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The Spirit of Giving

One Sunday afternoon, I was working on my laptop. The regular weekly systems scan started and where there were normally an abundance of green checks, there were red X's. Common sense and some basic Internet research led me to the fact that red X's are bad and one red X in particular was really, really bad. At this time of year, there are some things that are meant to go together like mistletoe and kisses, a partridge and pear tree, chestnuts and open fires. There are two things that should never go together at any time – hard drive and imminent failure. Thoughts of the personal documents, pictures, Junior League information, etc. erased, vanished, banished to the big, black hole of PC ever after nothingness left me speechless.

So, I spent the next 98 minutes of my life in a tumultuous relationship with technical support and I'm confident that somewhere during our conversation if he could have used an over the phone anti-panic attack emergency device he most certainly would have. He politely asked if I had the CDs that were packaged and sent with my computer when I first got it and I remembered all of my computer paperwork and discs were all tossed and set aside in a plastic, lidded storage box in the spare bedroom. Honestly, I could not get to the spare bedroom fast enough.



While being walked through a more in-depth scan of my PC, I became somewhat distracted. I blankly stared at the plastic box sitting arm's length away from me on the desk and thought to myself, "who knew all of this goodness was right down the hall all along?" My wheels started churning with ideas and thoughts running through my head and instantaneously, they all just began to overwhelm me. I thought to myself, "what if this box was a person?" A person? A person so close to where I am but I didn't even realize it was even there. I could feel the alligator tears welling up in my eyes at this epiphanous moment and suddenly saving my laptop was just not that important anymore.

There are so many children, who I affectionately call "starfish" that live in our community, some just right down the street from where we live that are yet to be realized or even thought about. How many forgotten about starfish have been just tossed and set aside, tucked away in "plastic boxes" out there in foster care, juvenile detention, independent living, etc. right down the hallways of our community? Starfish who rarely, if ever, hear a kind word, rarely an "I love you" or "I'm so glad you're a part of my life." Starfish that have never been first in the lives of anyone.

This is where I stop for a moment and thank God for the Junior League of the Palm Beaches because we do put these starfish first. We enthusiastically help each and every one of these starfish realize their potential, provide encouragement, offer reassurance, unconditional support, and instill confidence. We do this all with warm smiles, open hearts, and without judgment. Just like the little boy who was picking up starfish and flinging them back into the ocean, so do the members of the Junior League of the Palm Beaches. Our efforts make a difference to each one. Our dedicated and devoted members humbly give their time, money, and most importantly, give of themselves, to further our cause.

In the spirit of giving this holiday season, please selflessly give in whatever way you can to make a difference in the lives of the starfish in our community. And remember...you make a difference, every day.

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'Tis Better to Give.

Shopping malls. Traffic. Social gatherings galore. This time of year is wonderful to say the least but it can be a hectic chore to fit everything in. I am determined, however, to add one more thing to the list. Making time to give back.

Our members certainly know the meaning behind the spirit of giving. The annual Smokin' Hot BBQ was a blast with music and food but also brought in over \$30,000. Check it out on page 30. And who doesn't love a chance to wear a beautiful hat and enjoy High Tea? This year, Tea & Tastings was an amazing success with over 100 attendees! And we can't forget The Quantum House. A Junior League legacy project that celebrated its 10th Anniversary. Highlighted on page 45, this event honored the hope given to those families that found The Quantum House home while their young children were patients at St. Mary's NICU.

For those we help, for those we show we care, and for those who have no one else, there are ongoing opportunities that need our League members more than ever this time of year. Pink Palm Brigade is giving much needed gift baskets filled with necessities to our Vita Nova residents. And the dedicated time spent with the Girls Advocacy Project (GAP) can make a world of difference. More about these wonderful causes are found on pages 20 and 28.

We will also be spending time and celebrating the season with our family and friends. Host the perfect New Year's Party and find fabulous soiree suggestions from our beloved cookbooks on page 36. And for that winter getaway, ditch the sand and hit the slopes. Be more than ski ready, be ski fashionable, by checking out page 43.

So this holiday season, in between the wrapping, the unwrapping, the celebrating, and the eating, make that little time to give back. It may well be the best gift you can give.

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The Joy of Giving

Coming up with a theme for this issue of Undercurrents wasn't very difficult. When we started planning this issue, the holiday season was quickly approaching. A time of the year when gift giving is at an all time high. Everyone is busy making their lists of presents to purchase or making their list of presents they want to receive. Stores began decorating earlier than ever before and some even opened on Thanksgiving night so anxious shoppers could get a head start on their Black Friday shopping. The "season" of galas and fundraisers is here. However, the holiday season is about giving. So, it just seemed to be the obvious choice to focus this issue around the Spirit of Giving.

"Some people give time, some money, some their skills and connections, some literally give their life's blood. But everyone has something to give."

-Barbara Bush-

"Before giving, the mind of the giver is happy; while giving, the mind of the giver is made peaceful; and having given, the mind of the giver is uplifted."

-Buddha-

"I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver."

-Maya Angelou Quotes On Giving

"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."

-Mother Teresa-

"You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give."

-Kahlil Gibran, philosopher-

"For it is in giving that we receive."

-St. Francis of Assisi--

In this issue, we want to highlight how the Junior League of the Palm Beaches and its members give to the surrounding community not only during the holiday season but all year long. It is also my hope that you, the members of the Junior League of the Palm Beaches, will be reminded of the difference you make in the lives of those the community projects serve and those that the fundraisers support and that you will feel the sense of joy that giving brings.

Ann Lee Gray

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OUR WINTER CONTRIBUTING EDITORS



DEBORAH LOMAX - contributing writer for THE PINK PALM BRIGADE beginning on page 28 detailing this amazing committee's contributions to those in need. "Well of course my 3 wonderful children and my fabulous husband are truly the best gift ever received but back in the 1900's when I graduated from high school, this really cute boy, who I didn't think liked me, bought me "dainty" diamond stud earrings and my favorite beach towel (it's a jersey thing). To this day, that cutie still buys me lavish gifts and makes sure I have a great beach towel! Just don't tell my husband!"



ASHLEY SCHUTZ - contributing writer for DONE ON A DIME beginning on page 26. "My brother and his wife (JLPB Active Megan Fogg) are due with their first baby three days before Christmas. I can't think of a better gift than my precious little nephew! Until now, I've been the only one of my siblings to have kids, so I'm excited for my children to finally have a cousin from my side of the family."



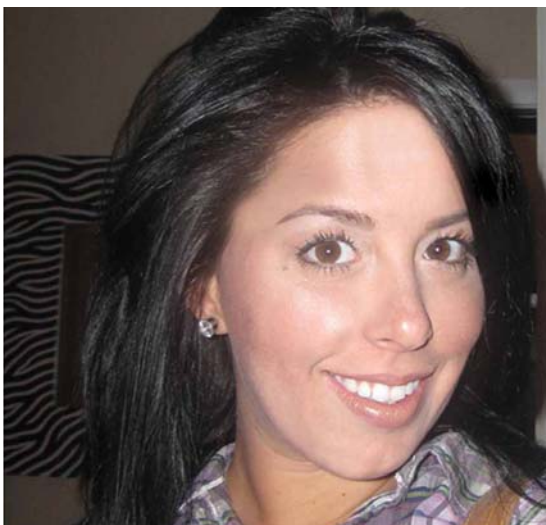
SUSAN C. LEE - contributing writer for the THE VIEW on page 62. "The best Christmas gift I ever received was a precious little black French Poodle puppy I named "C'est si Bon"- he was with me for 17 years. Now he's up with St. Peter modeling angel wings. The best Christmas gift I ever gave was for my father. I had a sign made with his brand for the front gate of his ranch."



MELISSA SPITZER - contributing writer for THE PERPETUAL ENDOWMENT beginning on page 20 describing the impact of the time spent with GAP. "This year we gave a low income parent in Franklin, Tennessee the gift of empowerment as we fulfilled the Christmas list of their 5 year old boy, James, that they will present to the child themselves. In return, we got a white dove paper ornament with James' name to hang on our tree! I will think of James on Christmas morning and hope he enjoys his gifts from Santa!"



MEG O'GRADY - contributing writer for A TEA THROUGH THE AGES beginning on page 14 detailing this year's successful Tea & Tastings Event. "The best gift I ever received was a book an ex boyfriend made me for an anniversary. He went all over nyc taking pictures of where we met, where we had our first date, where we had dinner with my family for the first time, etc. I was beyond touched by all the thought and time that went into it. The best gift I ever gave was flying home to surprise my mom for mothers day. The look on her face when she opened the door was priceless. I made a huge brunch and we spent the weekend with the family laughing and enjoying time together."



ASHLEY STAFFORD - contributing writer for MEMBER IN A MINUTE beginning on page 65 highlighting several members at different stages of membership. "The best gift I have ever received is my amazing family and friends who make me laugh and are always there for me."



DEBRA KNOX - contributing writer for MAKE CHARITABLE DONATIONS WORK FOR YOU beginning on page 24, the informative article gives great tips for charitable taxpayers and volunteers. "My son Zachary is the best gift she's ever given... and received!"



SUE GIBSON - contributing writer for A LOOK BACK: THE JLPB THRIFT BOUTIQUE beginning on page 67 giving interesting history on one of our League's original fundraisers. "The best gift I ever received was an electric can opener. At the time we owned 5 dogs and one cat, so it came quite in handy at feeding time. As for the best gift I ever gave...I can't think of one to single out. I try to be thoughtful when it comes to gift giving--sometimes I do miss, but it's sure fun trying to figure out what someone would like and surprise them."



A Tea

THROUGH THE AGES

BY MEG O'GRADY

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As it is only my first year in the league as a proper member, I was not sure just what to expect when attending the Tea and Tastings which was held at the Borland Center on October 29th. From my Provisional year I knew that my fellow Junior Leaguers would pull together to create wonderful dishes from the Worth Tasting cookbook, and was sure that the Co-chairs Laura Wissa and Emily Gehring would see to it that everyone had a wonderful time. What I did not expect was the passion that the table hostesses and attendees alike would bring to the event.

I was working behind the scenes while the tables were being dressed so I had no idea what incredible creations were about to be unveiled. As guests entered the ballroom they were greeted with tables set for tea from all eras. Everything from the Age of Enchantment, to the Gilded Age to World War II Victory was represented in grand fashion.

Honors for table décor went to Nancy Murry and Betsy Matthews' "Gilded Age" table for the "Best Interpretation of Era", Tiffany Eitel was awarded "Most Creative" for her "Lit up by the 60's" inspired table and Sophia Stone and Lisa Bagocius took home "Best Centerpiece" for their "Ladies of the Court in the Garden of Versailles 17th-18th Century" theme.

While the tablescapes were in and of themselves an inspiration, what was even more telling was the passion and personalization each woman brought to their tables. By presenting a table, they were truly presenting themselves. Each lady brought with them china and décor that had been given to them to





celebrate a wedding or passed down from a mother, a grandmother, a great grandmother...many of them Junior Leaguers. The history of the Junior League that was represented in that room was overwhelming.

In addition to the décor, a series of speakers walked us through all that is tea. Penny Murphy of Pioneer Linens spoke to how to decorate a table and provide inspiration through using a variety of linens. Bruce Sutka of Sutra International Design detailed his personal experience in the event planning industry. Bobbi Shorr of Couture Milliner described how to wear a hat properly and showed us that “a hat is like the whipped cream on a crème brûlée”. Beth Beattie of Beth Beattie PR and Katherine Lande of KL Style, Inc. demonstrated how to incorporate fashion into your event and table setting with their Chanel inspired table. Lori Hedtler of Devonia Antiques gave an inspired talk on the notable china used at the tea. Maria Connell and Tiffany Jackson of Tiffany & Co. presented Tiffany’s line of both contemporary and traditional crystal and Vincent Petrovsky from Heaven& Earth Florals ensured that all outstanding florals at the tea were acknowledged and encouraged us to use fresh flowers to brighten up any event.

The day brought together over 100 attendees and raised over \$4,000. I think I speak for the entire Junior League of the Palm Beaches when I say well done to our Co-chairs Laura Wissa and Emily Gehring and to the Coordinators Sarah Garcia & Mirna Winn.... well done!





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The Perpetual Endowment

BY MELISSA SPITZER, EVE FISCHER, AND MARCELLE BURKE

You won't find any messages of guidance, love, education, diet or understanding here in this cafeteria. The walls are not painted in any inspiring bold colors, nor do they have any fun murals that adorn them depicting children eating ice cream cones. Instead they appear rather bland and fairly gray, even though, in fact, they are tiled in a shade of light yellow.

