoul Korea
- I just moved from : Los Angeles
- I joined the Junior League in : Los Angeles
- My favorite food is: sushi
- My favorite vacation was to : Sydney Australia
- My hobbies are: golf

### DIANA GOETZ

- My name is: Diana Goetz
- I was born in : 1969
- I just moved from : Transferred from the Boca League (as I was living in Jupiter and commuting to their League)
- I joined the Junior League in : 1997
- My favorite food is : Spicy Tuna sushi roll
- My favorite vacation was to : Prague
- My hobbies are : playing golf, running, reading & going to sporting events



## MEREDITH JOHNSON



- My name is: Meredith Johnson
- I was born in : Boynton Beach
- I just moved from : Denver
- I joined the Junior League in : Denver
- My favorite food is: any kind of sandwich
- My favorite vacation was to : Europe- 7 weeks after I graduated college
- My hobbies are: skiing, boating, golfing, reading, cooking

and...**TAWNEY SCHWARZ.**

Welcome to all our JLPB Transfers!

## IN MEMORIAM

### JLPB SAYS GOODBYE TO ONE OF ITS FOUNDING MEMBERS, MARGARET ATKINSON BOWLES REYNOLDS

The Junior League of the Palm Beaches lost one of its founding members with the passing of Margaret "Peggie" Atkinson Bowles Reynolds on August

4, 2011. Born in Richmond, Virginia, Margaret was raised by her grandmother and aunt, who wintered in Palm Beach and introduced Margaret to the community. Margaret was one of the first students to attend Palm Beach Public Elementary School, and joined to celebrate its recent anniversary.



Mrs. Reynolds was one of our last surviving founding members of The Junior Welfare League back in 1940. She served as a League president, was a member of the JLPB 1941 Endowment Society, and continued to support the League as an active member and as a Sustainer. Her daughters were members of JLPB, and several granddaughters are League members in other communities. Margaret was an avid volunteer in our community and served countless hours to many causes; she spearheaded involvement in the first "Teen Center" at Howard Park in West Palm Beach. Some of her favorite recent causes were the Church Mouse thrift store in Palm Beach, and the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Altar Guild and Intercessory Prayer Group. She was also a member of PEO, loved pink roses, and loved to entertain. Peggie remained active to her last days; she hosted a luncheon at her home just two weeks before passing, and attended a dinner party just a few days before. The Junior League of the Palm Beaches is deeply saddened at the loss of such a champion for our community, and member of our JLPB family.

# mark your calendars...

Fall is here and the Holiday Season is approaching. Mark your calendars with the upcoming JLPB Events and spend this festive time with family, fellow leaguers and our community at the following:

## October

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<b>10/16</b>	<b>Mounts Botanical Fall Festival</b>
<b>10/18</b>	<b>General Membership Meeting at Bear Lakes Country Club</b>
<b>10/29</b>	<b>Tea &amp; Tastings Event at The Borland Center</b>
<b>10/31</b>	<b>HAPPY HALLOWEEN</b>
<b>TBD</b>	<b>Bloomingdales Charity Shopping Event</b>

## November

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<b>11/1</b>	<b>Provisional Meeting</b>
<b>11/2</b>	<b>JLPB Cookbook Showcase at HQ</b>
<b>11/5</b>	<b>Quantum Fun Day</b>
<b>11/5 &amp; 11/6</b>	<b>Family Portrait Day</b>
<b>11/9</b>	<b>Education &amp; Training: Centerpieces &amp; Floral Arrangement</b>
<b>11/19</b>	<b>3rd Annual JLPB Smokin' Hot Barbeque</b>
<b>11/24</b>	<b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING</b>
<b>11/30</b>	<b>Education &amp; Training: Mayors Jewelry</b>

## December

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<b>12/6</b>	<b>Provisional Meeting</b>
<b>12/10</b>	<b>Holiday Luncheon at The Ritz Carlton</b>
<b>12/13</b>	<b>Celebrity Bartender Event</b>
<b>12/21</b>	<b>HANUKKAH BEGINS</b>
<b>12/25</b>	<b>MERRY CHRISTMAS</b>
<b>12/31</b>	<b>NEW YEAR'S EVE</b>

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INFORMATION





# ASHLEY STAFFORD

My name is Ashley Stafford and this is my fourth year in the league. I have served on the Undercurrents committee twice and have co-chaired the JL Spring Marketplace twice with my sister, Courtney Stafford. I received my B.A in apparel design from Miami International University and my M.B.A. in business from Florida Atlantic University. I recently launched a clothing line website, [www.CollegeCoutureOnline.com](http://www.CollegeCoutureOnline.com), which has a variety of college inspired game day dresses, shoes, and accessories. When I am not working or volunteering with the league my top ten MUST HAVES are:

1 SPENDING TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS



2 PLAYING WITH MY ENGLISH BULLDOG, BENTLEY



6 GEL OPI NAIL POLISH IN "YOU DON'T KNOW JACQUES"

7 PALM BEACH BOOT CAMP

8 WOMEN'S WEAR DAILY



3 EQUESTRIAN

4 COLLEGE FOOTBALL

9 THIRSTY TURTLE CHICKEN WINGS

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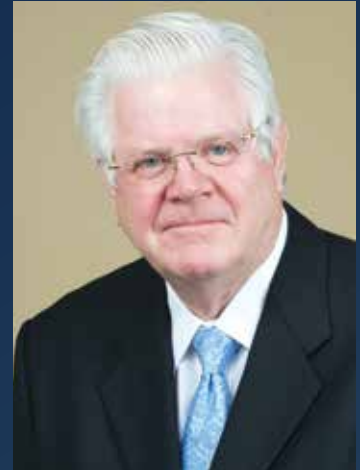
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