

PALM BEACH
Society

NOVEMBER 14-20, 2025



*Merrill Fisher Gottesman,
National Chairwoman,
The Richard David Kann
Melanoma Foundation*

**Richard David Kann
(RDK) Melanoma
Foundation and ISDIN**
partnering around
the country...
Making an impactful
difference through
education!

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF THE PALM BEACHES

PARTY UNDER THE PALMS



Junior League of the Palm Beaches kicked off its 85th anniversary year with a sold-out success, as nearly 300 guests gathered for the League's inaugural *Party Under the Palms* at The Colony. 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. The evening was Chaired by Julie Rudolph and Michelle Otremba, with Honorary Chairs Kathryn Vecellio and Wendy Cox.

Attendees, donning bright "Lilly or louder" attire, enjoyed cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction and lively music under the palms as they celebrated more than eight decades of meaningful community service led by the league's members. 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 inspiring future.

"We couldn't have imagined 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 reflected the power of women coming together for good as our members' continue to fuel such positive change throughout the Palm Beaches. What a phenomenal night as we look toward the future."

CONTINUED ON PAGE 12

FIRST ROW: Michelle and Lon Otremba; Howard and Julie Rudolph; **SECOND ROW:** Kathryn and Leo Vecellio; Krista Downey, Mayor Maria Marino and Cheryl Lindsay; **THIRD ROW:** Host Committee: Cheryl Lindsay, Noemi Coltea, Xiomi Murray, Virginia Oatley, Linsey Desich, Kate Stamm, Alexandra Chase and Melissa Schumacher; Kate Stamm and Emily Schachtel. PHOTOS: CAPEHART



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF THE PALM BEACHES
PARTY UNDER THE PALMS



A portion of the evening's proceeds will help establish one of the league's **Little Libraries** on the new campus of the **Cox Science Center and Aquarium**, continuing 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**.

Junior League of the Palm Beaches will continue its 85th anniversary celebration with *'Tis the Season Holiday Brunch* on Sunday, December 6th at Eau Palm Beach Resort and Spa. The event will be Chaired by **Roberta Jurney** and **Laura Wissa** along with Honorary Chairs, **Penny Murphy** and **Camille Murphy-Kubicek**. Tickets and sponsorships to be available soon.

The *Party Under the Palms* Host Committee included **Kelly Armentano**, **Alexandra Chase**, **Noemi Coltea**, **Linsey Desich**, **Sandra Failla**, **Maureen Hurley**, **Cheryl Lindsay**, **Xiomi Murray**, **Virginia Oatley**, **Melissa Schumacher** and **Kate Stamm**. The Junior Committee included **Courtney Armbrust**, **Susan Christiansen**, **Kirsten Davis**, **Krista Downey**, **Kathleen Joy**, **Christina Lampert**, **Alisa Ross**, **Jennifer Sherm**, **Stephanie Pittington Smith** and **Rachel Stockton**.

Sponsorship support was generously provided by Angel Sponsors: **Howard and Julie Rudolph**; 85th Birthday Sponsors: **Wendy Cox**, **Mike and Diana Retzer** and **Kathryn Vecellio**; Gold Sponsors: **Psychological Affiliates, Inc.** and **Melissa Sullivan**; Champagne Toast Sponsors: **David and Cheryl Lindsay**, **Trey and Lindsay Mahoney**, **Lon and Michelle Otremba**, **Joseph and Cathy Silk** and **Kate Stamm**; Silver Sponsor: **B.E. Blank & Company**.

To learn more about the Junior League of the Palm Beaches, its upcoming events and to get involved visit www.jlpb.org.

FIRST ROW: Diana and Mike Retzer; Dana Hagan and Veronica Schleicher; **SECOND ROW:** Farley Rentschler and Virginia Oatley; Molly Miller and Kate Stamm; **THIRD ROW:** Denise Badaracco and Tatiana Ciccarelli; Olivia Bossarte, Grace McCafferty, Jessica Davis and Julie Davis; Diane Bergner, Anna Campitelli and Kelly Garvis.

PHOTOS: CAPEHART