There are no creative sayings, dietary facts or artworks on display here. The walls are all stark naked. No fancy cartoon vegetables or chocolate milk characters here. The only adornment hanging on the wall near one of the exit doors is a warning sign that advises everyone of the consequence for physical fighting.

This cafeteria is a slightly cold, barren type room with questionable lighting. Tables made of stainless steel with four stools attached are all drilled into the hard linoleum floor.

There is no clock. Time feels like it stands still. The only hint of time is the dead scent left behind from whatever was served at the prior meal.

In the cafeteria you will find an entire row of useless windows that look out into the asphalt parking lot. But, one would only know what lies behind the windows from entering the building from said parking lot, as these windows are covered with the darkest tinting film ever made, they are completely dense.

By now you may have figured out that this cafeteria does not belong to one of the ritzy Palm Beach County private schools. Likewise, if you are wondering which public school needs more funding, it is not a public school either. It is the cafeteria located in the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) in West Palm Beach, Florida.

The only glimmer of optimism that shines through in the DJJ's cafeteria are words affixed to the blacked out window's that say things like 'Hope,' 'Dream' and 'Live.' Words left behind by the Junior League's Girls Advocacy Project committee (GAP). While those words may seemingly feel like a large contribution to such a dreary place, it really offers no competition to the greatest gift that Leaguer's present, their engagement. Really, the gift

provided is much like an endowment, the gift that keeps on giving long after the session ends. A deposit that will continue to earn interest.

Attending a GAP session demands the gift of engagement. Volunteers here are 100% engaged with the activity on hand for a straight three hour period. There is no technological temptation here, because cell phones are not allowed. All we have to offer is ourselves. Pure engagement with the girls.

The 'luxurious' table concoctions are the only place for the children and Leaguers to attempt to find bodily comfort while they get to know each other. Yes, they are children. Girls specifically, ages 11-18. Girls who most likely have NEVER been a priority to anyone in their entire life. These children have ever experienced the gift of engagement, until now.

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Each girl has their own story that we can't ask to hear, rather we must patiently wait for a time for her to offer her story of how she came to the DJJ. Some do and some don't. And when they do choose to share, it received by us without judgment.

It would be unfair, a violation, to exploit their stories here and so we won't be sharing any of those details. Although, what we can share are the commonalities of those stories. A good majority of the girls are only a product of their environment, and there are not all bad apples or spoiled chocolate milk.

Some of the girls have committed crimes, some are dealing with drug and/or alcohol addictions, and others are victims of domestic violence, sexual abuses, severe familial dysfunction, are runaways and/or homeless. Regardless, the common denominator is that they are all in crisis, feel lost and are devoid of hope for a positive future. Most striking is that they are children in need



of someone to talk to, someone non judgmental, who will listen to them. These girls are bright, creative and have many untapped talents and have not been given an opportunity to shine, that is, until GAP.

GAP is dedicated to making deposits into a virtual, perpetual endowment by enriching, educating, motivating and mentoring these children detained at the DJJ. The GAP Committee visits the young women on a twice monthly basis with the objective of offering them presenters, speakers and activities that will brighten and enrich their lives. Every session stresses integration with the girls and presenting the possibilities for their lives.

In September, the GAP year was kicked into high gear with acrylic paintings; where once Leaguers figured out how to assemble the pesky painting easels for the girls, the imaginations began to run wild on the canvases. Images of wilderness, fruit bowls, a child releasing multi colored balloons into the sky in front of swing set and painted words of hope that read "Forever Young," "Love and understanding, just be happy" and of course, painted words of pain.... "Tearz, Fear, Hate." We ended this session with one of the finest art collection displays you ever laid eyes on. As art is often associated with wealth, this too is considered a deposit into the endowment.

Next up for our September Saturday session was Pictionary. In this session, we listened to the girl's

feedback from the prior session, where they asked for 'junk' food and gave it to them, chicken wings, Doritos and candy. While 'junk' food may not be full of nutrition, it is full of building a reputation with the girls. The leaguers and girls spent the afternoon sucking on the most popular candies, chocolate Tootsie pops and Smarties while playing a friendly competitive game of Pictionary. We had separated into two teams by which we all wore glittery stickers to identify which team we belonged to, Space and the Flowers. When it was the youngest girl's turn to draw, she had to draw a shamrock. Once her team hollered out the answer, the girl wrote "Lucky" in the prettiest cursive you have ever seen on the flip chart next to her shamrock. It was awesome for her to have made that connection, confirmation, a deposit slip of sorts, of the endowment we funded.

October brought our own leaguer and professional Life Coach, Sophie Skover to present important life lessons to the girls and fellow leaguers who all diligently took notes. We also said goodbye and good luck to a girl who was leaving that night at midnight for a wilderness program in northern Florida for the next year. This girl, with tears of fear streaming down her face, received her very last hug from a Junior Leaguer. This was clearly an unrestricted contribution to the endowment. Our Halloween session this year presented us with a unique opportunity, to show you the girls faces. Okay, well, kind of show you! Since we aren't allowed to photograph the girl's faces, you will only ever see them inside the cold, bland cafeteria walls. However, for our spooky holiday, we all painted masks of Frankenstein's, witches and kitty cats all of which we used to cover up our faces. It was rather challenging to pick out which masks were painted by girls versus leaguers. However, the masks were all so great, that the girls asked to keep



the ones decorated by leaguers as well. Compounded interest was earned for the endowment.

As November usually does, it brings some influenza, so we thought we would bring on the chicken soup, Chicken Soup for the Soul, that is. What better way to inspire than to have the girls aspire to read aloud stories that warm the heart and stir the soul. Each girl received her very own book courtesy of the Junior League and was able to choose the stories they wanted to read aloud and share with their peers and leaguers. The capability and talent of the girls ability to read to read aloud amazed the leaguers and stirred the correctional officers to also read aloud to the group. We end each GAP session

with "Reflections"- where we form a circle and each participant in the session reflects on that session or can make a general comment. One of the correctional officers who participated in the circle, reflected that she was so inspired by the Junior League's activities that she tried an arts and

crafts project with her own children at home and that her 13 year old son was flabbergasted that his mother knew how to paint. This, my friend, was a two comma deposit into our endowment fund.

Recently, at the end of our GAP session, one girl, asked if she could lead our closing empowerment circle. She knew it by heart and asked her peers and Leaguers to repeat after her..... "I am a phenomenal woman, you are a phenomenal woman, we are phenomenal women and together we can change the world!" Yes, that was confirmation that our endowment will be a perpetual asset. The only question left is- who owns the endowment fund? The girls? The leaguers? Who has the most vested interest in the asset? You will have to come join us for a session to answer the question as it is currently up for debate.

make charitable donations WORK FOR YOU!

BY DEBRA KNOX



This is the time of the year that many of us clean out our closets or playrooms for items we don't use or we do not want (or need!) anymore to make room for the new. We fill up our cars with bags and boxes of outgrown and unwanted items and donate them to the Goodwill or Salvation Army. This is also the season in which we are drawn to helping organizations in annual gift drives or in making monetary contributions to our favorite charities. Are you someone who never bothers to get a donation receipt? You might want to wait that extra few minutes for one next time! Even small charitable donations may help you save money by reducing your taxes!

Donations of cash, personal property and unreimbursed volunteer expenses may all be taken as charitable deductions. This includes monetary donations to our favorite charities or religious organizations, clothes given to organizations such as Goodwill and mileage driven for Junior League or other organizations volunteer activities.

TIPS FOR CHARITABLE TAXPAYERS

If you make donations to a charity this year, you may be able to take a deduction for it on your 2011 tax return. Here are the top 8 things

the IRS wants every taxpayer to know before taking the charitable donation deduction.

1. **Qualified Organizations:** Make sure your donations are made to an organization qualified to receive deductible contributions. Political contributions are not deductible. You can ask the organization or you can check the IRS Publication 78, Cumulative List of Organizations on the irs.gov website.
2. **Itemize Deductions:** Charitable donations are deductible only if you itemize your deductions using Form 1040 Schedule A.



3. AGI Limitations: Charitable donations are only deductible up to a certain percentage of your adjusted gross income (AGI) 20 percent to 50% depending on the type of property contributed and the type of organization you contribute to). Excess can be carried over for five years.

4. Timing Rules: Contributions made by check are considered delivered on the date they are mailed. Contributions made by credit card must be deducted in the year that the charge occurs even if you do not pay the credit card bill until the following year. Pledges are not deductible until payment is actually made.

5. Substantiation requirements: For contributions of cash or property, always get a receipt from the charity. For contributions of property the receipt will need to reflect the fair value of the property donated. Donated clothing or household goods must be in at least "good used condition" to be deductible. If the contribution of property is in excess of \$5,000, a qualified appraisal of the donated property must be obtained.

6. Reporting requirements: If a gift of property in excess of \$500 is made you must file Form 8283. If a gift or property in excess of \$5,000 (other than publicly traded securities) you must complete the appraisal summary on Form 8283.

7. Determine the amount of your deduction: For cash contributions this is not an issue. For gifts of property, the amount of the deduction is the fair market value on the date of the gift. Contributions of certain property may be limited to what you paid for it (or basis) such as ordinary income property (inventory).

8. Fundraising events: If the contribution entitles you to receive merchandise, goods, or services in return, such

as admission to a charity banquet or a sporting event you can only deduct the amount that exceeds the fair market value of the benefit received. Sometimes, the charity will provide this information for you. If they do not, you must still reduce the deduction by the value.

TIPS FOR VOLUNTEERS

As Junior Leaguers we spend many hours volunteering our time, unfortunately we cannot deduct that time on our tax returns. However there are things that volunteers may deduct that may add up to big savings on your tax return.

- Volunteers may deduct unreimbursed expenses incurred while doing their volunteer work. For example, phone calls, postage, stationary and similar out-of-pocket expenses are deductible as a charitable donation.
- A volunteer may deduct using the standard mileage rate of 14 cents per mile when using a vehicle to do volunteer work. You may also deduct unreimbursed parking and toll costs. A volunteer is also allowed to deduct mileage to and from the place you are volunteering. Volunteers always have the option of calculating the actual costs of using their vehicle rather than using the standard mileage rates.
- For volunteers that may travel to do volunteer work or represent a charitable organization the out of town unreimbursed travel expenses are also deductible. These out-of-pocket expenses are deductible only if the volunteer is chose to represent the organizations.
- Membership dues are deductible as long as no goods or services are given in return.

The tax aspects and reporting requirements for all charitable donations depend on individual circumstances. Please consult your tax advisors.

DONE ON A DIME

I CLEANED OUT MY CLOSET AND EARNED \$170 FOR JLPB

BY ASHLEY SCHUTZ



We all have “the closet.” The one where you shove the clothes your kids can no longer wear, the toys they don’t play with anymore, and the baby gear they’ve outgrown. If you’re like me, “the closet” has morphed into drawers, cabinets, and under-the-bed storage in rooms all over the house. It’s amazing how quickly things accumulate when you have little kids – and how quickly those things become obsolete.

Thankfully, about a year ago I discovered Secondhand Sunshine, a twice-annual consignment sale of high-end children’s clothes, toys and gear. I started consigning all my excess “stuff” at the Palm Beach Gardens event, earning a little extra cash to help fuel my shopping obsession habit for my two youngest girls.

In talking to the owners of Secondhand Sunshine, I learned that they had started using the sale as a fundraiser for several local schools. Parents would consign their children’s items,

and all commissions would be donated directly back to the school. If schools could do this, why couldn’t the Junior League?


We didn’t have much time to organize – our plan was hatched in August and the Fall sale was in September, before our first membership meeting took place. So we placed a blurb in the eBlast and hoped for the best. Without much internal publicity, we had five JLPB members consign items, and the League earned just shy of \$300. Not bad for an on-the-fly fundraiser! Thank you, Done on a Dime Committee! And, since members were not only donating items that they otherwise could have sold, but also taking time to prepare them for the sale, they earned hours towards their volunteer commitment as well. Talk about a win-win for the JLPB and our members.



The DOAD chairs and I know that we can do better for the Spring 2012 sale – much better.






