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'Party Under the Palms' marks 85th anniversary for Junior League of the Palm Beaches

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What's a little nip or tuck after 85 years? This is Palm Beach, after all. And we're all a wee fresher for it, *n'est ce-pas?* Present company included. And no one looks dewier, more vibrant and relevant than the Junior League of the Palm Beaches. The organization kicked off its 85th anniversary year with the sold-out soiree Party Under the Palms. The event saw a ballroom full of guests gathered in their finest "Lilly or louder" caftans, shifts, minis, tunics and trousers at The Colony Hotel in Palm Beach on Oct. 16 to celebrate 85 years of service to the community.

Presented in partnership with Lilly Pulitzer, the evening sparkled with color, community and celebration, a vibrant reflection of the League's enduring legacy of leadership and impact.

It was chaired by Julie Rudolph and Michelle Otremba, with honorary chairs Kathryn Vecellio and Wendy Cox.

The energy was palpable as past presidents, community leaders and partners, members and sustainers, along with the newest membership class, came together to honor the organization's remarkable history and look toward its future.

"We couldn't imagine a better way to begin our 85th anniversary year," said Kate Stamm, President of the Junior League of the Palm Beaches. "The support and enthusiasm in the room reflects the power of women coming together for good as our members continue to fuel such positive change throughout the Palm Beaches."

A portion of the event's proceeds will help establish one of the League's Little Libraries on the new campus of the Cox Science Center and Aquarium. This highlights the League's ongoing commitment to advancing childhood literacy.

For 85 years, Junior League of the Palm Beaches has empowered women to lead positive change through volunteerism, collaboration and leadership training. Its members have founded and supported many of Palm Beach County's most impactful institutions, including the Cox Science Center and Aquarium, Quantum House, and Vita Nova. The group remains committed to the inclusive environments of diverse individuals, organizations, and communities.

Junior League of the Palm Beaches will continue its 85th anniversary celebration with the 'Tis the Season Holiday Brunch on Saturday, Dec. 6, at Eau Palm Beach Resort and Spa in Manalapan. The event will be chaired by Roberta Journey and Laura Wissa, along with honorary chairs Penny Murphy and Camille Murphy-Kubicek.



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