If five members can raise \$300 without much effort, imagine what we can do with more time to plan and implement. The best news? You don't have to have young children to participate. All of us have friends, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and neighbors who are constantly outgrowing their toys and gear. Ask them if they'd like to donate it to the Junior League and help improve children's welfare in Palm Beach County. We'll start collecting the items early next year at GM meetings and at HQ. A week or two before the sale, we'll have a "tagging party", where you can earn volunteer hours to prepare the items to be sold (another great way to participate if you don't have anything to consign). After the sale takes place, JLPB will receive a check for 65% of all items sold. Whatever doesn't sell will be donated back to a needy charity right here in our community. How great is that?

Be on the lookout for more information about the Spring 2012 Secondhand Sunshine sale in January. In the meantime, if you have any questions or want to participate, please reach out to me at ashley@justaskboo.com.





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Not Your Ordinary Gift Basket

BY DEBROAH LOMAX

On the first day of Christmas, my true love's sister gave to me, a partridge in a pear tree. No really, my sister in law gave me a Harry n David chocolate bird in a pear tree. Let's face it, turtle doves are basically NYC pigeons and I've never received 5 golden rings! 'Tis the season to give... but as the holidays approach the stores line their shelves with many ridiculous gifts and gift baskets in hopes of enticing us to purchase them, just to show our loved ones and business associates how much we care. Recently I was in the local "discount" warehouse and counted over 33 different types of holiday assorted baskets. Do you know that you can send a mustard basket? Not the color, the condiment.

Many useless oils, chocolates, crackers, smoked sausage, cheese, and wine (ok, we love the wine) baskets will grace the homes of America and even abroad this time of year. As a member or a contributor of the Junior League of the Palm Beaches do you know that you are also giving large gift baskets this holiday season?!? You and the Pink Palm Brigade are giving a plastic laundry hamper filled with hangers, shampoo, body wash, razors, deodorant, toothpaste n brush, detergent, air fresheners, towels, a new pillow and case, candy and cleaning supplies to 21 youths in our area. This is the gift basket that the

young "adults" at Vita Nova want for Christmas. They didn't ask for an iPhone 4s, Xbox, or a Coach purse. They just want to survive. And we make sure that they do. Although who can survive without a mustard basket...

These young people in all of our programs that we support need to believe that the adults are in it for the long haul, and that these adults listen to them, care about them, and are not just seeking conformity and compliance. We try to show them that JLPB sees the charity, not the cause. Studies have shown that youth do not change because of programs, they change because of people. People that care. Here is one success story from a recipient of all our "gift baskets:"

Marcus JJ came to Vita Nova last June on his 18th birthday having aged out of Foster Care. He received an incredible welcome laundry basket from Pink Palm, filled with many necessities that he needed and couldn't believe the generosity of JLPB. In high school he was very active in the band and served as drum major. That creativity and love for the arts followed him to Vita Nova where he participated in Poetry Slams and book clubs. Marcus JJ believes that all the amazing supplies, gifts and baskets are very beneficial because they offer necessary provisions

and some extra wonderful gifts. The items are difficult to buy because sometimes they don't have solid transportation to and from shopping areas or their budget is so tight that they don't allow for those things. In this time he has graduated high school, applied, and has been accepted to college (Palm Beach State). Now he is looking forward to starting college, saving up for a car, and transferring to FAMU in Tallahassee where he spent many summers at band camp while in high school.

I can't help but reflect upon all the insidious treasures that my husband's clients will be sending us this giving season, and wish for a moment that instead they would give Quantum House and Homes for Hope families some board games so they can continue some sense of normality through tough times. The boy's shelter would get blankets, and PACE families would have enough food (mac & cheese in a box, not smoked oysters). These are our gift baskets that Pink Palm will be shipping (I mean



dropping off) this year. Simple treasures...Simple Joys!

So let's make a pre-New Year's resolution with the best of intent and keep it the whole year through. Let's resolve to be kinder to each other and tender with nature. And during these compassionate undertakings, let's not send 10 Lords A-leaping. Giving through JLPB and the Pink Palm Brigade evokes those special moments that make our heart sing. Someone wise (most likely a woman) said "that the true meaning of life is to plant trees under whose shade you do not intend to sit."



THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF THE PALM BEACHES *Smokin' Hot* BARBEQUE

BY HEATHER HANNEY RASK & MELISSA GRAY
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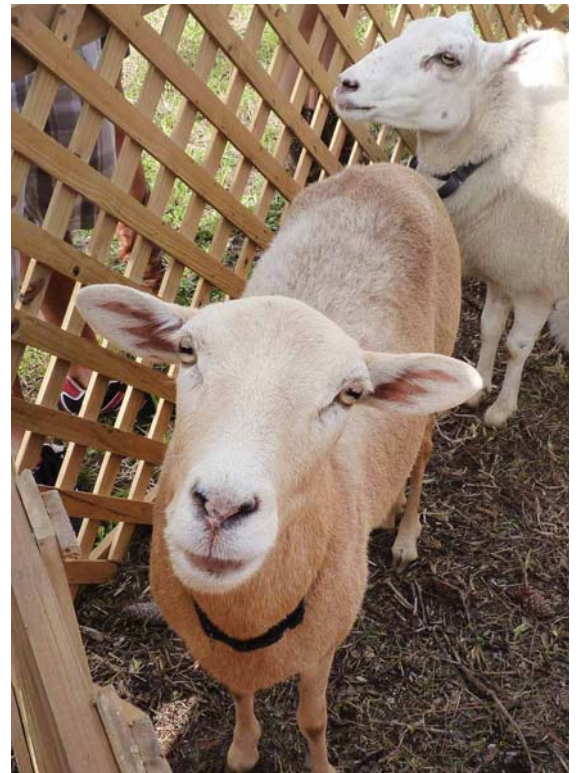
The 3rd Annual Smokin' Hot BBQ was held on Saturday afternoon, November 19 from 12-5 at the Land Rover Ranch in West Palm Beach. The grills were rarin' to go and cookin' up a storm with pulled pork, chicken, burgers, dogs, fabulous sides of salads, cornbread and all the fixin's. This was followed by an array of scrumptious Worth Tasting desserts including Seven Layers of Sin, Chocolatey Chocolate Cake, Brown Sugar Pound Cake, Chocolate Caramel Brownies, Ginger Cookies, Graham Cracker Magic Bars and more, enjoyed by all. Signature drinks, Sinless Margaritas, Sweet Tea Surprise, beer and wine or soft drinks whetted the palette.

Guests ate under the shady tents and enjoyed the toe-tappin' music provided by the incredibly talented Bryan

Bobo Band. Adults enjoyed traditional tailgatin' games in the Grown-Up Giddy Up. And children were on Cloud 9 as they bounced in the Bounce House, rolled in the Hamster Ball, rode the Ponies, and mingled with the animals in the Pettin' Zoo with creatively painted faces and carnival treats in hand. In The Moment Photography snapped red carpet western photos of guests and the Silent Auction and Raffle kept all the guests fascinated and on their toes through the afternoon.

The amazing day saw over 400 attendees and grossed nearly \$30,000! We'd like to thank the members of the Junior League, their families and friends for coming out and joining us for a Smokin' Hot good time and making the event a howlin' success!!!





OPPOSITE PAGE: THE LAND ROVER RANCH AND THE RANGE ROVER EVOQUE AND RANGE ROVER SPORT. THIS PAGE FROM TOP LEFT: BRYAN BOBO BAND; BILLY THE GOAT; MOLLY SEELIG ON A PONY RIDE.

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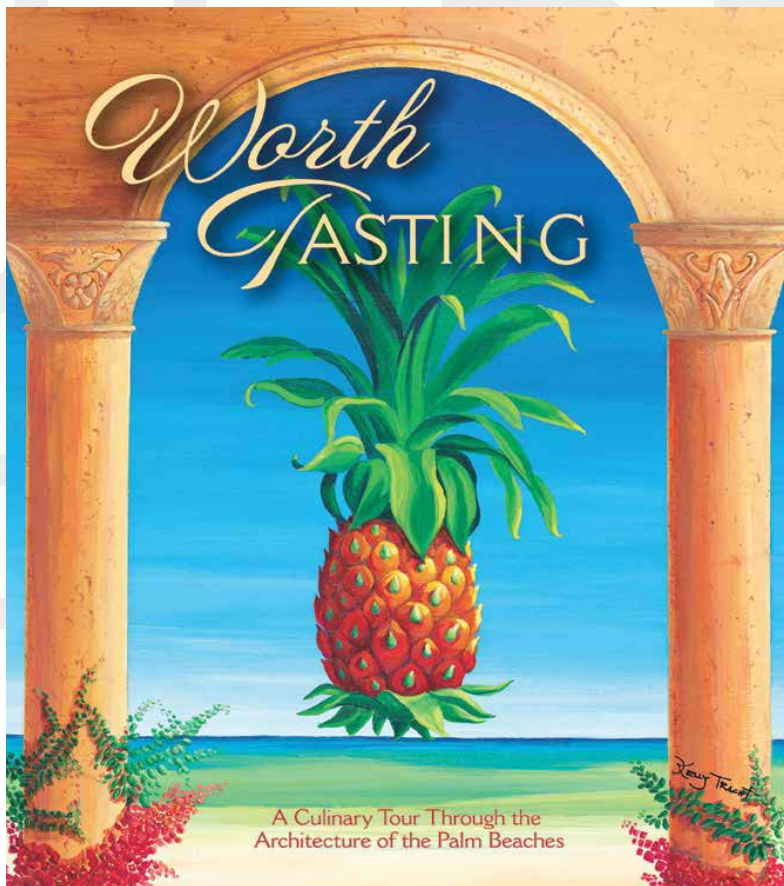
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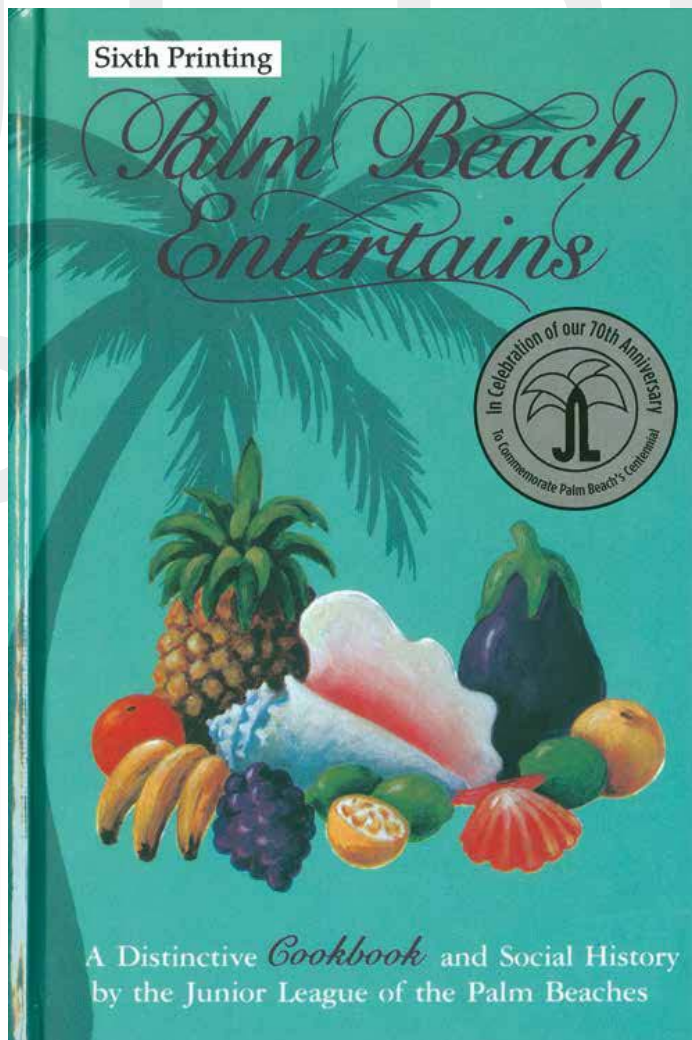
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BY ANN LEE GRAY





New Year's Eve Menu

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Creamed Asparagus Soup

*Individual Palm Beach
Pear Salad*

*Herb-Crusted Pork
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TEA & TASTINGS

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Clockwise From Top Left: Nicole Whitehorn and Ruth Mansmith; Emily Gehring and Laura Wissa; Beth Beattie and Katherine Lande; WTOWA's Honorary Chair Betsy Matthews and past League President Nancy Murray; Jill Pritch, Jenn Leo, Pam Worth and Gail Oliver. Photos courtesy of Katie Smith Photography.

JUNIOR LEAGUE SUSTAINER RELEASES FIRST CHILDREN'S BOOK THAT TEACHES KIDS TO GIVE BACK!



Elizabeth Truong has written and released her first children's book named "Sara & Geoffrey –Adventures to Save the World". The first book titled "Sara & Geoffrey Donate Clothes" is available now on her website www.sarageoffrey.com or on amazon.com.

The book is beautifully illustrated with fun exciting rhymes – "5, 4, 3, 2, 1! Are you ready? Get set! Let's go save the world and have some fun!" Sara & Geoffrey meet kids from around the world and learn that some families are less fortunate and need clothes. Sara & Geoffrey immediately come to the rescue as they rally friends and family to help gather used clothes and donate them to others.

Truong is an immigrant from Vietnam. "Growing up, my family had nothing as we struggle to survive in our new country. I can still remember when we received our first bag of used clothes from Salvation Army. I was thrilled like a kid in a candy store. I want to pay it forward through Sara & Geoffrey, I can teach kids and even adults that they can make a difference and help other kids around the world.

The idea of "Sara & Geoffrey" arose when Truong went shopping with her daughter for a Halloween costume. Her daughter, who was 3 years old at the time, saw a Super Girl outfit

and immediately only wanted that one. Once home, her daughter was so excited, that she put on the outfit and jumped around saying "I want to go save the world, mommy! Come on, let's go." She was insistent on going outside to knock on everyone's door to see what she could do to help them. Soon afterwards, Truong's son joined his older sister on their quest to "Save the World."

Truong was also inspired by her late mother Lien. Lien was an immigrant and a single mom who put eight kids through college. After Lien retired, she dedicated herself to help people less fortunate. Lien tirelessly found ways to raise money for hospitals, orphanages and other organizations.

Truong hopes to follow in her mom's foot steps to make a difference by donating over 70% of the proceeds from the sale of the books to charities not only in South Florida but the world. A few of the charities that so far benefit from the "Sara & Geoffrey" book series are Children's International, the Junior League of the Palm Beaches, St. Jude's Children's Hospital and the Susan G. Koman for the Cure.

For more information about "Sara & Geoffrey" visit www.sarageoffrey.com. Media interested in receiving a review copy of "Sara & Geoffrey Donate Clothes" can contact Elizabeth Truong at elizabethtruong@yahoo.com or (561) 951-3290.



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from the SAND to the SLOPES

BY KAREN WHITE

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QUANTUM HOUSE

10TH ANNIVERSARY

"where hope has a home"

BY SARAH TEMPLETON

It was a gorgeous fall day on Saturday, November 5th, as past and current Quantum House families, volunteers and community partners celebrated the House's 10th anniversary. "What a fantastic way to share this important day with the folks who have made Quantum House a success," says Robi Jurney, The Quantum House Executive Director.

The Quantum House, a Junior League of the Palm Beaches legacy project, celebrated the birthday party-themed anniversary with a DJ, balloons, hamburgers, hot dogs, Ices, story-telling, cookie decorating, all topped off with a candy bar for take home favors for the children in attendance.

More than the day itself, the purpose of celebrating the milestone anniversary is to celebrate the families that have stayed at the house and made it their home away from home while being there for the youngest members of their family.

"Fueled by the vision of the Junior League more than ten years ago, Quantum House has been 'where hope has a home' for thousands of families from across the globe."

More than providing the basics of food and lodging, the house also helped bring families closer together, and allowed them to bond with other families going through similar situation. The anniversary event provided an opportunity for these families to come together again and reunite. It also provided the opportunity for the nurses from St. Mary's NICU to see some of the children who they helped when the children were babies in the NICU.



The celebration, which is a one-time community project for the League, was a hands-on effort requiring the input of individual and business volunteers, as well as the generous donation of multiple community partners. As a founding member of Quantum House, the Junior League of the Palm Beaches assisted with the planning and production of the exciting celebration. Nearly 150 supporters attended the event.

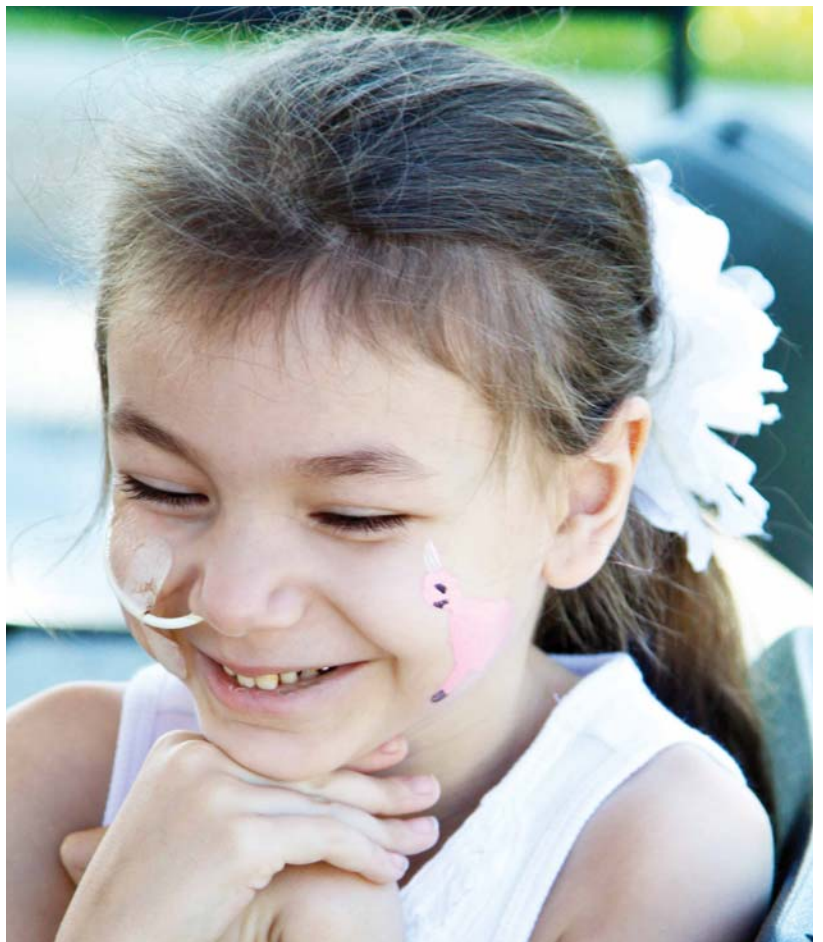
Since opening its doors in 2001, Quantum House has served thousands of families from West Palm Beach and across the globe. Many of these families and their children were also patients of the St. Mary's Medical Center's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and are a very special part of the House.

In addition to hamburgers and hotdogs served by the Kiwanis Club of Singer Island, a DJ sponsored by JetBlue airways, children's activities and story-telling

took place. Kids who preferred to be indoors got to decorate sugar cookies from Sweet Pick Me Ups, and fill a treat bag at the candy bar (with candy donated from a local preschool as well as Junior League membership). Visits from the West Palm Beach Police Department Canine Unit, Riviera Beach Police Department Mobile Command Unit, PBC Fire Rescue, Mae Mae the therapy dog, and Robbie the Roger Dean mascot were also be a part of the fun. Sponsors include JetBlue and St. Mary's Medical Center.

Outstanding volunteers were also recognized at the event, including the Sandy Grossman Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award presented to an individual volunteer, the Outstanding Corporate Volunteer and Outstanding Student Volunteer.

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New Year. New Connections.

A few months into “season,” and although it feels like we just started in some ways, by now many of you are on the way to make big things happen in both your personal lives and League lives. Our community projects are well underway to touch hundreds of lives. The Smokin’ Hot Barbeque was a fun and fundraising success, and our “starfish” members are turning into leaders every day.



My own recent “big thing” was marrying my best friend in October (no you didn’t get a new MAL, I’m still here, just with a new last name!). During the little time since our wedding, I realized he doesn’t know as many of my Junior League friends as I’d like...because I don’t see them as often as I’d like.

So, as it’s time to say goodbye to 2011 and welcome a new calendar year into our lives, think about what you can do to connect to your fellow Leaguers. My personal goal is to attend more DOAD and social events – with my husband. What’s yours? As a longtime Leaguer, maybe sit with the provisional’s at the next GM meeting. As a committee chair, invite your members out for drinks or dinner and get to know them outside the committee. Or, ask a fellow volunteer out for coffee after the day’s project is over. We work better together, and making deeper connections with each other will help build better teams to tackle issues in the community and beyond.

Another way to connect is to make sure every member matters, so don’t forget that we want to celebrate the happy moments in your lives and your JL friends’. Send me the details... from babies, weddings and anniversaries, to new jobs, business start-ups, achievements and all-around praise. I want to hear from you so all of our other members can too.

And as always, I look forward to the treasures I get in the MAL treasure chest each month, but feel free to contact me in between too. Use me as your voice to the board – send along your ideas, opinions, praises, concerns and questions on anything related to the League and I’ll make sure it gets heard and addressed. I love to hear from you, so feel free to call or email me any time.

I look forward to seeing you – and connecting with you – soon!

Kristi Peacock Marquez

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LIFE, LEAGUE, AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

We're a few months into the League year and our members already have some pretty exciting news to share...



December is a big month for two of our newest members! Each of the provisionals, who also happen to be cousins, will become a Mrs. at the end of 2011. **JESSICA PRESCOTT** will marry Jordon Brees on Dec. 9, 2011 at Royal Poinciana Chapel, followed by a reception at The Breakers in Palm Beach. Just a week later, **MEGAN PRESCOTT** will be a bride next to groom, Brett Perera, on Dec. 17, 2011 at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church before their reception at The Harriet Himmel Theater.



Committed to the community in more ways than through her position in the League, **ANGELA CULVEYHOUSE** recently rocked it on the runway, all to support the Alliance for Eating Disorders. The Sixth Annual Escape...To Reality: THE FASHION SHOW on Nov. 5 celebrated fashion and positive body image for people of all ages, shapes, sizes and backgrounds. Angela got involved through her hairdresser from Mucci who handles the hair and makeup every year...and she looked great strutting her stuff, all to foster self-esteem and prevent eating disorders.

CONGRATULATIONS

JENNIFER BERKLEY is now Mrs. Jennifer Chillemi! She married her husband Vincent at Saint Ann's Church on Oct. 22, 2011. On behalf of the Junior League of the Palm Beaches, we wish them a lifetime of happiness!

Thanks to a tip from a fellow Leaguer, JLPB congratulates **SARAH COLLINS** and her husband Justin on the arrival of their new baby boy, Parker Benjamin Collins!



After years of hosting her own children's parties and family events, JL member and mother-of-two, **JENNIFER SHAH**, launched Inspiring Giggles. Her boutique party creation company provides direction and artistic guidance but gives parents the power to execute events for themselves with easy ideas, custom printables and theme accents. Check out InspiringGiggles.com.



KATRIN GORMAN, also recently got involved in a new venture. Katrin is the owner of the Wear It Out Loud company, which she revamped and brought to South Florida from Georgia. The vintage-inspired graphic tees are fitted, fun and fresh for women and children, with a cozy, worn-in feel. Visit WearItOutLoud.org for your own tees designed to inspire life, love and laughter.



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

CHANGE IN STATUS

Katharine Robinson - Resigned
Vickie Roraff – Resigned

TRANSFER OUT

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

TRANSFER IN

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

DECEASED

Barbara Cooper
Margaret Reynolds

MEMBER COUNT

194 - Actives
26 - Actives on Leave
2 - Non-Resident Actives
96 - Provisionals
345 - Sustainers
6 - Non-Resident Sustainers
8 - Sustainer Inter-League
7 - Sustainer Inter League Palm Beach Home
70 - Sustainer Emeritus
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SUSTAINER NEWS

Winter 2011

As you will see from the many photos in this issue the Sustainer's had a busy fall! One of the highlights was our "Sustainer's Away for the Day" trip to Miami for a tour of Vizcaya. Many thanks to **WENDY LABBETT** for organizing and planning this terrific event. The Garden Group has been busy with a Tour and Workshop at both the Palm Beach State College-Eissey Campus Medicinal Gardens and Mounts Botanical Gardens. Thanks to **LAURA MCLEOD** our Garden Group Chair for organizing these two events. Laura has many more fun and interesting Garden Group activities, tours and workshops planned as you can see in the calendar listing. Both Book Club groups continue to bring together women who love to read and discuss the book selection, often result in enthralling discussions about the plot line, subject or author. We thank **DEBRA CANNAVA** for leading the Evening Book Club for the past several years, under her leadership the group grew from a few "bookworms" to larger gatherings and the creation of a Daytime group headed up by **KELLY DOMNICK**. We welcome our new Evening Book Club Chair **LYNDA PEPPER**! The Bridge Group started off the year in November under the leadership of **JANICE STEARNS** and **BETSY VAUGHN**. We appreciate their dedication to this group and for organizing the monthly meetings in a variety of locations in Palm Beach County.

WANDA JENKINS was the perfect hostess for the Annual Sustainer Breakfast held in her lovely home. Many, many thanks to Wanda along with **BECKY ISIMINGER** and **SUSAN MURRAY**—Sustainer Breakfast Chairs. This event serves to introduce and welcome our new Sustainers and Transfers. It also provides an opportunity for Sustainers to hear from the Active Committee Chairs about how we can be involved and support the JLPB.

The winter months will be just as busy and are filled a variety of events and programs for the JLPB Sustainers. Our annual Sustainer Cocktail party will be held again this year at the beautiful home of JLPB Past President **PHILLIS JONES** and her husband Casey on **SATURDAY, JANUARY 28TH**. It is always a wonderful gathering of old and new friends and we look forward to seeing many of you at Phillis and Casey's Steeplechase home in Palm Beach Gardens.

Please continue to offer feedback and suggestions and see you soon!

Lynne Wells
JLPB Sustainer Chair

Jerri Engelbrecht
JLPB Sustainer Chair-Elect

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SUSTAINER NEWS

Garden Group

TOUR OF THE MEDICINAL GARDENS PALM BEACH STATE COLLEGE

DR. GEORGE ROGERS, Director of the Environmental Horticulture Department at Palm Beach State College, was our delightful and informative host on Tuesday, October 18. Our tour was only to be the Medicinal Gardens, but as we wound our way around to the center of the campus there was much to see in the Succulent, Perennial and Native gardens as well.

As the clouds continued to roll in we began our tour of the Medicinal garden, planted in 2005. One of their many interesting plants is the Kava Kava, available in pill form at Whole Foods, used to calm your frazzled nerves and also used in Polynesia as a party drink (might make for a rather calm party!), and the Moringa tree (*Moringa oleifera*) referred to as the Miracle Tree...every part of it is edible in some form and is used the world over to sustain life. We are late to the party on this one, but it's now gaining ground in the Western World. Taken in pill form, boasted benefits are that it provides over 90 nutrients, 46 antioxidants, 8 essential Amino Acids, 24 Anti-Inflammatory nutrients and Omega 3 and 6 Fatty Acids... and it grows here! Another one to marvel at is Firebush (*Hamelia patens*), traditionally utilized by eating the raw or fermented fruit as a treatment for skin ailments, bruises, measles, rheumatism, mange and headaches. Currently it's being studied for is microbial activity against *E. coli*. It also contains ephedrine, commonly used in nasal sprays and diet pills! So many of our common plants have amazing properties that were well known to the ancient world, but set aside or lost in the name of "progress." Ahhh, so much more to see, but the skies opened and we were forced to take a literal "rain check" which will be **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH FROM 10 – 12** and will include making a take-home basket and a booklet outlining all the "Plants of the Medicinal Garden." Call **LAURA MCLEOD** at 775-1800 or email laurawm@comcast.net to reserve a spot on this fascinating tour!



2011-2012 SUSTAINER CALENDAR!

***INDICATES EVENTS WITH JLPB ACTIVES**

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

Sustainers - please see the following calendar of exciting events in the works for our **2011-2012 SEASON!** In addition to several combined events with JLPB Actives, please join the Sustainers for – Area Dine-Arounds and Lunch-Abouts, Bridge, Book Clubs (day and evening), Norton After Dark, Kayaking, Golf, Croquet, Gourmet Class - Williams Sonoma, Garden Club and Tours, Cocktail Parties, Viscaya Tour and more! Our group spans Palm Beach County from Wellington north through Jupiter. We look forward to seeing you! Please contact **LYNNE WELLS**, Sustainer Chair, 561-775-0579

JANUARY

January 5—Bridge Club, 9:45 am
Quail Ridge, Boynton Beach
January 10—Evening Book Club, 6 pm
“Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and
Sweet”, by Jamie Ford
Hostess: Edna Strnad
January 17—Happy Hour, Verdea Wine Bar
Debra Cannava, 5:30-7:30
January 18—Daytime Book Club
“Change of Heart” by Jodi Piccoul
January 19—Garden Group, Laura McLeod
10am-12pm, Swank Farms, Loxahatchee
January 27—Lunch & Learn Dine Around
Sailfish Club, Margaret Kaywell
January 28—Sustainer Cocktail Party, 6-8pm
Hostess: Phillis Jones

FEBRUARY

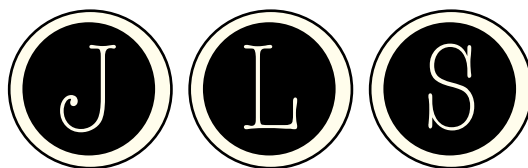
February 2—Bridge Club, 9:45am at Top of the Point
West Palm Beach
February 6—Garden Group, Floral Arranging
Workshop, Phillis Jones, 10am-12pm
February 13—Evening Book Club, 6pm
“The Piano Teacher” by Janice Y.K. Lee
(Date change because of Valentine’s Day)
February 15—Daytime Book Club
“Zeitoun” by Dave Eggers
February 16—Garden Group, Bonsai Demonstration
Bill Smedley, 10am-12pm
February 22—Daytime Book Club
“Zeltoun” by Dave Eggers
February 25—Worth Tasting on Worth Avenue*
TBD—Sustainer Board Meeting
TBD—Wine Tasting, Esther LaBovick

MARCH

March 1—Bridge Club, 9:45am at Top of the Point
West Palm Beach
March 8—Garden Group, Bedner’s, Boynton Beach
Denise Bedner, 10am-12pm
March 13—Evening Book Club, 6pm
“Unbroken” by Laura Hillenbrand
Hostess: Irene Goodkind
March 15—Garden Group, Polly Reed’s
and Pan’s Gardens, 10am-12pm
March 21—Daytime Book Club
March 31—Sip-n-Shop Spring Marketplace*
The Borland Center, 10am-5pm
TBD—New Member Mingle-Provisional
Candidate Night

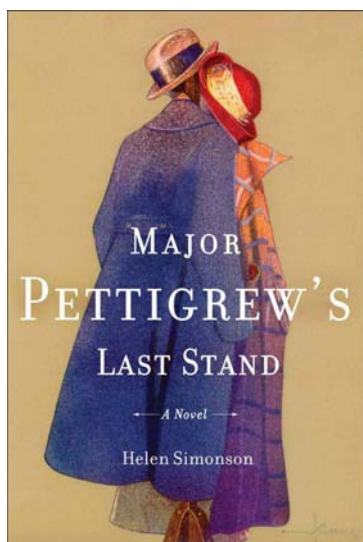
APRIL

April 5—Bridge Club, 9:45am at Delray Beach Club
Delray Beach
April 10—Evening Book Club, 6pm,
“The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks”
by Rebecca Skloot
Hostess: Ann Talley
April 18—Daytime Book Club
“The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks”
by Rebecca Skloot
April 19—Garden Group, Phipps Tour, 10am-12pm
TBD—MacArthur State Park Kayaking*
TBD—Croquet



SUSTAINER NEWS

Sustainer Book Club



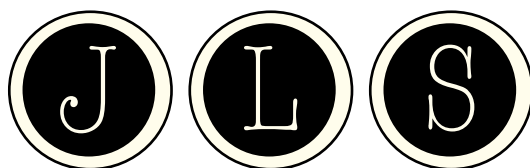
A group of us gathered to carpool to **KATHY CAREW'S** tropical oasis on Jupiter Island. We mingled and chatted inside and outside by the pool, where we could hear the roar of the churning ocean. It was quite dramatic! After a few appetizers, salads and drinks, we sat down to discuss "Major Pettigrew's Last Stand" by Helen Simonson. Edna Strnad shared her recent experience of dining with our author and we all agreed that this was an amazing first novel for this English lady and longtime resident of the US. She has written a typical English novel with loads of British humour and we all fell in love with this good-hearted stiff-upper-lip retired Major who transcends stereotype.

Also note that Lynda Pepper will be taking over as Book Club chair beginning in January.

Evening Book Club — Lynda Pepper at pepperlynda@gmail.com

Daytime Book Club — Kelly Domnick at domnick2007@bellsouth.net





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MOUNTS BOTANICAL GARDEN & WORKSHOP

Mike Page was our host on a tour of the Mounts Botanical Garden on, November 14th. He shared information on rare specimens in the garden and several that may be familiar...the cinnamon tree, where the bark is actually the part harvested, not the leaves. The Bay Rum tree, whose leaves are great as an infusion for tea...just add hot water and a green or white tea bag and enjoy; and as an insect repellent...crush some leaves in a bowl and place under your sink. Palmetto bugs can't stand the scent. The Lavender plant keeps mosquitoes at bay; just crush a few leaves and wipe the oils on exposed areas, and its stems and flowers placed in a vase are known as a sleep aid. As we wound our way back to the vegetable gardens,



Mike pointed out some of the interesting things they're growing this year...a black pepper plant, celery and artichokes which are usually not grown here because of our climate, as well as fruit trees like pear and peach that are being hybridized to grow in our temperature zone. As our tour came to a close, Mike offered up some of their yellow pear and Cherokee Purple tomato starts, directing us to plant 80% of the plant in the soil to encourage more root development. So much information to glean and so little time, but it was a great and productive way to enjoy a morning at the Mounts Botanical Garden. For future Garden Group gatherings, check the Sustainer Calendar in this issue.



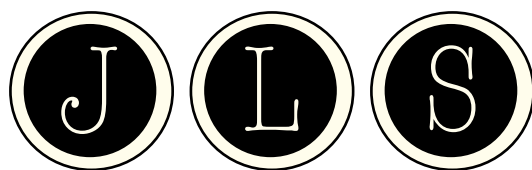
GOLF BEGINNERS INTERESTED?

Several ladies are interested in forming a Beginners Golf Group. If you would like to join in, please contact Lynne Wells at pwells2202@comcast.net.



PHONE TREE CALLERS NEEDED!

Can you help call some of our Sustainer members without emails? You will call a few ladies once or twice a month so we can help them stay involved with Sustainer news and events. Please let us know if you can help. Call Lynne Wells at (561)775-0579 or pwells2202@comcast.net



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VISCAYA MUSEUM & GARDENS

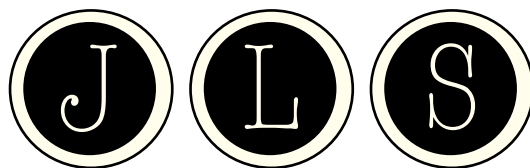


On November 2nd, a gloriously sunny and fresh morning following seemingly endless days of rain, several car pool groups headed south on I-95 to view Vizcaya, home from 1916–1925 of industrial giant, Vice President of the International Harvester Company, James Deering. He loved the climate, the beauty of the area and in addition, his father William and step-brother Charles both had estates in Coconut Grove and Cutler.

Mr. Deering unquestionably had an eye for detail, proportion, perspective and fine art. He with Paul Chalfin, a young New York painter, traveled throughout Europe surveying residential architecture for ideas and purchasing doors,

wall panels, mantels, and ceilings that were incorporated into the proposed home. And a home it was to be. It was to appear as though it had been there for four hundred years, occupied and renovated by several generations of a family.

As we enjoyed our tour, one's gaze was frequently captured and captivated by the magical views, the enchanting gardens, the sparkle of the sea, the promise of discovery! Our guide led us through the first floor rooms indicating the many highlights and explained not only Mr. Deering's and Mr. Chalfin's influence, but also the work of architect F. Burrall Hoffman and the Colombian landscape architect, Diego Suarez. We learned that the first renovation of Vizcaya occurred



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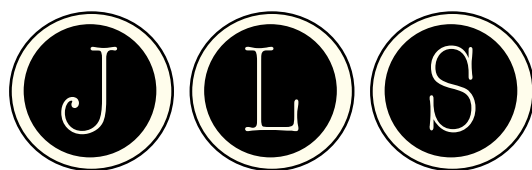
following the hurricane of '26, which extensively damaged the house, surrounding grounds and formal gardens. The original designer, Paul Chalfin, oversaw this first restoration in 1933-1934. In 1935, another major hurricane took its toll, and eventually most of the land was sold for development. Originally, the estate had included a farm, livestock and a variety of other service facilities covering 180 acres on both sides of South Miami Avenue. The house was sold to Dade County by Deering's heirs for a sum below the actual value and later the art and furnishings were donated to the County, with the condition that Vizcaya be used as a public museum in perpetuity.

We were encouraged to peruse and explore the second floor rooms on our own, and learned that while the house appears to have only two floors, tucked between the main and second floors is an intervening level with twelve rooms for servants and service. These rooms are being prepared for viewing by the public in the near future.

We enjoyed a light lunch at the café, and then proceeded on to the grounds. The vast gardens combine various elements of Renaissance Italian and French designs. The design took seven years to execute and includes fountains, a central pool surrounding an elevated island, the elevated Mound with its Casino, statuary and several themed gardens, including a "secret garden". The tea house directly on the bay is an enchanting spot, and was being used for a photo shoot as we passed by.

With the need for an enclosed climate controlled environment to protect its treasures, some of the original intoxicating ambience of the structure itself has been sacrificed, and today we can only imagine how Vizcaya felt as an open-air house, with the sounds of birds and the bay, the sudden rain showers, and the fragrance of flowers. Nevertheless, our little group departed enchanted by a bit of the magic that yet casts its spell over Mr. Deering's dream that became Vizcaya.





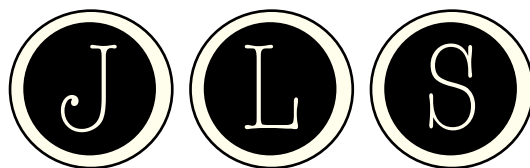
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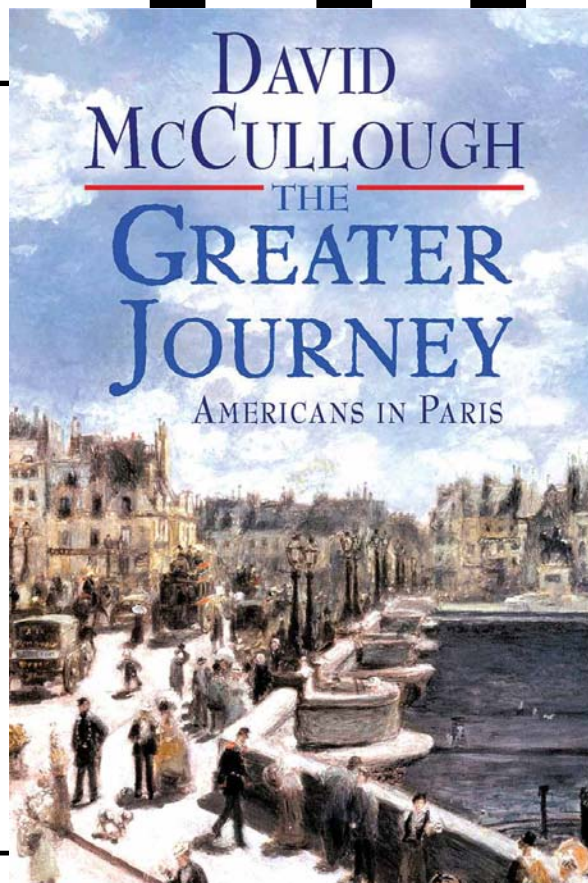
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THE



VIEW

BY SUSAN C. LEE

David McCullough, two time Pulitzer Prize author, National Book Award winner, and recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, has done it again! This remarkable historian, with his tour de force, *The Greater Journey*, takes us to Paris in the mid 1800's with adventurous, ambitious American writers, artists, and medical students who sailed to Paris endowed with intellectual curiosity and creativity, searching for advanced education. Most had never been to sea, knew

no French, and had little idea of what lay ahead. After a four to six week crossing, they disembarked in Le Havre and began the one hundred ten mile journey southeast to Paris in a huge fifteen-passenger stagecoach, called a "diligence." The trip took twenty-four hours, and upon arrival in Paris, they crossed the beautiful Pont Neuf Bridge, as painted by Pierre-Auguste Renoir on the dustcover—you can see one of the huge stagecoaches crossing over.

James Fennimore Cooper, the first of McCullough's Paris sojourners was very much an atypical traveler but set the standard for many who came later. America's most noted novelist, his *Last of the Mohicans* was already prominent in Paris bookstore windows, and he had begun working on *The Prairie*. Planning to remain five years, he brought his wife and five children, who had studied French for a year and could soon "prattle like natives" in German and Italian as well. The family settled into two well-appointed floors of a "hotel particulier" at 59 rue Saint-Dominique in the Faubourg Saint-Germain. He and wife Susan became frequent guests of honor of the Marquis de Lafayette, and old friend, and the last surviving war hero of the American Revolution.

Portrait painter Samuel Morse, Cooper's old friend and fellow Yale, arrived in Paris a year after Cooper, to study works at The Louvre. Morse devised an ambitious project to paint a huge six by nine foot painting of the Salon Carré hung with thirty-eight of the Louvre's greatest works of art, in miniature, including Da Vinci's "Mona Lisa." Cooper came to the Louvre every afternoon to watch the production; large crowds gathered, amazed at the ambitious undertaking. Morse became famous but remained quite poor.

Never a financial success at painting, his mother, father and wife having died, he became fascinated with a crude communication system he had seen in use outside Paris, called a "telegraph." He thought it would be far more useful if it could be electrified and codified...and Morse Code was invented—the rest is history.

Perhaps the most audacious traveler to sail the "big blue divide" was Emma Willard, founder of the renowned Troy Female Seminary. She was the first American to advocate and promote higher education for American women, and had authored several American history textbooks, which left her quite well fixed. She wrote to her students of the "delightful streets called quays" that ran beside the Seine and the elegant Ponts des Arts. She wore black silks and taffetas everyday and was the first American to consider fashion a form of art.

Willard was captivated by the 1224 masterpieces collected in the Louvre, the world's first public museum--and by its architecture--a royal palace built in the sixteenth century for the great patron herself, Catherine de Medici. Along the Grand Gallerie, she encountered many female art students painting beside the men, not excluded or relegated to the periphery as they were back home.

One of the most endearing of McCullough's Paris travelers was seven year old Mary Cassatt, who arrived with her family in 1851 aboard the *Pacific*, one of the first American luxury steamers—it even had suites and a wine cellar! They stopped first in England for the Great Exposition at London's Crystal Palace, then sailed on to Paris where they were newly encamped in the Hôtel Continental just in time to witness Louis Napoleon's coup d'état, the event as she recalled, that had inspired her interest in painting.

The Cassatt family remained several years, and then returned to Philadelphia where at age sixteen, Mary was accepted at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. In 1866, much to her father's chagrin, she returned to Paris at age twenty-one to study under the renowned portrait painter, Charles Chaplin, one of a few French masters who held classes especially for women. She then moved out to the countryside to study with Thomas Couture, after which her painting *A Mandolin Player* was hung in the 1868 Paris Salon.

Cassatt later became an avid friend and follower of Degas who asked her to become a member of the Impressionists, the only American to be so embraced. She lived out her life in her chateau at Beaufresne, north of Paris, painting until she became blind with cataracts, dying at age 81 on June 14, 1926. The French government owns twenty-four of Mary Cassatt's works, and yes, five, hang in the Louvre.

David McCullough has guided us through seventy years of American/Parisian history—along the galleries of The Louvre, over the bridges, down the avenues and quays, through awful sieges and an amazing world's fair—it was a Great Journey!

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MEMBERS IN A MINUTE

BY ASHLEY STAFFORD

The Junior League of the Palm Beaches is filled with a variety of women and I have always found it fascinating to hear the different viewpoints and stories from members both new and seasoned. Following are short interviews conducted with a provisional (in their first year), active, and sustainer. Although all of these women are in different stages in their life it is plain to see that we have so much in common and we may be more alike than we think. Here is a view of the Junior League through the eyes of our members:

PROVISIONAL MEMBER: KELLI RAHM



NAME: Kelli Rahm

HOW MANY YEARS IN THE LEAGUE: In my first year

WHY DID YOU JOIN? For the opportunity to give back to the local community while making life-long friends.

WHAT IS THE LEAGUE TO YOU IN YOUR OWN WORDS? A powerful group of women joined together to benefit the community and create life-long partnerships with the community and each other.

IS THERE A COMMITTEE OR TWO YOU HAVE YOUR EYE ON TO SERVE IN THE FUTURE? I am interested in the Community Council and Membership Council. Am also open to exploring other committees.

CAN YOU TELL US ONE FUN FACT YOU HAVE LEARNED ABOUT THE LEAGUE SO FAR THAT MIGHT ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO JOIN? I've learned that there are so many great women to get to know and a variety of volunteer opportunities to be part of. There really is something for everyone.

A PIECE OF ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO AN INCOMING PROVISIONAL FOR NEXT YEAR. Make an effort to get to know the women you volunteer with as there's a great opportunity to make great friends.

WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO GET OUT OF YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH THE LEAGUE? I hope to become more familiar with the local community by volunteering and giving back, and to make great friends.

ACTIVE MEMBER: MOLLY STRINGER



NAME: Molly Stringer

MEMBER SINCE: In my 4th year

WHY DID YOU JOIN? The National reputation the league has of doing great things for local communities. Also a great place to meet new like-minded friends!

WHAT IS THE LEAGUE TO YOU IN YOUR OWN WORDS? A group of women dedicated to serving their community in positive, educational, and fun ways!

WHAT HAS BEEN ONE OF YOUR FAVORITE COMMITTEES TO SERVE ON? Loved all my committees: Cotillion, Cookbook, and Special Events

CAN YOU TELL US ONE FUN FACT YOU HAVE LEARNED ABOUT THE LEAGUE SO FAR THAT MIGHT ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO JOIN? There is something for everyone and so many ways to be involved.

CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT ONE EXPERIENCE IN THE LEAGUE THAT STANDS OUT? As one who grew up in the area, I attended Cotillion here when I was younger and love that I can contribute to the same program that gave me such a positive experience.

PIECE OF ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO AN INCOMING PROVISIONAL FOR NEXT YEAR: Don't be shy! There are so many wonderful and approachable women in the League and the best way to get to know them is to volunteer!

ACTIVE MEMBER: COURTNEY STAFFORD

NAME: Courtney Stafford

MEMBER SINCE: In my 5th year.

WHY DID YOU JOIN? I was born and raised in Palm Beach County and feel it is important to give back to the community in which I work and live.

WHAT IS THE LEAGUE TO YOU IN YOUR OWN WORDS? Fun, friends, fundraising.

WHAT HAS BEEN ONE OF YOUR FAVORITE COMMITTEES TO SERVE ON? Co-chairing the Spring Marketplace with my sister has been one of my most rewarding experiences in JLPB. When we started this endeavor Ashley and I had no committee, no budget, and really no idea what we were doing. Two years later this is now one of JL's premier fundraisers. Looking forward to seeing you all at The Borland Center on March 31, 2012 for sipping and shopping!

IS THERE A COMMITTEE OR TWO YOU HAVE YOUR EYE ON TO SERVE IN THE FUTURE? I

would love to chair the Provisional Committee next year in order to strengthen our incoming membership and provide inspiration to our junior Junior Leaguers.

CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT ONE EXPERIENCE IN THE LEAGUE THAT STANDS OUT: At the ALJI conference in Tampa last year I had the opportunity to meet active JL members from across the US and the world. After a weekend of training and talking to some of these amazing women, I have come to the conclusion that we are a force to be reckoned with and I am proud to be a part of such an amazing group of leaders.

PIECE OF ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO AN INCOMING PROVISIONAL: The bar at the monthly General Membership meeting only takes credit cards.

SUSTAINING MEMBER: ROBI JURNEY

NAME: Robi Journey

HOW MANY YEARS IN THE LEAGUE: Yikes....since 1988 I think!

WHY DID YOU JOIN? I was invited to join the League by my friend, Susan Poncy. I didn't know much about it at the time but was excited to have the opportunity to be a part of such an important organization that was committed to really making a difference in Palm Beach County.

WHAT IS THE LEAGUE TO YOU IN YOUR OWN WORDS? The League has been a place where I have learned about leadership, community involvement, commitment, and where I found some of the best friends ever!

FAVORITE COMMITTEE TO HAVE SERVED ON? I loved starting two community projects as independent 501(c)(3) organizations – Christmas in April and Quantum House. Of course, my favorite placement was serving as president of the League.

TELL THE PUBLIC A FUN FACT ABOUT THE LEAGUE THEY MAY NOT KNOW: I was in the hospital with viral meningitis on the day I was to take the position of president and was, of course, unable to attend. My 11 year old daughter, Allyson, attended the meeting and accepted the gavel for me. I am delighted to say that, all those years later, Allyson is currently a member of the provisional class.

CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT ONE EXPERIENCE IN THE LEAGUE THAT STANDS OUT: During my year as president, our league was selected to join 15 other leagues at the White House to participate in a round table discussion of health initiatives for children. JLPB was selected for this distinction because of the great work that had been done through our Health and Immunization Clinic project.

SUSTAINING MEMBER: BECKY HILLIARD ISIMINGER

NAME: Becky Hilliard Isiminger

MEMBER SINCE: 1988

WHY DID YOU JOIN? Kathy Stubbs Ward invited me to join, and she was my husband's boss's wife and president of the League at the time. I knew it was a good organization and it was just something that was kind of expected!

WHAT IS THE LEAGUE TO YOU IN YOUR OWN WORDS? The League is an amazing group of women who use innovative ideas and tried and true practices to come together and get things accomplished. It is a great medium to connect individuals with volunteer opportunities in the community, a wonderful vehicle to learn effective leadership skills, and a place to make lifelong friends!

FAVORITE COMMITTEE TO HAVE SERVED ON? Eye and Ear and Executive

TELL THE PUBLIC A FUN FACT ABOUT THE LEAGUE THEY MAY NOT KNOW: The League has historically used the model of getting projects started and organizing them in such a way that after about three years the League can then have another agency/group take over, or the project can stand on its own. Brilliant! We don't have an ego thing about holding on to it forever!

PIECE OF ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO AN INCOMING PROVISIONAL: Find what you enjoy in the League and do it. If you don't find it at first, keep trying and you will. When you find it, you will love it! It is in giving that we receive. The League is a great venue for you to volunteer, connect, and learn.

A Look Back

THE JLPB THRIFT BOUTIQUE

BY SUE GIBSON

MEMBERS

From humble origins, the JLPB Thrift shop evolved from a small community clothes closet to a major operating fund generator for decades. An old proverb reads, “Mighty oaks from little acorns grow.” Such can be said of JLPB. From our early days as the Junior Welfare League with thirteen members, to today, as we welcome eighty-five Provisional members into our League Family of over 750 women, starting out small and ending up big is definitely a tradition in the JLPB.

One of the earliest projects our League set up were community clothes closets—small caches of member donated clothing were set aside, then given out based on need to members of the community who were referred to the Welfare League. One year, clothing was collected to give to clients of “The Crippled Children’s Society” (now known as the Rehabilitation Center for Children & Adults in Palm Beach, the “Society” as it was then called when established in the 1940’s, assisted children suffering from Polio). After World War II ended, clothing was collected to send to newly liberated Europe—the largest contributing local organization. The Welfare League continued to assist with clothing needs through the 1940’s by purchasing high school Glee Club uniforms, and creating a placement to volunteer at the Crippled Children’s Society Thrift Store.

In the mid 1950’s, the League decided to utilize the steady stream of donated clothing, household goods, and furnishings that came in from its own fashionable members and community contacts to start its thrift store, with a modest goal set to raise \$1,000 to donate on to pay for adding a psychiatric social worker to the staff of the Guidance Center. The Thrift Store opened in September of 1956, and the League’s first tea, “A Thrift Tea” was held. [Get it? Thrift-tea.. thrifty?] The store moved to a larger space within its first year of operation, and another donation of \$1,000 was made to the Guidance Center to fund marriage-counseling services. A consignment section was added to the thrift store as well. As styles changed, and America moved beyond its lean wartime years, people were able to dispose of their out of date or no longer desired items, providing this new revenue stream to the League. Indeed, much of these early funds contributed to the building fund set up to establish the League’s Junior Museum (Now the South Florida Science Museum) and created the start of our annual community “mini-grants”, projects that ushered our League to be accepted into the AJLA and become a full Junior League chapter.

After 10 years of operation, the Thrift Store was renovated to improve intake and pricing activities. JLPB made its final installment payment for the Junior Museum. An annex, refurbished by the Provisional Class, was added in the early 1970’s. Additional funds from the Thrift were donated to the local “Children’s Theater Florida” as part of the AJLA’s long-standing puppet theater projects. After 20 years of operation, JLPB signed a fifteen-year lease to locate the Thrift Shop on 24th Street in Old Northwood, and by 1977 the Thrift netted \$18,000. A volunteer quota was added for all actives to work at least 2 shifts in the store per year to ensure proper staffing; later, a donation quota was also implemented over time. Over the next 5 years, net income more than doubled, and the store consistently brought in about \$50,000 annually for the next two decades. The renamed Junior League Thrift Boutique had moved to a final location on Military Trail, and celebrated 35 years of fundraising support for JLPB, raising a record \$85,000 in 1987. Our lovely store continued to operate until 2006. Times were changing; as many other charities started their own thrift stores, the quality and quantity of donations tapered off. JLPB had a new fundraising model develop, the Remarkable Rummage Sale, an annual League-wide garage sale. The Thrift committee attempted one last renovation and streamlining project, but income simply dropped, from \$50,000 to netting less than \$6,000. After 50 years of operation in 3 locations, with the operating costs of the store increasing, donations and profits on the wane, the decision to sunset the program was voted and approved by membership. As the times change, so must we as a Junior League.

JLPB continues its tradition of reaching out to our community in fashionable style to this day. The 2007-2008 Provisional Class assisted two residents of the Nelle Smith House to participate in a pageant/scholarship competition by providing modeling etiquette and securing the donation of two dresses for the girls to compete in. In 2009, the Provisional Project worked with Becca’s Closet, a community project that collects gently used formalwear for young women who could not otherwise afford a dress for high school prom events. Over 250 dresses were collected during the one-day collection drive, and media coverage from WPEC Channel 12 capped off the event. To this day, ask any Junior Leaguer, and they will gladly open up their closet to offer you the shirt of their back, for the good of the community.

VITA NOVA

Vita Nova is off to a great start this year! For our first “5 after 5” session with the residents, we had an informal meet-and-greet where we introduced the new residents to the Junior League and what we do as an organization in the greater West Palm Beach community. The committee really enjoyed getting to know the residents better at our “fun” activity for September--lunch at Cheeburger Cheeburger and a movie at CityPlace. In October, we provided the residents with tips for eating healthy and making good food choices every day, such as eating fruit for dessert instead of sugary sweets. We celebrated Halloween by taking the residents to Fright Night at the South Florida Fairgrounds. In November we discussed resources for finding jobs, writing resumes and how to ace an interview. In December we look forward to our holiday party at Duffy's in December and to attending a sports game with the residents.



Vita Nova Resident, Marcus with his winning trophy from a recent Palm Beach Lakes High School band competition.

EYE & EAR ALERT

Would you like to make a difference in a child's life? Do you have a few free hours to help with hearing and vision screening for local preschoolers?

Eye & Ear Alert has already screened more than 250 children this League Year. Come help us screen some more!

Our first winter screening will take place **TUESDAY, JANUARY 24** for Twiggs Learning Tree Child Care and Flagler Montessori. Please consider joining us to help screen preschoolers hearing and vision. We have a great group of 10 committee women and as many as 20 dedicated Junior League volunteers at each screening. We will teach you all you need to do know on the job and we provide babysitting for your Little Leaguers. Please consider signing up online for any of the following screenings at Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1300 South Olive Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33401. All screenings are from 9 am to noon. 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.

UPCOMING EYE AND EAR SCREENINGS:

Tuesday, January 24
 Tuesday, February 7
 Tuesday, February 28
 Tuesday, March 6
 Tuesday, March 13
 Tuesday, April 3
 Tuesday, April 17

WTOWA



What do you love most about living in the Palm Beaches? The fabulous weather? The beautiful coastline? The amazing restaurant choices at your fingertips?

If you've checked one or all three of these items, then do we have an event in store for you! Please join us for Worth Tasting on Worth Avenue as we celebrate coastal nights with delectable bites! On **FEBRUARY 25TH FROM 7:00PM TO 9:30PM**, come stroll through the vias of beautiful Worth Avenue met by enchanting live music tucked away in every corner. Awaken your senses with white lighting draping off the vines. Sip on a variety of tasty cocktails while enjoying the aroma of over fifteen restaurants featuring tastings of their finest cuisine.

The Junior League's annual Worth Tasting fundraising event keeps getting bigger and better! Most importantly, all of the funds raised help make the projects that are so near and dear to our hearts possible. We are proud to be featuring tastings from local businesses such as Blue Martini, Sushi Joe, Bice, Top of the Point, and much much more! We are also thrilled to introduce a silent auction this year and valet parking is also available for your convenience.

Your VIP ticket includes admission to Worth Tasting along with a **ONE HOUR EXCLUSIVE PREVIEW** from 6pm to 7pm so you can be among the first to see, taste, and enjoy! Also included is VIP admission to a fabulous pre-event on February 9th hosted at Tiffany & Co. on Worth Avenue. This is sure to be an amazing night with cocktails, music, and hors d'œuvres...and who could forget the shopping (little blue box included)!

Don't delay because there are only 100 exclusive VIP tickets available so go to www.jlpb.org to purchase yours today! It is Worth Tasting!

PROVISIONALS

Our Provisional class is off to an impressive start as we have received wonderful feedback from other League members for their volunteer efforts! Each month, Karen Stairs and Christina Monacelli are recognizing those who have gone above and beyond the call of duty. In keeping along with Ann Marie's theme, starfish necklaces were presented to **NATASHA MARKOVICH, DANA LUZON** and **TAMBER KARMOZYN**. Ann Marie also gave special recognition to 6 outstanding Provisionals who hosted tables at Tea and Tastings! **CARRIE GRUENWALD, ELIZABETH SCHNEIDER, KISHIA WARD, RUTH MANSMITH, MELODIE VEVERKA** and **NICOLE WHITEHORN** did a beautiful job creating tablescape and representing Provisionals! It was truly amazing to see so many Provisional's participating at a large and successful event!

Amanda Brown, our Social coordinator is working diligently to ensure Provisionals have many opportunities for "girls to just have fun"! Whether that is a Pumpkin Carving Party or Lilly Pulitzer shopping events, to getting into the holiday spirit at The Worth Avenue Tree Lighting or ice skating there are great opportunities to get together! Everyone is looking forward to our Movie on the Rooftop for Girls Night In at Two City Plaza after the New Year!

If you see or meet a Provisional at an event or volunteering, and feel they have WOW'D you in anyway, please forward their name and details to Wilma Rosenbaum at bedrock1994@gmail.com.



Provisional Kishia Ward (right) and guest at Tea & Tastings

COTILLION

WHY COTILLION...AND ORDERING A DIFFERENT DISH MATTER!

In giving advice to my best friend about her 3 children's picky eating habits, I realized my own family could do better as well. My husband and almost 15 year old daughter only want me to cook their favorite recipes and never try new ones. I oblige because frankly it is easier to stay with the known hits. We also order the same dishes every time we dine out. I decided to challenge myself to begin trying different culinary items to compare to my favorites. After all, it is the restaurant and chef that has mastered your favorite dish.

It is human nature to resist what we may know is best for us. The many benefits of Cotillion are sometimes lost on a teen who may not realize how much FUN this timeless tradition can actually be. This year, two girls were resisting even though their parents very much wanted them to attend our Season. We as parents know what is best and this program is important to our community and to the families who participate. We never want a family to miss out on what is always a wonderful experience of wholesome fun while supporting our children and Junior League of the Palm Beaches! Every year, over 80 students in grades 6-9th participate in our worthy program and conclude with our formal Presentation and Dinner Dance with Parents. Amazing!

This year, a promotional ad was created to show in an informal way what Cotillion is all about! Last year, my daughter brought in 13 of her 8th grade classmates who had never attended our program before. They all had a great time and they even performed ballroom dances during three days of their school's Grandparent's Day! We have students who join not knowing anyone and by the end, have made new friends. For years, there are always students whose parents attended when they were in middle-school in the Palm Beaches.



Cotillion is JLPB's oldest fundraiser and even older than its oldest program - Eye & Ear. Being in its 53rd year, it is truly a piece of Palm Beach County's history. For over ten years, our Cotillion Season has been held in Palm Beach Gardens and is strongly supported by several North-end schools. Our students come from as far north as The Pine School and last year we cast a wider net to include Central Palm Beach County. We feel this North-end jewel should be known to everyone!

Our new Children's Cotillion, during our formal event, adds the last ingredient to make us a complete family event. We have long been a true community builder in that most of the families who participate are not Junior League members. Professional ballroom and etiquette are not all that is taught to these 6-9th graders. At its core, this program is about respect for self and others. Our 9th Grade Court program also includes a philanthropy class where JLPB members are guest speakers. We are imprinting Junior League on the hearts of these young adult girls and boys which trickle down to even our 6th graders. Our goal is to have a profound impact on their lives. Cotillion is truly a chef's special!

So, when I lunch on Saturday with my JLPB friends, we will be talking Tea & Tastings, Cotillion, the BBQ, Worth Tasting on Worth Avenue, and all the many wonderful offerings from our favorite spot - JLPB. I will be ordering anything other than my favorite salmon and spinach salad as I think

about those two reluctant girls who did attend our first Cotillion class and had a great time!

by Elizabeth Rahm - More than Manners- is a proud wife & mom, community supporter, JLPB member and its 53rd Cotillion Co-Chairwoman.

ADVOCACY

The Florida State Public Affairs (SPAC) Fall Conference kicked off with a fantastic cocktail party, and continued through productive weekend of speakers and detailed discussion within the three platforms previous voted in during the SPAC Summer Conference. The goal and outcome of the Fall Conference, hosted this year by the Junior League of Ft. Myers, was to narrow down our focus into three specific initiatives. Of the 13 leagues voting at the conference, the 2012 Legislative priorities were chosen.

The 2012 SPAC Legislative Priorities in no particular order are:

- Aging Out of Foster Care Reform
- Human Trafficking (including SB 202 by Sen. Flores and SB 80 by Sen. Joyner)
- Family Homeless and Hunger including the eradication of 'food deserts'

The Palm Beaches Advocacy committee is working diligently to provide research, keep you abreast on the legislative progress of our issues, and create an impressionable mark on our legislators at our upcoming Winter Conference in Tallahassee, January 17-18.

We ask that our members of the Palm Beaches contact us regarding any specific involvement or use of statistics to help us formulate the best pro-active strategies to take to Tallahassee. Our use of information provided by such community programs as the Children's Advocacy Program, the Child Protection Team (funded through Children's Medical Services and by our state), as well as the

Department of Children and Families, as well as our participation in community organizations such as Vita Nova can prove our legitimacy in lobbying for reform in Tallahassee. We ask that our members voice concerns to better our work in the community, which ultimately puts all of our efforts into motion in Tallahassee. Emails are always welcome to our Advocacy Chairs, Jessica Pinsky (pinsky.jessica@gmail.com) and Tereina Stidd (tereinastidd@yahoo.com), or to any of our Advocacy members.

NELLE SMITH

The Nelle Smith Committee with the girls recently completed a two month Life Skill circuit focused on learning the practice of Yoga. Bob McLaughlin, an instructor from Native Yoga Center, joined the girls at headquarters to teach "Intro to Ashtanga". The goal of Ashtanga yoga is to improve strength, energy and balance.

The first one hour long class was difficult for the girls. Many of them not knowing what to expect were laughing and not paying attention, sometimes inventing their own poses. This for the instructor was certainly not a typical class. Bob states, "Quickly I realize I was dealing with a normal distribution of attentiveness. Thanks to my own yoga practice I have developed more patience, understanding and acceptance." The ideal circumstance was to learn from the first class and improve during the second. To not only teach them something new but give them the opportunity to get better at it.

After the first unconventional class, Bob remained eager to teach again. The girls were too. The class being prepared with experience was more focused. Yoga is not a practice that can be mastered in two classes, but the series begin developing a realization of mental strength and the importance of breathing. Though challenged, the girls were in tremendous spirits after each class.

The Introduction to Yoga series has been such a

NELLE SMITH

success. It has been requested to continue the practice through the remaining year. If you are interested in learning Ashtanga Yoga, Bob teaches the intro class on Tuesdays at 4:30pm. This class only is donation based. Native Yoga Center is located at 833 Donald Ross Rd., Juno Beach.

The most important goal of these events is to get to an interpersonal level and the group currently in the house has enjoyed your company for cooking and tutoring. Thank you to all who have shown up to volunteer with Nelle Smith.



TRANSFERS

The JLPB has welcomed 7 transfers since the beginning of our league year. We are happy to have 50% of them transferring from our sister league in Boca Raton. Our transfers and their committees include: **TAWNEY SCHWARZ** on Undercurrents, **MARGOT CAVEGLIA** transferring from Boca placed on GAP, **BRITT SANFORD**, also from the Boca league, double placed on Advocacy and Spring Marketplace, and **AUDREY SUTTON** from CA, double placed on Cookbook and Special Events. Please continue to make them feel welcome and take time to look at their pictures and "getting to

know you answers", so you can recognize them and introduce yourselves. To all the transfers, we are so happy to have such bright and talented additions to our JLPB. **WELCOME!**

TAWNEY SCHWARZ



- My name is: Tawney Schwarz
- I was born in: North Carolina
- I just moved from: Boston
- I joined the Junior League in: NC - 2005
- Favorite food?: not sure...it depends on where I am like Boston - Brunch w/Belinis; NC - BBQ and Sweet Tea
- My favorite vacation was to: Hawaii
- My hobbies are: Volunteering, the Beach, Traveling, Anything sports and outdoors

MARGOT CAVEGLIA

- My name is: Margot Caveglia
- I was born in: New Orleans
- I just moved from: Boca
- I joined the Junior League in: 2008
- My favorite food is: We will have to ask??
- My favorite vacation was to: We will have to ask??
- My hobbies are: Family, friends, reading, hot yoga, and travel

BRITT SANFORD



- My name is: Britt Sanford
- I was born in : Massachusetts
- I just moved from : Boston 2 years ago
- I joined the Junior League in : Boston for 5 years and Boca Raton for 1 year
- My favorite food is: Cheese!
- My favorite vacation was to : St. Barth's
- My hobbies are: Cooking, reading, and playing tennis

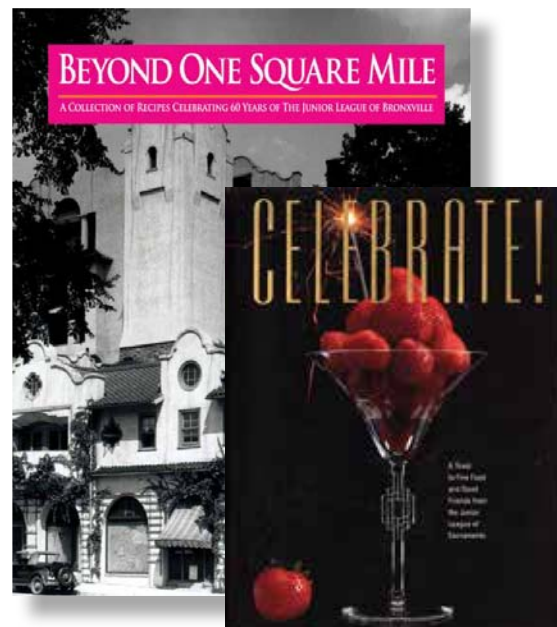
AUDREY LINH SUTTON



- My name is: Audrey Linh Sutton
- I was born in: Portland, Oregon
- I just moved from: Los Gatos, California
- I joined the Junior League in: 2002
- My favorite food?: Bacon Cheeseburgers
- My favorite vacation was to: Greek Islands
- My hobbies are: Painting, Yoga, Cooking, Entertaining, Wine, Movies and hanging out with friends

COOKBOOK SHOWCASE

On Wednesday, November 2, the Cookbook Committee hosted the first cookbook showcase of the year at Headquarters. With the Holiday season quickly approaching, it was the perfect opportunity to get a jumpstart on shopping, and to gather a few new recipes for Thanksgiving and Christmas menus. Guests perused a variety of cookbooks on display from over 40 Junior League Chapters from around the country, including California, Colorado, Texas, and the Carolinas. League members, friends and family also sipped on Poinsettia Mimosas and Spanish Sangria while sampling delicious desserts and appetizers that would be the perfect accents to any Holiday menu. Crowd favorites were the "Goat Cheese and Leek Tart" from "Bronxville, Beyond One Square Mile," and the "Caramel Apple Cake" from "Sacramento, Celebrate!" These cookbooks are great corporate, teacher and hostess gifts, and can be packaged to suit your needs. Worth Tasting and Palm Beach Entertains, along with the a sampling of other league's books, will be available for purchase at upcoming meetings and events. Please contact the Cookbook Co-chairs Julia Smith and Julia Pichette for more information. Happy Holidays!



mark your calendars...

Hello Holidays...goodbye 2011. Mark your calendars with the upcoming JLPB Events and fill your New Year with League happenings and volunteer opportunities like the following:

January

1/01	HAPPY NEW YEAR!
1/03	Provisional Member Meeting at JLPB Headquarters
1/17	General Membership Meeting at Bear Lakes Country Club
1/21	Mid-Year Learn & Lead
1/25	Education & Training
1/28	Sip N Stroll

February

2/02	WTOWA Pre-Party at World of Beers, West Palm Beach
2/07	Provisional Member Meeting at JLPB Headquarters
2/09	WTOWA Kick-off at Tiffany & Co., Palm Beach
2/10	Cotillion Presentation & Dinner Dance
2/14	HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY
2/19	DOAD - Great Charity Challenge
2/25	Worth Tasting on Worth Avenue, Palm Beach
2/27	General Membership Meeting at Bear Lakes Country Club
2/29	Education & Training

March

3/06	Provisional Member Meeting at JLPB Headquarters
3/10	Ladies Luncheon & Fashion Show, Saks 5th Avenue, PGA
3/14	Education & Training
3/20	General Membership Meeting at Bear Lakes Country Club
3/30	Sip N Shop Kick-off, I-Bar in PGA National
3/31	2nd Annual Sip N Shop, The Borland Center, PGA



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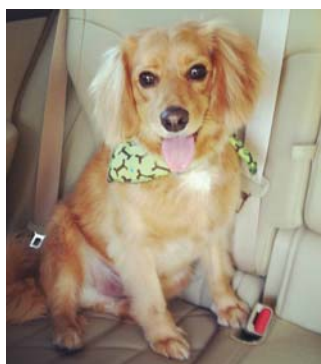


SARAH TEMPLETON

My name is Sarah Templeton. I grew up in West Palm Beach and have been a member of the League since 2006 (provisional and first active year in the Junior League of Greater Fort Lauderdale) and co-chaired The Quantum House for this League Year. I graduated from the University of Florida with a degree in Public Relations and Business Administration. I am the marketing director at Templeton & Company, a CPA-consulting firm in West Palm Beach that my father started more than 20 years ago. I am also an aspiring food blogger. When I am not working, cooking, or volunteering with the league my top ten MUST HAVES are:

1 TIME WITH THOSE I
LOVE AND CHERISH

2 THE ABILITY TO
FIND HUMOR IN
LIFE'S SITUATIONS



3 THE BEST MINI
LABRADOODLE
EVER,
BEAUREGARD
(AKA BEAU)

4
MY IPHONE



5 A FEW HOURS
IN THE KITCHEN
EACH WEEK

6 CHAPSTICK



7 SHU UEMERA
EYELASH CURLER



8 MY RUNNING
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9 GOOD WINE



10 MY BOOKS



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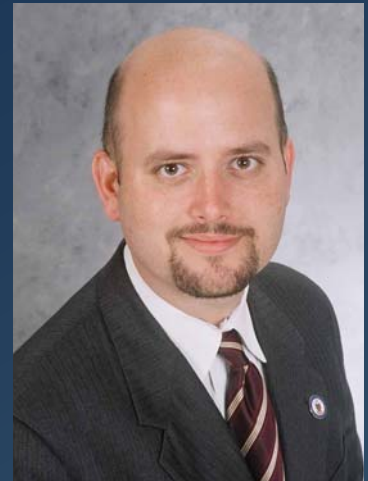
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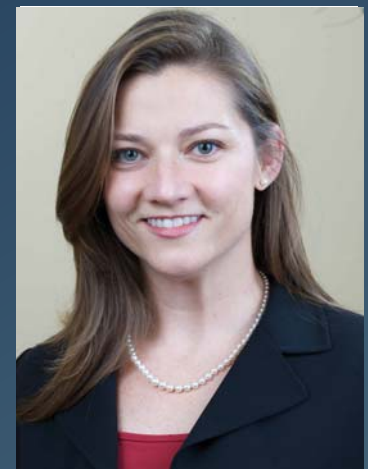
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